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BROADCASTING ACT 1990

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- 1 (1) The Commission shall be a body corporate.

Appointment of members

- 2 (1) A person shall be disqualified for being a member...

Tenure of office

- 3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, each...

Remuneration and pensions of members

- 4 (1) The Commission may pay to each member such remuneration...

Disqualification of members of Commission for House of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly

- 5 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

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Proceedings

- 6 (1) Subject to paragraph 7, the quorum of the Commission...
7 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...
8 The validity of any proceedings of the Commission shall not...

Employees of the Commission

- 9 (1) The Commission shall appoint a secretary and may appoint...

Authentication of Commission's seal

- 10 The application of the seal of the Commission shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by Commission

- 11 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

Finances of Commission

- 12 (1) It shall be the duty of the Commission so...

Advances to Commission

- 13 (1) For the purpose of— (a) furnishing the Commission with...

Accounts and audit

- 14 (1) The Commission shall keep proper accounts and proper records...

Annual reports

- 15 (1) As soon as possible after the end of every...

Advisory committees

- 16 The Commission may appoint, or arrange for the assistance of,...

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- 1 (1) In this Schedule— “advertising agency” means an individual or...
2 (1) Any reference in paragraph 1 above to a person—...
3 For the purposes of this Schedule the following persons are...
3A (1) In this Schedule “ coverage area ”—
3B (1) For the purposes of this Schedule—
4 An order under this Schedule shall not be made by...

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General disqualification of non-EEC nationals and bodies having political connections

- 1 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the following persons are disqualified...

Disqualification of religious bodies

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the following persons are disqualified...

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Disqualification of publicly-funded bodies for radio service licences

- 3 (1) The following persons are disqualified persons in relation to...

General disqualification on grounds of undue influence

- 4 (1) A person is a disqualified person in relation to...

General disqualification of broadcasting bodies

- 5 The following persons are disqualified persons in relation to a...

Disqualification of certain companies for certain licences

- 5A (1) A BBC company, a Channel 4 company or an...

General disqualification of advertising agencies

- 6 The following persons are disqualified persons in relation to a...

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LICENSED SERVICES

*Power to impose additional limits in relation to
licences to provide television or radio services*

- 16 (1) The Secretary of State may, in the case of—...

Connected persons

- 17 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), for the purposes of—

Preliminary

- 1 (1) In this Part of this Schedule “relevant services” means...

Limits on the holding of licences to provide particular categories of services

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), the maximum number of licences...

Limits on the holding of licences to provide different categories of services

- 3 Where any restriction is imposed by or under paragraph 5...

*Limits on participation by holders of licences in
bodies licensed to provide services of same category*

- 4 The Secretary of State may by order prescribe restrictions on...

Special rules relating to participation by holders of television broadcasting licences

- 5 (1) For the purposes of paragraph 4 above and this...

*Limits on participation by holders of licences in bodies
licensed to provide services of different category*

- 6 (1) Where a person is the holder of a licence...

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Limits on participation in bodies holding licences to extend to participation in bodies controlling such bodies

- 7 (1) Any restriction imposed by or under paragraph 4, 5...

Attribution of interests of connected persons

- 8 (1) Any restriction on participation imposed by or under paragraph...

Restrictions imposed by orders

- 9 (1) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 4 or...

Power to impose restrictions on participation by persons other than licence holders

- 10 (1) Where, by virtue of any provision of this Part...
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Additional restrictions applying where control of or by newspaper proprietor may operate against public interest

- 11 (1) A body corporate which holds a licence to provide...
12 (1) Notice may be given to the relevant authority in...
13 (1) The matters to which the relevant authority shall have...
14 In relation to any determination under paragraph 11(1), (3) or...

Restricted television services

- 15 (1) The Secretary of State may by order—

Preliminary

- 1 (1) In this Part of this Schedule references to a...

Restrictions on proprietors of newspapers

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), no proprietor of a national...

Restrictions on holders of licences

- 3 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), no person who is the...

Attribution of interests of connected persons

- 4 Any restriction on participation imposed by or under paragraph 2...

