

Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 44(7) of the Digital Economy Act 2017, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. XXXX

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

**The Digital Government (Disclosure of Information)
(Identity Verification Services) Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - *******
Coming into force - - *******

In exercise of the powers conferred on the appropriate national authority (meaning the relevant Minister) by section 35(3) and (7) of the Digital Economy Act 2017⁽¹⁾ (“the Act”), the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with the consent of the Treasury⁽²⁾, makes the following Regulations.

The Minister for the Cabinet Office is satisfied that the objective specified complies with the conditions in section 35(9), (10) and (12) of the Act, and that the entries added to Schedule 4 to the Act comply with the condition in section 35(4) of the Act.

The Minister for the Cabinet Office has consulted the Information Commissioner, the Commissioners for His Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers, the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland, and such other persons as the Minister for the Cabinet Office considers appropriate, as required by section 44(4) of the Act⁽³⁾.

In accordance with section 44(7) of the Act⁽⁴⁾, a draft of these Regulations was laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

(1) 2017 c. 30. Under section 45(1), the Minister for the Cabinet Office is the relevant Minister, and therefore the appropriate national authority to make these Regulations. Section 45(1) was amended by article 6(4) of S.I. 2018/526, under which the functions of the Secretary of State under Chapter 1 of Part 5 of the Act ceased to be exercisable concurrently with the Minister for the Cabinet Office, and subsequently by article 6(4) of S.I. 2020/940, under which those functions became exercisable concurrently with the Minister for the Cabinet Office.

(2) Consent of the Treasury is required by section 44(6) of the Act.

(3) Section 44(4) of the 2017 Act was amended by article 6(2) and (3) of S.I. 2018/526 and by article 6(3)(b) of S.I. 2020/940.

(4) Section 44(7) of the 2017 Act was amended by article 6(3)(c) of S.I. 2020/940.