



British Telecommunications Act 1981

CHAPTER 38

BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1981

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- 3 (1) The provisions of this paragraph shall have effect where...

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- 4 Where on any transfer to which this Schedule applies the...

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6 In the case of any transfer to which this Schedule...

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7 If the Secretary of State is satisfied on the representation...

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8 Where in the case of any transfer to which this...
9 Except as otherwise provided in any provision of this Act...
10 Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of paragraphs...
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4	An approval given by the Secretary of State to the...
5	Section 13(4) shall have effect as if any apparatus which...
6	(1) A licence granted, or having effect as if granted,...
7	(1) A scheme made by the Post Office under section...
8	(1) Section 22(2) shall have effect as if any application...
9	(1) Sections 26(3), 27(2), 73(3) and 74(2) shall have effect...
10	An authorisation given, or having effect as if given, by...
11	(1) A certificate given by the Post Office under section...
12	An undertaking given, or having effect as if given, to...
13	Where, on the appointed day, there are in progress any...
14	(1) This paragraph applies to the following instruments, namely—
15	A notice or certificate given, request made or requirement imposed...
16	An authority granted under section 5(1) of the Telegraph Act...
17	Any such council as is mentioned in the Telegraph Act...
18	(1) A notice given under section 26 of the Electric...
19	An order under section 24 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914...
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21	(1) Nothing in this Act shall affect the validity of...
22	(1) If the appointed day is other than a 1st...

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1 In this Schedule “agreement to which this Schedule applies” means...

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3 (1) Where an agreement to which this Schedule applies contains...

4 Where, by an agreement to which this Schedule applies, being...

5 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) where, on or after the...

6 Where, in the case of an invention, an authority for...

7 The authority of the Corporation in respect of an invention...

8 (1) The Corporation shall have the power to use, for...

9 (1) In relation to any use of a patented invention...

10 (1) Any dispute as to the exercise by the Corporation...

11 (1) Where, in pursuance of an agreement to which this...

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13 (1) Where an agreement to which this Schedule applies contains...

14 Where, by an agreement to which this Schedule applies, being...

15 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), where, on or after the...

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17 The authority of the Corporation in respect of a design...

18 (1) In the case of articles vested in the Corporation...

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