Restrictions imposed by orders

- 5 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 2(5) or 3(5)...
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PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS
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SCHEDULE 3 — The Channel Four Television Corporation: Supplementary Provisions

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Status and capacity

- 1 (1) The Corporation shall be a body corporate.

Appointment of members

- 2 (1) A person shall be disqualified for being a member...

Tenure of office

- 3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, each...

Remuneration and pensions of members

- 4 (1) The Corporation may pay — (a) to each member...

*Disqualification of members of Corporation for
House of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly*

- 5 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

Proceedings

- 6 (1) Subject to paragraph 7, the quorum of the Corporation...
7 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...
8 The validity of any proceedings of the Corporation shall not...

Employees of the Corporation

- 9 (1) The Corporation shall appoint a chief executive of the...

Authentication of Corporation's seal

- 10 The application of the seal of the Corporation shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by Corporation

- 11 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

Accounts and audit

- 12 (1) The Corporation shall keep proper accounts and proper records...

Annual reports

- 13 (1) As soon as possible after the end of every...

SCHEDULE 4 — References with Respect to Networking Arrangements

Report by Director on reference under s. 39

- 1 (1) Where any reference is made to the Director General...

The competition test

- 2 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule arrangements satisfy the...

Duty to modify arrangements in consequence of Director's report

- 3 (1) Where the Director's report on any arrangements specifies any...

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References to MMC

- 4 (1) Where the Director's report on any arrangements contains any...
4A *Further provision about references under paragraph 4*

Report by MMC on reference under paragraph 4

- 5 (1) The MMC's report on a reference under paragraph 4...

Duty to modify arrangements in consequence of MMC's report

- 6 (1) Where the MMC's report on any reference under paragraph...

Power of Director to review previous decision with respect to arrangements

- 7 (1) The Director may at any time after making a...

Power to obtain information

- 8 (1) The Director may serve on any person a notice...
8A *Enforcement*
8B (1) A person commits an offence if he intentionally alters,...
8C *False or misleading information*

Duty of Director to assist MMC

- 9 (1) It shall be the duty of the Director, for...

Interpretation

- 10 In this Schedule— “the Director” means the Director General of...

SCHEDULE 5 — Special Provisions Relating to Public Teletext Service

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- 1 In this Schedule “the relevant service” means the teletext service...

Applications for licence to provide the relevant service

- 2 (1) Where any such application as is mentioned in section...

Consideration of applications and award of licence

- 3 (1) Where a person has, in accordance with section 50...

Conditions requiring licence holder to deliver promised service

- 4 (1) A licence to provide the relevant service shall include...

Failure to begin providing licensed service and financial penalties on revocation of licence

- 5 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), section 18 of this Act...

Renewal of licence to provide relevant service

- 6 Section 53(5) of this Act shall have effect in relation...

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Additional methods of enforcement of licence to provide relevant service

7 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), sections 40 and 41 of...

SCHEDULE 6 — The Welsh Authority: Supplementary Provisions

Status and capacity

1 (1) The Welsh Authority (in this Schedule referred to as...

Appointment of members

2 (1) A person shall be disqualified for being a member...

Tenure of office

3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, each...

Remuneration and pensions of members

4 (1) The Authority may pay to each member such remuneration...

Disqualification of members of Authority for House of Commons

5 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

Proceedings

6 (1) Subject to paragraph 7, the quorum of the Authority...

7 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...

8 The validity of any proceedings of the Authority shall not...

Employees of the Authority

9 (1) The Authority shall appoint a secretary and may appoint...

Authentication of Authority's seal

10 The application of the seal of the Authority shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by Authority

11 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

Accounts and audit

12 (1) The Authority shall keep proper accounts and proper records...

Annual reports

13 (1) As soon as possible after the end of every...

Advisory committees

14 The Authority may appoint, or arrange for the assistance of,...

SCHEDULE 7 — Qualifying Revenue: Supplementary Provisions

Part I — QUALIFYING REVENUE FOR PURPOSES OF PART I OR II OF THIS
ACT

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Computation of qualifying revenue

- 1 (1) It shall be the duty of the Commission to...

Disputes

- 2 (1) For the purposes of any provision of Part I...
Part II — QUALIFYING REVENUE FOR PURPOSES OF PART III OF THIS ACT

Computation of qualifying revenue

- 1 (1) It shall be the duty of the Authority to...

