



# Media Act 2024

## 2024 CHAPTER 15

### PART 1

#### PUBLIC SERVICE TELEVISION

##### *Sporting and other events of national interest*

PROSPECTIVE

#### **22 Restriction on showing live coverage of listed events**

For section 101 of the Broadcasting Act 1996 (restriction on televising of listed event) substitute—

##### **“101 Restriction on showing live coverage**

- (1) A provider of a relevant service who—
  - (a) is providing a relevant service (“the first service”) falling within either category, and
  - (b) is providing it with a view to its being available to members of the public in the United Kingdom or in any area of the United Kingdom, must not include live coverage of a listed event in that service unless it is authorised by subsection (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6).
- (2) Live coverage of a listed event is authorised by this subsection if—
  - (a) identical rights to include live coverage of the event in a relevant service other than the first service (“the second service”) have been acquired, and
  - (b) the second service—
    - (i) is provided by a person other than the provider of the first service,

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- (ii) falls into a different category from the first service,
  - (iii) is not a relevant service other than the first service only because section 98(2C) applies to it, and
  - (iv) is provided for an area that consists of or includes all or almost all of the area for which the first service is provided.
- (3) Live coverage of a listed event is authorised by this subsection if—
  - (a) rights to include live coverage of the event in two or more relevant services other than the first service (“the second and further services”) have been acquired,
  - (b) those rights, taken together, constitute identical rights to include live coverage of the event in the second and further services,
  - (c) each of the second and further services—
    - (i) is provided by a person other than the provider of the first service,
    - (ii) falls into a different category from the first service,
    - (iii) is not a relevant service other than the first service only because section 98(2C) applies to it, and
    - (iv) is provided for an area that consists of or includes all or almost all of the area for which the first service is provided.
- (4) Live coverage of a listed event is authorised by this subsection if—
  - (a) the event is a sporting event that involves different sports,
  - (b) rights to include live coverage of the event in two or more relevant services other than the first service (“the second and further services”) have been acquired,
  - (c) that additional coverage, taken as a whole, is adequate live coverage of the event,
  - (d) at least two of the second and further services are television programme services, and
  - (e) each of the second and further services—
    - (i) is provided by a person other than the provider of the first service,
    - (ii) falls into a different category from the first service,
    - (iii) is not a relevant service other than the first service only because section 98(2C) applies to it, and
    - (iv) is provided for an area that consists of or includes all or almost all of the area for which the first service is provided.
- (5) Live coverage of a listed event is authorised by this subsection if OFCOM have consented in advance to inclusion of that coverage in the first service.
- (6) Live coverage of a listed event is authorised by this subsection if—
  - (a) the listed event is a Group B event,
  - (b) rights to provide coverage of the event have been acquired by one or more persons in addition to the provider of the first service,
  - (c) that additional coverage constitutes adequate alternative coverage of the event, and
  - (d) the person or persons who have acquired rights to provide the additional coverage satisfy the requirements in relation to that

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coverage of any regulations made under section 104ZA for the purposes of this paragraph.

- (7) Subsections (1) to (6) apply in relation to the coverage of a part of a listed event as they apply in relation to the coverage of the whole of that event.
- (8) OFCOM may revoke any consent given by them for the purposes of subsection (5).
- (9) Failure to comply with subsection (1) does not affect the validity of any contract.
- (10) Subsection (1) does not have effect where the person providing the first service is exercising rights acquired before the commencement of section 22 of the Media Act 2024.
- (11) References in this section to a category of service are to a category of service set out in section 98(1).”

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 22 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 55(3)(a)

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