



# Media Act 2024

## 2024 CHAPTER 15

### PART 1

#### PUBLIC SERVICE TELEVISION

##### *Programming quotas for public service television*

PROSPECTIVE

#### **10 Power to create additional quotas for qualifying audiovisual content**

After section 278 of the Communications Act 2003 insert—

##### **“278A Additional quotas for qualifying audiovisual content**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations specify a description of qualifying audiovisual content for the purposes of this section if—
  - (a) the Secretary of State considers that qualifying audiovisual content of that description is not being made available by the providers of licensed public service channels (taken together) to the extent that is appropriate, and
  - (b) subsection (3) applies.
- (2) The descriptions that may be specified under [subsection \(1\)](#) include descriptions that are framed in part by reference to the qualifying audiovisual service by means of which the content is made available.
- (3) This subsection applies where OFCOM have made a recommendation for the making of the regulations in their most recent report under section 229 or 264.
- (4) Where the Secretary of State makes regulations under [subsection \(1\)](#), the regulatory regime for every licensed public service channel includes the conditions that OFCOM consider appropriate for securing that in each year—

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- (a) the provider of the licensed public service channel makes available qualifying audiovisual content that includes content of the description specified in the regulations, and
  - (b) the duration (in total) of content of that description is at least the number of hours that OFCOM consider appropriate.
- (5) Before including a recommendation for the making of regulations under [subsection \(1\)](#) in a report under section 229 or 264, OFCOM must consult—
- (a) members of the public in the United Kingdom,
  - (b) providers of licensed public service channels who are likely to be affected if the Secretary of State accepts the recommendation, and
  - (c) such other persons providing television programme services or on-demand programme services as OFCOM consider appropriate.
- (6) Before making regulations under [subsection \(1\)](#), the Secretary of State must consult the following persons about their content—
- (a) OFCOM,
  - (b) providers of licensed public service channels who are likely to be affected by the regulations, and
  - (c) such other persons providing television programme services or on-demand programme services as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (7) A statutory instrument containing regulations under [subsection \(1\)](#) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (8) See also sections [278B](#) and [278C](#) (which make further provision for the interpretation of this section etc).”

#### Commencement Information

**II** S. 10 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 55\(3\)\(a\)](#)

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