



Broadcasting Act 1996

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An Act to make new provision about the broadcasting in digital form of television and sound programme services and the broadcasting in that form on television or radio frequencies of other services; to amend the Broadcasting Act 1990; to make provision about rights to televise sporting or other events of national interest; to amend in other respects the law relating to the provision of television and sound programme services; to provide for the establishment and functions of a Broadcasting Standards Commission and for the dissolution of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission and the Broadcasting Standards Council; to make provision for the transfer to other persons of property, rights and liabilities of the British Broadcasting Corporation relating to their transmission network; and for connected purposes. [24th July 1996]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Extent Information

- E1** Act extends mainly to the United Kingdom but for extent to Northern Ireland and application to the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands see s. 150.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act: power to modify conferred (18.9.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 407**, 411(2) (with [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/1900](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)
- C2** Act extended (with modifications) (29.12.2003) by [Broadcasting \(Guernsey\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3192\)](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C3** Act extended (with modifications) (29.12.2003) by [Broadcasting \(Jersey\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3203\)](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (as amended (27.2.2004) by [The Broadcasting and Communications \(Jersey\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/308\)](#), [art. 6\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#))

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- C4** Act extended (with modifications) (29.12.2003) by [Broadcasting \(Isle of Man\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3193\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1** (as amended (27.2.2004) by [The Broadcasting and Communications \(Isle of Man\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/309\)](#), art. 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**)
- C5** Act: power to extend conferred (27.4.2017) by [Digital Economy Act 2017 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss.**, 118(1), 119(7)(8)(c)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 54(1)(i)(j) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 47\(6\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- s. 97(1)-(2A) substituted for s. 97(1)(2) by [2003 c. 21 s. 299\(1\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 97(3)(c) and word inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 12\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 97(5A)(5B) inserted by [2003 c. 21 s. 299\(4\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 98(1)-(2D) substituted for s. 98(1)(2) by [2024 c. 15 s. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 98(7)-(9) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 20\(4\)](#)
- s. 101(1)-(1D) substituted for s. 101(1) by [2003 c. 21 s. 300\(2\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 101(5) inserted by [2003 c. 21 s. 300\(4\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 102(A1)(B1) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 16\(2\)](#)
- s. 104A(2)-(11) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 24\(3\)](#)
- s. 104A(12) s. 104A(2) renumbered as s. 104A(12) by [2024 c. 15 s. 24\(2\)](#)
- s. 104A(13) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 24\(4\)](#)
- s. 104B inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 24\(5\)](#)
- s. 104ZA(1)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 23\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 104ZA(2A)(2B) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 23\(4\)](#)
- s. 105(1A)-(1D) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 19\(7\)](#)
- s. 107(1A)(1B) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 111(4A)-(4C) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 115(9)(c) and word inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 119(7D) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 119(11A)(c) and word inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(6\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 120(3A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(7\)\(a\)](#)