Disputes

- 2 (1) For the purposes of any provision of Part III...

SCHEDULE 8 — The Radio Authority: Supplementary Provisions

Status and capacity

- 1 (1) The Authority shall be a body corporate.

Appointment of members

- 2 (1) A person shall be disqualified for being a member...

Tenure of office

- 3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, each...

Remuneration and pensions of members

- 4 (1) The Authority may pay to each member such remuneration...

*Disqualification of members of Authority for House
of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly*

- 5 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

Proceedings

- 6 (1) Subject to paragraph 7, the quorum of the Authority...
7 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...
8 The validity of any proceedings of the Authority shall not...

Employees of the Authority

- 9 (1) The Authority shall appoint a secretary and may appoint...

Authentication of Authority's seal

- 10 The application of the seal of the Authority shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by Authority

- 11 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

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Finances of Authority

- 12 (1) It shall be the duty of the Authority so...

Advances to Authority

- 13 (1) For the purpose of— (a) furnishing the Authority with...

Accounts and audit

- 14 (1) The Authority shall keep proper accounts and proper records...

Annual reports

- 15 (1) As soon as possible after the end of every...

Advisory committees

- 16 The Authority may appoint, or arrange for the assistance of,...

SCHEDULE 9 — Scheme Providing for Division of Assets of IBA

Preliminary

- 1 In this Schedule— “relevant transferee” shall be construed in accordance...

Making and modification of transfer scheme

- 2 (1) The IBA shall make a scheme under this Schedule...

Content of transfer scheme

- 3 (1) A transfer scheme may— (a) define the property, rights...

Effect of transfer scheme

- 4 (1) Where a transfer scheme comes into force on the...

Third parties affected by transfer scheme

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) in consequence of any...

Supplemental provisions of scheme

- 6 (1) A transfer scheme may contain supplemental, consequential and transitional...

Vesting of IBA’s property after coming into force of scheme

- 7 (1) A transfer scheme may provide for the imposition of...

Certificate of Secretary of State as to vesting of property etc.

- 8 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), a certificate issued by the...

Power of Secretary of State to control division of IBA’s pension fund

- 9 (1) If the Secretary of State so determines, the trustees...

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Discharge by IBA of contingent etc. liabilities

- 10 (1) This paragraph applies to any liabilities to which the...

Final accounts and annual report of IBA

- 11 (1) The IBA shall, as soon as possible after the...

SCHEDULE 10 — Supplementary Provisions Relating To Dissolution of Cable Authority

Provisions as to vesting of property etc. of Cable Authority

- 1 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) below shall have effect for the purposes...
2 (1) Where immediately before the transfer date there is in...

Transfer of employees

- 3 (1) It is hereby declared for the avoidance of doubt...

Final accounts and annual report of Cable Authority

- 4 (1) The Cable Authority shall, as soon as possible after...

SCHEDULE 11 — Transitional Provisions Relating to IBA's Broadcasting Services

Part I — GENERAL

In this Schedule— “the 1981 Act” means the Broadcasting Act...

Part II — TELEVISION BROADCASTING SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY COMMISSION

IBA's television broadcasting services to be provided by Commission during interim period

- 1 (1) During the period beginning with the transfer date and...

General provisions about programme contracts and programme contractors

- 2 (1) Sections 2(3) and 14(2) of the 1981 Act shall...

Provisions relating to Channel 4

- 3 (1) Channel 4 shall be provided by the Commission during...

Provisions relating to teletext services

- 4 (1) For the purposes of— (a) this Part of this...

Provisions relating to DBS services

- 5 (1) The following provisions of the 1981 Act, namely—

General provisions relating to SAC

- 6 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph and paragraph...

Broadcasting of advertisements on SAC

- 7 (1) During the interim period the programmes broadcast by the...

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Financing of S4C during interim period

8 (1) For each financial year, or part of a financial...

Delivery of programmes by means of local delivery services

9 Part II of this Act shall have effect as if...

Provisions relating to Broadcasting Complaints Commission

10 (1) Part V of this Act shall have effect as...

