

# Postal Services Act 2011

# **2011 CHAPTER 5**

## PART 3

#### **REGULATION OF POSTAL SERVICES**

#### Postal operators generally

#### 52 Provision that may be made by consumer protection conditions

- (1) A consumer protection condition may require postal operators to be members of an approved redress scheme.
- (2) A "redress scheme" is a scheme under which complaints about postal operators by users of their services may be made to, and investigated and determined by, a person who is independent of postal operators and OFCOM.
- (3) A redress scheme is "approved" if it is approved by OFCOM in accordance with Schedule 5.
- (4) For the purposes of the law relating to defamation, proceedings under an approved redress scheme are to be treated in the same way as proceedings before a court.
- (5) A consumer protection condition may require postal operators—
  - (a) to provide information to OFCOM with respect to the levels of compliance with the standards for the handling of complaints, and
  - (b) to publish information about the number of complaints made about them (whether under an approved redress scheme or otherwise) and the way in which the complaints have been dealt with.
- (6) Requirements may be contained in the condition as to the times at which, and the manner in which, any information is to be published as a result of subsection (5)(b).
- (7) A consumer protection condition imposed on a universal service provider must include a requirement within subsection (5)(b).

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Postal Services Act 2011, Section 52. (See end of Document for details)

#### **Commencement Information**

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