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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

CODES OF PRACTICE UNDER SECTION 41: PRINCIPLES, OBJECTIVES, CONTENT

- 5 The online safety objectives for regulated search services are as follows—
- (a) a service should be designed and operated in such a way that—
 - (i) the systems and processes for regulatory compliance and risk management are effective and proportionate to the kind and size of service,
 - (ii) the systems and processes are appropriate to deal with the number of users of the service and its user base,
 - (iii) United Kingdom users (including children) are made aware of, and can understand, the publicly available statement referred to in sections 27 and 29,
 - (iv) there are adequate systems and processes to support United Kingdom users,
 - (v) the service provides a higher standard of protection for children than for adults, and
 - (vi) the different needs of children at different ages are taken into account;
 - (b) a service should be assessed to understand its use by, and impact on, children in different age groups;
 - (c) a search engine should be designed and operated so as to protect individuals in the United Kingdom who are users of the service from harm, including with regard to—
 - (i) algorithms used by the search engine,
 - (ii) functionalities relating to searches (such as a predictive search functionality), and
 - (iii) the indexing, organisation and presentation of search results.

Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 4 para. 5 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(d\)](#)

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