



Media Act 2024

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- 1 Broadcasting Act 1990
- 2 In section 24 (Channel 4 to be provided by Corporation...
- 3 In section 49 (licensing of additional services), omit subsection (1A)....
- 4 In section 66 (requirements relating to transmission and distribution of...
- 5 In Schedule 2 (restrictions on the holding of licences), in...
- 6 Broadcasting Act 1996
- 7 In section 2 (meaning of “qualifying service”), in subsection (2),...
- 8 In section 12 (conditions attached to multiplex licence), omit subsection...
- 9 (1) Section 24 (digital additional service) is amended as follows....
- 10 In section 33 (review of digital television broadcasting), in subsection...
- 11 In section 39 (interpretation of Part 1), in subsection (1),...
- 12 (1) Section 97 (listed events) is amended as follows.
- 13 (1) Section 98 (categories of service) is amended as follows....
- 14 (1) Section 99 (contract for exclusive right to televise listed...
- 15 In section 100 (contract for televising listed event must specify...
- 16 (1) Section 102 (power of OFCOM to impose penalty) is...
- 17 In section 103 (report to Secretary of State about BBC...
- 18 (1) Section 104 (code of guidance) is amended as follows....
- 19 (1) In section 105 (interpretation of Part 4), subsection (1)...
- 20 In section 130 (interpretation of Part 5), in subsection (1),...
- 21 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act 2002
- 22 Communications Act 2003
- 23 In section 3 (general duties of OFCOM), in subsection (4)(a),...
- 24 In section 64 (must carry obligations), omit subsection (3)(f).
- 25 In section 198A (C4C’s functions in relation to media content),...
- 26 In section 216 (renewal of Channel 3 and 5 licences),...
- 27 Omit the italic heading before section 218.
- 28 In section 224 (meaning of initial expiry date), omit subsection...
- 29 In the italic heading before section 225, omit “and teletext”....
- 30 In section 226 (application for review of financial terms in...
- 31 In section 227 (reviews under sections 225 and 226), in...
- 32 (1) Section 229 (report in anticipation of new licensing round)...
- 33 In section 233 (services that are not television licensable content...
- 34 In section 241 (television multiplex services), omit subsection (9)(f).
- 35 In section 243 (powers where frequencies reserved for qualifying services),...
- 36 (1) Section 263 (application of regulatory regimes) is amended as...
- 37 In section 264 (OFCOM reports on the fulfilment of the...
- 38 In section 265 (public service remits of licensed providers)—
- 39 Omit section 268 (statement of service policy by the public...
- 40 Omit section 269 (changes of public teletext service policy).
- 41 (1) Section 270 (enforcement of public service remits) is amended...
- 42 In section 271 (power to amend public service remits), in...
- 43 In section 272 (must-offer obligations in relation to networks), omit...
- 44 In section 273 (must-offer obligations in relation to satellite services),...
- 45 In section 274 (securing reception of must-provide services in certain...
- 46 In section 275 (must-provide services for the purposes of section...
- 47 Omit section 276 (cooperation with the public teletext provider).
- 48 Omit section 284 (news provision on the public teletext service)....
- 49 Omit section 289 (regional matters in the public teletext service)...
- 50 Omit section 298 (conditions prohibiting interference with other services) and...

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- 51 Omit section 300 (effects of categorisation of listed events into...
- 52 In section 301 (the code under section 104 of the...
- 53 Omit section 308 (assistance for the visually impaired with the...
- 54 In section 310 (code of practice for electronic programme guides),...
- 55 In section 322 (supplementary powers relating to advertising), in subsection...
- 56 In section 324 (setting and publication of standards), omit subsection...
- 57 In section 335 (conditions securing compliance with international obligations), omit...
- 58 (1) Section 351 (changes of control of Channel 3 services)...
- 59 (1) Section 353 (changes of control of Channel 5) is...
- 60 (1) Section 362 (interpretation of Part 3) is amended as...
- 61 In section 405 (general interpretation), in subsection (1)—
- 62 In Schedule 9 (arrangements about carrying on of C4C's activities),...
- 63 Omit Schedule 10 (licensing the public teletext service).
- 64 In Schedule 12 (corresponding obligations of the BBC and Welsh...
- 65 In Schedule 18 (transitional provisions), in paragraph 51 (listed events...
- 66 Digital Economy Act 2010

Schedule 3 — Part 2: further amendments

- 1 The Communications Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- 2 In section 393 (general restrictions on disclosure of information), in...
- 3 In section 394 (service of notifications and other documents), in...
- 4 In section 400 (destination of fees and penalties), in subsection...

