

SCHEDULE 5

Communications

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule—

“cable landing station” means a cable landing station for a submarine cable system;

“electronic communications service” has the meaning given by section 32(2) of the Communications Act 2003(1)

“public electronic communications network” means a public electronic communications network as defined by section 151(1) of the Communications Act 2003(2) and includes a submarine cable system that is provided for purposes which include the purpose of making electronic communications services available to the public;

“public electronic communications service” means a public electronic communications service as defined by section 151(1) of the Communications Act 2003(3), and includes an electronic communications service that is provided by means of a submarine cable system so as to be available for use by members of the public;

“submarine cable system” means a system of fibre optic cables which—

- (a) are beneath the sea (whether on or in the seabed or in a tunnel); and
- (b) are used for the conveyance of signals.

(1) 2003 c. 21. Section 32(3) was substituted by [S.I. 2020/1419](#).

(2) There are amendments to section 151(1) not affecting the definition of “public electronic communications network”. The definition of “electronic communications services” in section 32(2) of the Communications Act 2003 was amended by [S.I. 2011/1210](#).

(3) There are amendments to section 151(1) not affecting the definition of “public electronic communications service”. The definition of “electronic communications service” in section 32(2) of the Communications Act 2003 was substituted by [S.I. 2020/1419](#).