Provisions relating to Broadcasting Standards Council

11 Part VI of this Act shall have effect during the...

Supplementary provisions

12 (1) Any code, notice, direction, approval or other thing drawn...

Part III — REPLACEMENT OF DBS CONTRACTS BY LICENCES UNDER PART
I

Replacement of DBS programme contract by domestic satellite licence

1 (1) Where any contract which, by virtue of paragraph 2(1)...

Power to require licence holder to make additional payments under 1981 Act

2 (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide for...

Replacement of DBS teletext contract by additional services licence

3 (1) Where any contract which, by virtue of paragraph 2(1)...

Part IV — SOUND BROADCASTING SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY RADIO
AUTHORITY

*Certain local sound broadcasting services of IBA to
be provided by Radio Authority as from transfer date*

1 (1) So long as any contracts for the provision of...

Preservation of certain local sound broadcasting contracts

2 (1) Where— (a) the IBA has, at any time before...

Delivery of programmes by means of local delivery services

3 Part II of this Act shall have effect as if...

Provisions relating to Broadcasting Complaints Commission

4 (1) Part V of this Act shall have effect as...

Provisions relating to Broadcasting Standards Council

5 Part VI of this Act shall have effect as if—...

Supplementary provisions

6 (1) Any code, notice, direction, approval or other thing drawn...

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Part V — REPLACEMENT OF PROGRAMME CONTRACTS BY LOCAL LICENCES

Replacement of contracts to which paragraph 2(1) in Part IV applies by local licences

- 1 (1) The Authority may, if the programme contractor under a...

Replacement by local licences of certain contracts for the provision of local sound broadcasts in localities in which such broadcasts were already provided

- 2 (1) Any contract which— (a) the IBA has, at any...

Common provisions applying to licences granted in pursuance of paragraph 1(1) or 2(1) above

- 3 (1) A request for the grant of a licence which...

Saving for liabilities under terminated contracts

- 4 (1) Where the contract of a programme contractor is terminated...

SCHEDULE 12 — Transitional Provisions Relating to Existing Cable Services

Part I — GENERAL

- 1 (1) In this Schedule— “the 1984 Act” means the Cable...
- 2 This Schedule applies to a licence granted under section 58...

Part II — LICENSING OF EXISTING CABLE SERVICES

Prescribed diffusion services: continuation in force of existing licences

- 1 (1) Subject to paragraph 2 below, any licence to provide...

Prescribed diffusion services: replacement of cable licences by local delivery licences

- 2 (1) Where— (a) any person is the holder of a...

Prescribed diffusion services: grant of new licences to provide existing services

- 3 (1) The Commission may on or after the transfer date...

Prescribed diffusion services: cable licences to be succeeded on their expiry by local delivery licences

- 4 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...

Other diffusion services: continuation in force of existing licences

- 5 (1) Subject to paragraph 7(1) below, where immediately before the...

Other diffusion services: replacement of cable licences by local delivery licences

- 6 (1) Subject to paragraph 7(1) below, where immediately before the...

Other diffusion services: certain licences to cease to have effect

- 7 (1) Neither paragraph 5(1) nor paragraph 6(1) above applies to...

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Other diffusion services: certain unlicensed services to be licensed as cableservices or local delivery services

- 8 (1) This paragraph has effect in relation to any diffusion...

Other diffusion services: services falling partly within and partly outside franchise areas

- 9 (1) Where immediately before the transfer date there is in...

Restricted services: replacement of existing licences

- 10 (1) Where immediately before the transfer date there is in...

Requests made under this Part

- 11 Any request made to the Commission in pursuance of any...

Saving for liabilities under terminated licences

- 12 (1) Where any licence ceases to have effect at any...

Part III — PROVISIONS RELATING TO LICENCES IN FORCE UNDER OR BY VIRTUE OF THIS SCHEDULE

Effect of relevant licences

- 1 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (4) below, a relevant licence shall...

General provisions about relevant licences

- 2 (1) It shall be the duty of the Commission to...

Restrictions on the holding of certain relevant licences

- 3 (1) The Commission shall do all that they can to...

Inclusion of broadcasts in licensed services

- 4 (1) Section 13 of the 1984 Act (inclusion of certain...
4A (1) Where the Commission are satisfied, in the case of...