Schedule 4 — Chapter 2 of Part 3: minor and consequential amendments

- 1 Broadcasting Act 1990
- 2 In section 37 (announcements of programme schedules), in subsection (2)(a),...
- 3 (1) Section 56 (Welsh Authority to continue as Sianel Pedwar...
- 4 (1) Section 60 (advertising on S4C) is amended as follows....
- 5 (1) Section 61 (funding of Welsh Authority) is amended as...
- 6 (1) Section 61A (Welsh Authority public service fund) is amended...
- 7 (1) Section 63 (government control over S4C) is amended as...
- 8 (1) Section 64 (audience research by Welsh Authority) is amended...
- 9 In section 66 (requirements relating to transmission and distribution of...
- 10 In section 71 (interpretation of Part 1), in subsection (1),...
- 11 In section 176 (duty to provide advance information about programmes),...
- 12 In section 177 (orders proscribing unacceptable foreign satellite services), in...
- 13 In section 188 (power to give broadcasting bodies etc directions...
- 14 In section 202 (general interpretation), in subsection (1)—
- 15 In Part 2 of Schedule 2 (disqualification for holding licences),...
- 16 (1) Schedule 6 (the Welsh Authority: supplementary provisions) is amended...
- 17 Broadcasting Act 1996
- 18 In section 2 (meaning of “qualifying service”), in subsection (2)(e)—...
- 19 (1) Section 24 (digital additional services) is amended as follows....
- 20 Omit section 29(2) (application of the Broadcasting Act 1990 to...
- 21 In section 33(1)(a)(ii) and (3)(d) (review of digital television broadcasting),...
- 22 In section 39 (interpretation of Part 1), in subsection (1),...

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- 23 In section 97 (listed events)— (a) in subsection (2) (before...
- 24 In sections 99(2) (televising listed events), 103(3) (report to Secretary...
- 25 In section 105 (interpretation of Part 4 and supplementary provisions),...
- 26 In section 107 (code relating to avoidance of unjust or...
- 27 In section 130(1) (interpretation of Part 5)—
- 28 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act 2002
- 29 Communications Act 2003
- 30 In section 12(9)(b) (OFCOM’s Content Board), for “and employees of...
- 31 In the Chapter heading of Chapter 1 of Part 3,...
- 32 (1) In section 203 (function of OFCOM), and in its...
- 33 (1) Section 207 (finances) is amended as follows.
- 34 In sections 211(1)(a) (regulation of independent television services) and 243(7)(d)...
- 35 In section 264 (OFCOM reports on the fulfilment of public...
- 36 In sections 277(11) (programming quotas for independent productions), 278(8) (programming...
- 37 In sections 303(12)(a) (code relating to provision for people with...
- 38 (1) In section 338 (corresponding rules), and in its heading,...
- 39 (1) Section 339 (review of fulfilment of public service remits)...
- 40 In the italic heading before section 339, for “the Welsh...
- 41 (1) Section 340 (directions to S4C to take remedial action)...
- 42 (1) Section 341 (imposition of penalties) is amended as follows....
- 43 (1) Section 343 (provision of information) is amended as follows....
- 44 In section 347(7) (statement of charging principles), for “the Welsh...
- 45 (1) Section 362 (interpretation of Part 3) is amended as...
- 46 In section 368R(6) (interpretation of Part 4A), for “the Welsh...
- 47 In section 393(3)(g) (restrictions on disclosure of information), for “the...
- 48 In section 405(1) (interpretation of Act), after the definition of...
- 49 (1) In the heading of Schedule 12 (corresponding obligations of...
- 50 In the heading of that Part, for “The Welsh Authority”...
- 51 (1) Paragraph 3 (public service remits) is amended as follows....
- 52 (1) Paragraph 4 (statements of programme policy) is amended as...
- 53 (1) Paragraph 5 (duties regarding arrangements with networks) is amended...
- 54 In paragraph 6 (supply of services by satellite in certain...
- 55 (1) Paragraph 7 (programming quotas for independent productions) is amended...
- 56 (1) Paragraph 8 (programme quotas for original productions) is amended...
- 57 (1) Paragraph 9 (news and current affairs programmes) is amended...
- 58 (1) Paragraph 10 (code relating to programme commissioning) is amended...
- 59 In paragraphs 12 (duty to observe programme standards), 13 (duty...
- 60 In paragraph 13, for “the Authority” substitute “S4C”.
- 61 In paragraph 14(2)(a), for “the Authority’s” substitute “S4C’s”.
- 62 (1) Paragraph 15 (OFCOM action if S4C fails to perform...
- 63 (1) Paragraph 16 (directions with respect to advertising) is amended...
- 64 In paragraph 17 (fairness standards), for “the Welsh Authority” substitute...
- 65 (1) Paragraph 18 (party political broadcasts) is amended as follows....
- 66 (1) Paragraph 19 (publicising complaints procedures) is amended as follows....

