



# Broadcasting Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 68

### PART III

#### THE BROADCASTING COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

#### **57 Publication of Commission's findings.**

- (1) Where the Commission have considered and adjudicated upon a complaint, they may give [<sup>F1</sup>directions requiring the publication, in any manner specified in the directions and within such period as may be so specified, of]—
- (a) a summary of the complaint approved for the purpose by the Commission; and
  - (b) the Commission's findings on the complaint or a summary thereof so approved.

[<sup>F2</sup>(2) Directions under subsection (1) shall, in the case of a broadcasting complaint, be given to the broadcasting body by whom the relevant programme was broadcast; and it shall be the duty of a broadcasting body to comply with any directions so given.

(2A) Directions under subsection (1) shall, in the case of a cable programme complaint, be given to every person providing a licensed cable programme service in which the relevant programme was included; and it shall be the duty of the Cable Authority to take such steps as they reasonably can to ensure that any directions so given are complied with.]

- (3) The Commission shall publish, at such intervals and in such manner as they think fit, reports each containing, as regards every complaint within this subsection dealt with by them in the period covered by the report, a summary of the complaint and of the action taken by them on it and, where they have adjudicated upon it, a summary of their findings.
- (4) A complaint made to the Commission is within subsection (3) unless it is one which they are precluded from entertaining by section 54(2) or 55(2).
- (5) The Commission may, if they think fit, omit from any summary included in a report under subsection (3) any information which could lead to the disclosure of the identity

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of any person connected with the complaint in question other than a broadcasting body  
[<sup>F3</sup>, programme contractor or person providing a licensed cable programme service].

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words substituted by [Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 \(c. 46, SIF 96\)](#), s. 29, **Sch. 2 para. 5(1)**
- F2** [S. 57\(2\)](#) substituted for subsection (2) by [Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 \(c. 46, SIF 96\)](#), s. 29, **Sch. 2 para. 5(2)**
- F3** Words substituted by [Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 \(c. 46, SIF 96\)](#), s. 29, **Sch. 2 para. 5(3)**

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