Inclusion of local material in prescribed diffusion services

- 5 (1) In the case of a licence which continues in...

Revocation of licences

- 6 (1) Every relevant licence shall contain all such provisions as...

Supplementary provisions

- 7 (1) Any notice, direction or other thing given or done...

SCHEDULE 13 — The Broadcasting Complaints Commission: Supplementary Provisions

Status and capacity

- 1 (1) The BCC shall not be treated for the purposes...

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Appointment of members

- 2 (1) A person shall be disqualified for being a member...

Tenure of office

- 3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, each...

Remuneration and pensions of members

- 4 (1) The BCC may pay to each member such remuneration...

Proceedings

- 5 (1) Subject to paragraph 6 and to the provisions of...
6 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...
7 The validity of any proceedings of the BCC shall not...

Employees of the BCC

- 8 (1) The BCC may appoint such number of employees as...

Financial provisions

- 9 (1) The Secretary of State shall pay to the BCC—...

Authentication of BCC's seal

- 10 The application of the seal of the BCC shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by BCC

- 11 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

Accounts and audit

- 12 (1) The BCC shall keep proper accounts and proper records...

SCHEDULE 14 — The Broadcasting Standards Council: Supplementary Provisions

Status and capacity

- 1 (1) The Council shall not be treated for the purposes...

Appointment of members

- 2 (1) A person shall be disqualified for being a member...

Tenure of office

- 3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, each...

Remuneration and pensions of members

- 4 (1) The Council may pay to each member such remuneration...

*Disqualification of members of Council for House
of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly*

- 5 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

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Proceedings

- 6 (1) Subject to paragraph 7 and to the provisions of...
7 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...
8 The validity of any proceedings of the Council shall not...

Employees of the Council

- 9 (1) The Council may appoint such number of employees as...

Financial provisions

- 10 (1) The Secretary of State shall pay to the Council—...

Authentication of Council's seal

- 11 The application of the seal of the Council shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by Council

- 12 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

Accounts and audit

- 13 (1) It shall be the duty of the Council—

SCHEDULE 15 — Application of 1959 Act to Television and Sound Programmes

Interpretation

- 1 In this Schedule— “the 1959 Act” means the Obscene Publications...

Liability of person providing live programme material

- 2 Where— (a) any matter is included by any person in...

Obscene articles kept for inclusion in programmes

- 3 It is hereby declared that where a person has an...

Requirement for consent of Director of Public Prosecutions

- 4 (1) Proceedings for an offence under section 2 of the...

Defences

- 5 (1) A person shall not be convicted of an offence...

Exclusion of proceedings under common law

- 6 Without prejudice to section 2(4) of the 1959 Act, a...

SCHEDULE 16 — Amendments of the Marine, &c., Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967

- 1 (1) Section 2 (prohibition of broadcasting from marine structures) shall...
2 After section 2 insert the following section— Unlawful broadcasting from...
3 In section 3 (prohibition of acts connected with broadcasting from...

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- 4 After section 3 insert the following section— Prohibition of management...
- 5 (1) Section 4 (prohibition of acts facilitating broadcasting from ships,...
- 6 (1) Section 5 (prohibition of acts relating to matter broadcast...
- 7 (1) Section 6 (penalties and legal proceedings) shall be amended...
- 8 After section 7 insert the following section— Powers of enforcement...

SCHEDULE 17 — Information About Programmes: Copyright

Part I — COPYRIGHT LICENSING

- 1 (1) This paragraph applies where the person providing a programme...

Part II — USE OF INFORMATION AS OF RIGHT

Circumstances in which right available

- 2 (1) Paragraph 4 applies to any act restricted by the...

Notice of intention to exercise right

- 3 (1) A publisher intending to avail himself of the right...

Conditions for exercise of right

- 4 (1) Where the publisher, on or after the date specified...

Applications to settle payments

- 5 (1) On an application to settle the terms of payment,...

Application for review of order

- 6 (1) A person exercising the right conferred by paragraph 4,...

Part III — SUPPLEMENTARY

- 7 (1) This Schedule and the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act...

