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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 15

#### AMENDMENTS OF BROADCASTING ACTS

##### PART 1

##### AMENDMENTS OF THE 1990 ACT

##### *Licensing functions of OFCOM*

- 32 (1) Section 85 of the 1990 Act (licensing of independent radio services) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In subsections (1) and (2), for “the Authority” and “The Authority”, wherever occurring, there shall be substituted “ OFCOM ”.
- (3) In subsection (1), for “such licences to provide independent radio services as they may determine” there shall be substituted “ licences to provide relevant independent radio services ”.
- (4) Subsections (3) and (4) (duty to secure the meeting of a variety of tastes and interests and to ensure fair and effective competition) shall cease to have effect.
- (5) After subsection (7) there shall be inserted—
- “(8) In this section “relevant independent radio services” means the following services so far as they are services falling to be regulated under section 245 of the Communications Act 2003—
- (a) sound broadcasting services;
  - (b) radio licensable content services;
  - (c) additional radio services.”

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#### **Commencement Information**

**11** Sch. 15 para. 32 in force at 29.12.2003 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1** (with art. 11)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1900, art. 3(2) by [S.I. 2003/3142 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 by [S.I. 2004/1492 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 by [S.I. 2004/697 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 art. 4 Sch. 2 by [S.I. 2004/545 art. 2](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 3B inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 48\(1\)](#)
- Pt 4A Ch. 1 heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 37\(2\)](#)
- Pt. 4A Ch. 2 and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 37\(5\)](#)
- Pt. 4A Ch. 3 inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 5](#)
- Pt. 4A Ch. 4 heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 2](#)
- Pt. 4A Ch. 5 heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 9](#)
- s. 362AZ12(6) applied by 1990 c. 42, s. 18A(5) (as inserted) by [2024 c. 15 s. 19\(3\)](#)
- s. 362AZ12(6) applied by 1996 c. 55, s. 98(2D) (as substituted) by [2024 c. 15 s. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 124Q(7)(a) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 52](#)
- s. 148A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 73\(2\)](#)
- s. 198B(1A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 30\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 198B(3A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 30\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 198AA inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 30\(2\)](#)
- s. 204A-204C substituted for s. 204-206 by [2024 c. 15 s. 32\(2\)](#)
- s. 245(1)(c) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 245(3A)-(3C) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 46\(3\)](#)
- s. 264(3)-(8F) substituted for s. 264(3)-(8) by [2024 c. 15 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 264(10A)(10B) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 264(11)-(11B) substituted for s. 264(11) by [2024 c. 15 s. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 264(13)-(16) substituted for s. 264(13) by [2024 c. 15 s. 1\(5\)](#)
- s. 265(6)(7) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 3\(4\)](#)
- s. 266(2A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 270(3)(ca) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 6\(3\)](#)
- s. 270(4A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 6\(4\)](#)
- s. 270(7A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 6\(7\)](#)
- s. 277(12A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 8\(9\)](#)
- s. 277(14) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 8\(11\)](#)
- s. 278(1)(1A) substituted for s. 278(1) by [2024 c. 15 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 278(7A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 278(12) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 278A inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 10](#)
- s. 278B inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 11](#)
- s. 278C inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 12](#)
- s. 285(3)(h) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 13\(3\)](#)

- s. 285(10) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 13\(4\)](#)
- s. 286(1)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 286(1)(a) by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 286(3)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 286(3)(a) by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 286(8) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(6\)](#)
- s. 288(1)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 288(1)(a) by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 288(6) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(10\)](#)
- s. 290(5) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 15\(3\)](#)
- s. 290(6) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 15\(4\)](#)
- s. 315(6)(c) omitted by [2024 c. 15 s. 47\(9\)](#)
- s. 315A inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 44\(9\)](#)
- s. 335B(1A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 12 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 338A338B and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 18](#)
- s. 351(4)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 58\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 351(5)(aa) substituted for s. 351(5)(a) by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 58\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 353(4)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 59\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 359A and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 45](#)
- s. 368B(A2) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 37\(4\)](#)
- s. 368E(3)(zza) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 12 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 368E(5)(d)(e) inserted by [2017 c. 30 s. 94\(3\)](#)
- s. 368I(1A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 3\(4\)](#)
- s. 368I(8A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 8 para. 8](#)
- s. 368K(1A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 5\(3\)](#)
- s. 368M(2A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 368O368OZA substituted for s. 368O by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 11\(1\)](#)
- s. 368AA368AB inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 37\(3\)](#)
- s. 368BB(7) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 8 para. 3](#)
- s. 368IA(8A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 8 para. 9](#)
- s. 368NA(8A)(8B) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 368OB and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 38\(1\)](#)
- s. 368QA inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 8 para. 12\(1\)](#)
- s. 392A and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 49\(2\)](#)
- s. 392B inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 49\(4\)](#)
- s. 393(6)(ab) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 38\(2\)](#)
- s. 400(1)(ha) words inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 9 para. 4](#)
- s. 402(2A)(zza) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 46\(4\)](#)
- s. 402(2A)(zzb) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 44\(10\)](#)
- s. 402(2A)(za)(zb) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 2](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 21(6) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 37(3)(aza) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(9\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 84(1)(aza) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 103(1)(ca) inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 70](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 119A inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 72](#)
- Sch. 3A Pt. 4ZA inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 67\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 1(1)(ab) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 62](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 1(15) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 1\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 7(14) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 2\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 8(7A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 3\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 8(13) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 3\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 10(1)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 4\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 10(4)(h) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 4\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 10(12) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 4\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 4(2A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 4 para. 52\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 3(6)-(7B) substituted for Sch. 12 para. 3(6)(7) by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 4 para. 51\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 8(1)-(1C) substituted for Sch. 12 para. 8(1) by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 16A inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 10](#)

– Sch. 16B inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 11](#)