



# United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

## 2020 CHAPTER 27

### PART 2

#### UK MARKET ACCESS: SERVICES

#### **20 Direct discrimination in the regulation of services**

- (1) A regulatory requirement that directly discriminates against a service provider is of no effect in relation to that service provider.
- (2) A regulatory requirement directly discriminates against a service provider if—
  - (a) it has, or would have, the effect of treating the service provider less favourably than other service providers, and
  - (b) the reason for that less favourable treatment is the service provider's relevant connection, or lack of relevant connection, to a part of the United Kingdom.
- (3) A regulatory requirement is not to be taken to directly discriminate against a service provider to the extent the requirement can reasonably be justified as a response to a public health emergency.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, a service provider has a relevant connection to a part of the United Kingdom if the service provider—
  - (a) has a registered office, place of business or residence in that part,
  - (b) provides services from that part, or
  - (c) has members, partners, officers or staff with a registered office, place of business, or residence in that part.