SCHEDULE 18 — Transfer of Functions Connected with Television Licences

Part I — AMENDMENTS OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ACT 1949

- 1 (1) Section 1 (licensing of wireless telegraphy) shall be amended...

- 2 (1) Section 2 (fees and charges for wireless telegraphy licences)...

- 3 In section 15(1) (entry and search of premises etc.), for...

- 4 In section 19 (interpretation), insert the following subsection after subsection...

Part II — AMENDMENTS OF PART I OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ACT 1967

- 1 In the following provisions, namely— (a) subsections (1), (2), (4)...

- 2 In section 1(5), for “him” substitute “them”.

- 3 In section 2(3)— (a) for “him” substitute “ them ”;...

- 4 In section 3(1), for “him” (where first occurring) substitute “... ”

- 5 In section 4(2), for “him” (wherever occurring) substitute “ them...”

- 6 In section 5— (a) in subsection (3), for “his” substitute...

- 7 In section 6(1)— (a) insert the following definition after the...

SCHEDULE 19 — The Gaelic Television Committee: Supplementary Provisions

Status and capacity

- 1 (1) The Committee shall be a body corporate.

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Tenure of office and remuneration

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), each member of the Committee...

Disqualification of members of Committee for House of Commons

- 3 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

Proceedings

- 4 (1) Subject to paragraph 5, the quorum of the Committee...
5 (1) A member who is in any way directly or...
6 The validity of any proceedings of the Committee shall not...

Employees of the Committee

- 7 (1) The Committee may appoint such employees as they may...

Financial provision

- 8 There shall be defrayed out of the Gaelic Television Fund—...

Authentication of Committee's seal

- 9 The application of the seal of the Committee shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by the Committee

- 10 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

Accounts and audit

- 11 (1) The Committee shall keep proper accounts and proper records...

Annual reports

- 12 (1) As soon as possible after the end of each...

SCHEDULE 20 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

Parliamentary Papers Act 1840 (c. 9)

- 1 Section 3 (protection in respect of proceedings for printing extracts...

Law of Libel Amendment Act 1888 (c. 64)

- 2 Section 3 (contemporary reports of proceedings before courts exercising judicial...

Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)

- 3 (1) In section 28 (powers of entry)—

Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 (c. 37)

- 4 (1) In section 36 (power to enter studios)—

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (c. 67)

- 5 In section 1(7) (admission of public to meetings of local...

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Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (c. 37)

- 6 In section 37(2) (restriction on persons under 16 taking part...

Licensing Act 1964 (c. 26)

- 7 In section 182(1) (relaxation, with respect to licensed premises, of...

Private Places of Entertainment (Licensing) Act 1967 (c. 19)

- 8 In section 2(3) (certain private places of entertainment to require...

Wireless Telegraphy Act 1967 (c. 72)

- 9 In section 6(1) (interpretation of Part I of the Act),...

London Cab Act 1968 (c. 7)

- 10 In section 4(5) (restrictions on advertising in connection with private...

Trade Descriptions Act 1968 (c. 29)

- 11 In section 39(2) (interpretation), for “or in a programme included...

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49)

- 12 In section 58(1) (prohibition of publication of proceedings in a...

Theatres Act 1968 (c. 54)

- 13 In section 7(2)(b) (exceptions for performance given in certain circumstances),...

Gaming Act 1968 (c. 65)

- 14 In section 42(8) (definition of “advertisement” for the purposes of...

Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (c. 34 (N.I.))

- 15 (1) In section 40(2) (restriction on persons under 16 taking...

Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)

- 16 In section 100K (interpretation and application of Part VA of...

Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 (c. 9 (N.I.))

- 17 In section 148(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “newspaper”, for...

Employment Agencies Act 1973 (c. 35)

- 18 In section 13(4) (interpretation), for paragraphs (c) and (d) substitute...

Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36)

- 19 In Schedule 3 (minimum reserved matters), in paragraph 14, for...

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Fair Trading Act 1973 (c. 41)

- 20 In section 133(2)(a) (exceptions to restriction on disclosure of information),...

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21)

- 21 In subsection (2) of sections 169 and 374 (restrictions on...

Industry Act 1975 (c. 68)

- 22 In section 9 (the National Enterprise Board and the media)—...

