

Broadcasting Act 1990

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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...

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

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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- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (1A)Any reference in paragraph 1 above...
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- 4 An order under any provision of this Schedule other than...

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

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General disqualification of broadcasting bodies

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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...

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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

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...

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The competition test

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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...

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

Additional methods of enforcement of licence to provide relevant service

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

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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

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,...

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Computation of qualifying revenue

1 (1) It shall be the duty of OFCOM to draw...

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Disputes

(1) For the purposes of any provision of Part I...

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1 (1) It shall be the duty of OFCOM to draw...

Disputes

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

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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...

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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...

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

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Finances of Authority

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

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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,...

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1 In this Schedule— "relevant transferee" shall be construed in accordance...

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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...

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

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Final accounts and annual report of IBA

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

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- 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...

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In this Schedule—"the 1981 Act" means the Broadcasting Act...

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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 S4C

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

Broadcasting of advertisements on S4C

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

Financing of S4C during interim period

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

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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

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...

Part V — REPLACEMENT OF PROGRAMME CONTRACTS BY LOCAL
LICENCES

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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...

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...

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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) The Commission shall do all that they can to...
- 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 —

Status and capacity

1 (1) The BCC 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...

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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

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 —

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...

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...

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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...
- 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,	
7	Part III — SUPPLEMENTARY (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		
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4	Part II — Amendments of Part I of Wireless Telegraphy Act 1967	
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SCHEDULE 19 — The Gaelic Television Service : Supplementary Provisions		
	Status and capacity	
1	(1) The Service shall be a body corporate.	
	Tenure of office and remuneration	
2	(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1A) and (2), each member of	
	Disqualification of members of Service for House of Commons	
3		

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Proceedings

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

Employees of the Service

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

Financial provision

- 8 There shall be defrayed out of the Gaelic Broadcasting Fund—...
- 8A (1) The Service must pay all their receipts to OFCOM....

Authentication of Service 's seal

9 The application of the seal of the Service shall be...

Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by the Service

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

Accounts and audit

11 (1) The Service 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)

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)

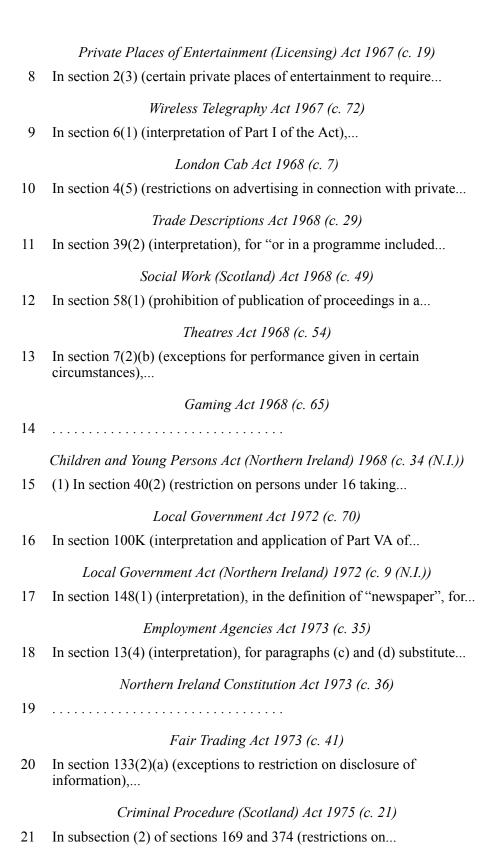
5 In section 1(7) (admission of public to meetings of local...

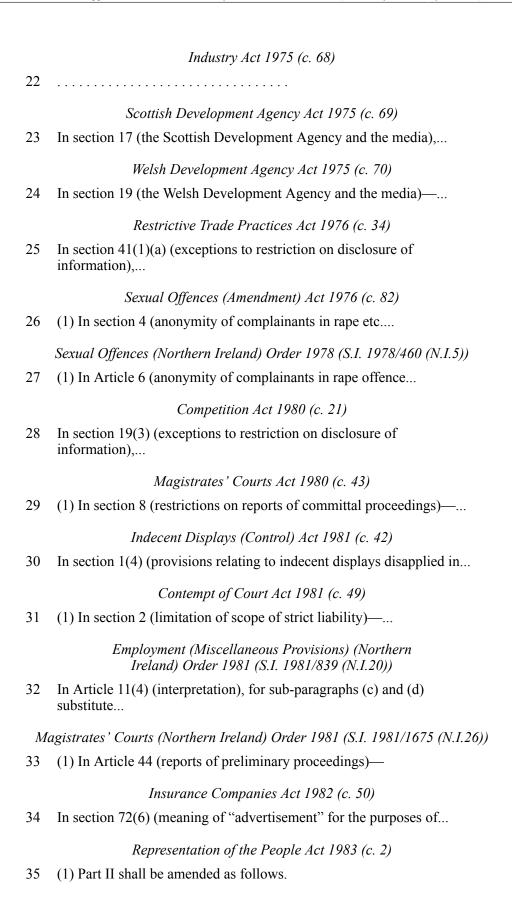
Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (c. 37)

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...





	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	
	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
Edi	ucation 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	
	Consumer Protection Act 1987 (c. 43)
48	In section 24 (defences to offence of giving misleading price
Co	onsumer 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	

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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)

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, ..., 32...

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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