



Online Safety Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 50

PART 3

PROVIDERS OF REGULATED USER-TO-USER SERVICES AND REGULATED SEARCH SERVICES: DUTIES OF CARE

CHAPTER 6

CODES OF PRACTICE AND GUIDANCE

Codes of practice

48 Minor amendments of codes of practice

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) OFCOM propose to amend a code of practice under section 41, and
 - (b) OFCOM consider that the minor nature of the proposal means that—
 - (i) consultation is unnecessary, and
 - (ii) the proposed amendments should not be required to be laid before Parliament.
- (2) OFCOM must notify the Secretary of State of the proposed amendments.
- (3) If the Secretary of State agrees with OFCOM that it is appropriate—
 - (a) the consultation requirements set out in section 41(6) and (7) do not apply in relation to the proposed amendments, and
 - (b) section 43 does not apply to the amendments, once prepared.
- (4) If the Secretary of State agrees with OFCOM as mentioned in subsection (3), OFCOM may prepare and issue the amendments of the code of practice.
- (5) Amendments of a code of practice issued under this section come into force at the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the amendments are issued.

- (6) Section 46(2) applies in relation to amendments of a code of practice issued under this section as it applies in relation to amendments of a code of practice issued under section 43 or 45.