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- 67 In paragraph 20(1) (monitoring of programmes), for “the Welsh Authority”...
- 68 (1) Paragraph 21 (compliance with international obligations) is amended as...
- 69 (1) Paragraph 22 (services for people with disabilities) is amended...
- 70 (1) Paragraph 23 (equality of opportunity) is amended as follows....
- 71 (1) Paragraph 24 (public services) is amended as follows.
- 72 In Schedule 18 (transitional provisions), omit paragraph 27 and sub-...
- 73 Equality Act 2010

Schedule 5 — Tier 1 services: Chapter to be inserted as Chapter 3 of Part 4A of the 2003 Act

Schedule 6 — Tier 1 services: further amendments of Part 4A of the 2003 Act

- 1 Part 4A of the Communications Act 2003 is amended as...
- 2 Before section 368I insert— Chapter 4 Enforcement: general .
- 3 (1) Section 368I (enforcement of sections 368CB and 368D) is...
- 4 In section 368IA (enforcement of section 368E(4)), in subsection (1),...
- 5 (1) Section 368K (suspension or restriction of service for contraventions...
- 6 (1) Section 368L (suspension or restriction of service for inciting...
- 7 (1) Section 368M (supplementary provisions about directions) is amended as...
- 8 In section 368N (enforcement of directions under section 368K or...
- 9 Before section 368NA insert— Chapter 5 Supplementary .
- 10 (1) Section 368NA (fees) is amended as follows.
- 11 (1) For section 368O (power to demand information) substitute— Power...
- 12 (1) Section 368R (interpretation of Part 4A) is amended as...

Schedule 7 — Tier 1 services: amendments of other legislation

- 1 In section 93 of the Representation of the People Act...
- 2 (1) The Broadcasting Act 1996 is amended as follows.
- 3 (1) The Communications Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- 4 (1) Section 9A of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (notice...
- 5 (1) The Online Safety Act 2023 is amended as follows....

Schedule 8 — Other amendments of Part 4A of the 2003 Act

- 1 Part 4A of the Communications Act 2003 is amended as...
- 2 In section 368BZA (list of providers), in subsection (1), for...
- 3 In section 368BB (enforcement of section 368BA), after subsection (6)...
- 4 Omit the cross-heading preceding section 368BC.
- 5 (1) Omit sections 368BC and 368BD (accessibility for people with...
- 6 Omit section 368CA (code on accessibility for people with disabilities)....
- 7 In section 368D (duties of service providers), in subsection (3)(zb),...
- 8 In section 368I (enforcement of sections 368CB and 368D), after...
- 9 In section 368IA (enforcement of section 368E(4)), after subsection (8)...
- 10 In section 368J (financial penalties), in subsection (1), omit “,...
- 11 In section 368K (suspension or restriction of service for contraventions...

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12 (1) Before section 368R insert— Service of notices by OFCOM...

Schedule 9 — Part 6: further amendments

- 1 The Communications Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- 2 In section 393 (general restrictions on disclosure of information), in...
- 3 In section 394 (service of notifications and other documents), in...
- 4 In section 400 (destination of fees and penalties), in subsection...

Schedule 10 — Schedule to be inserted as Schedule 16A to the 2003 Act

Schedule 11 — Schedule to be inserted as Schedule 16B to the 2003 Act

Schedule 12 — Amendments related to the UK's withdrawal from the EU

Part 1 — AMENDMENTS OF THE BROADCASTING ACTS

- 1 In section 202 of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (general interpretation),...
- 2 In section 105 of the Broadcasting Act 1996 (interpretation of...

Part 2 — AMENDMENTS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003

- 3 The Communications Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- 4 (1) Section 335B (maintenance of list of providers) is amended...
- 5 (1) Section 368BZA (maintenance of list of providers) is amended...
- 6 In section 368BA (advance notification to appropriate regulatory authority), in...
- 7 In section 368CB (quota for European works)—
- 8 In section 368D (duties of service providers), in subsection (2)(ca),...
- 9 (1) Section 368E (harmful material) is amended as follows.
- 10 For section 368OA (co-operation with member States and the European...

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- s. 50 coming into force by [2024 c. 15 s. 55\(2\)](#)