Scottish Development Agency Act 1975 (c. 69)

- 23 In section 17 (the Scottish Development Agency and the media),...

Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (c. 70)

- 24 In section 19 (the Welsh Development Agency and the media)—...

Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 (c. 34)

- 25 In section 41(1)(a) (exceptions to restriction on disclosure of information),...

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976 (c. 82)

- 26 (1) In section 4 (anonymity of complainants in rape etc....

Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/460 (N.I.5))

- 27 (1) In Article 6 (anonymity of complainants in rape offence...

Competition Act 1980 (c. 21)

- 28 In section 19(3) (exceptions to restriction on disclosure of information),...

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

- 29 (1) In section 8 (restrictions on reports of committal proceedings)—...

Indecent Displays (Control) Act 1981 (c. 42)

- 30 In section 1(4) (provisions relating to indecent displays disapplied in...

Contempt of Court Act 1981 (c. 49)

- 31 (1) In section 2 (limitation of scope of strict liability)—...

Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/839 (N.I.20))

- 32 In Article 11(4) (interpretation), for sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) substitute...

Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I.26))

- 33 (1) In Article 44 (reports of preliminary proceedings)—

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Insurance Companies Act 1982 (c. 50)

34 In section 72(6) (meaning of “advertisement” for the purposes of...

Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2)

35 (1) Part II shall be amended as follows.

National Audit Act 1983 (c. 44)

36 In Part II of Schedule 4 (nationalised industries and other...

Value Added Tax Act 1983 (c. 55)

37 In section 20 (refund of value added tax in certain...

Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)

38 (1) In section 6 (exceptions to prohibition on the running...

Video Recordings Act 1984 (c. 39)

39 In section 3(8) (exempted supplies), for paragraphs (a) and (b)...

Cinemas Act 1985 (c. 13)

40 In section 21(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “film exhibition”,...

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (c. 66)

41 In subsection (5) of section 70 (supplies by utilities), for...

*Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern
Ireland) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/1204 (N.I.11))*

42 In Article 130(8) (definition of “advertisement” for the purposes of...

Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45)

43 In sections 233(5)(d) and 372(5)(c) (supplies of gas, water, electricity...

Building Societies Act 1986 (c. 53)

44 In section 50(10) (powers to control advertising), in the definition...

Financial Services Act 1986 (c. 60)

45 (1) In section 207 (interpretation)— (a) in subsection (2), after...

Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/594 (N.I.3))

46 In Article 2(2) (interpretation), in the definition of “newspaper”, for...

Criminal Justice Act 1987 (c. 38)

47 In section 11 (restrictions on reporting applications for dismissal and...

Consumer Protection Act 1987 (c. 43)

48 In section 24 (defences to offence of giving misleading price...

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Consumer Protection (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (S.I.1987/2049 (N.I.20))

49 In Article 17 (defences to offence of giving misleading price...

Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48)

50 (1) In section 69 (recording for purposes of supervision and...

Control of Misleading Advertisements Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988/915)

51 (1) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)— (a) omit the definitions of...

Criminal Justice (Serious Fraud) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I.1988/1846 (N.I.16))

52 In Article 10 (restrictions on reporting applications for dismissal and...

Children Act 1989 (c. 41)

53 In section 97(5) (privacy for children involved in certain proceedings),...

Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I.19))

54 In Articles 197(3) and 343(4) (supplies of water, electricity and...

SCHEDULE 21 — Repeals

SCHEDULE 22 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

*Preservation of appointments of existing members
of the Welsh Authority, the BCC and the BSC*

1 (1) Where, immediately before the date when the relevant section...

Power to make provision with respect to complaints to the BCC or BSC

2 (1) The Secretary of State may by order make such...

*Power to make provision with respect to complaints under
the Control of Misleading Advertisements Regulations 1988*

3 (1) The Secretary of State may by order make such...

Saving of amendments made by Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984

4 The amendments made by paragraphs 12, 24, 32 and 45...

Transitional modification of amendments made by this Act

5 (1) Any provision to which this sub-paragraph applies—

6 Section 92(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983...

7 Regulation 8(1) and (2) of the Control of Misleading Advertisements...

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