



Media Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 15

PART 3

PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTERS

CHAPTER 1

C4C

PROSPECTIVE

30 C4C's duties in relation to commissioning programmes

- (1) The Communications Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 198A insert—

“198AA C4C's duties in relation to commissioning programmes

- (1) C4C must take steps to enable competition for commissions from C4C to make programmes, other than advertisements, for inclusion in services provided by C4C that fall within [subsection \(2\)](#).
- (2) A service falls within this subsection if it is—
 - (a) a television broadcasting service,
 - (b) a television licensable content service,
 - (c) a digital television programme service,
 - (d) an on-demand programme service that is or forms part of a designated internet programme service, or
 - (e) a non-UK on-demand programme service that is or forms part of a designated internet programme service.

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- (3) C4C must put in place and adhere to procedures that facilitate fair competition for such commissions, including procedures for referring disputes with C4C to mediation.
- (4) In this section, “designated internet programme service” has the same meaning as in Part 3A (see [section 362AZ12](#)).”
- (3) In section 198B (statement of media content policy)—
- (a) in the heading—
 - (i) for “Statement” substitute “Statements”;
 - (ii) at the end insert “and commissioning policy”;
 - (b) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) C4C must prepare a statement of commissioning policy at the same time as they prepare a statement of media content policy.”;
 - (c) in subsection (2), after “policy” insert “or commissioning policy”;
 - (d) after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) A statement of commissioning policy must—

 - (a) set out C4C’s proposals for securing that, during the following year, they will discharge their duties under [section 198AA](#), and
 - (b) include a report on their performance in carrying out the proposals contained in the previous statement.”;
 - (e) in subsection (4), for “the statement” substitute “a statement of media content policy or commissioning policy”;
 - (f) in subsection (5), after “policy” insert “or commissioning policy”.
- (4) In section 198C (OFCOM reports on C4C’s media content duties)—
- (a) in the heading, at the end insert “and commissioning duties”;
 - (b) in subsection (1), in paragraph (a), for “section 198A” substitute “sections 198A and [198AA](#)”.
- (5) In section 198D (directions in relation to C4C’s media content duties)—
- (a) in the heading, at the end insert “and commissioning duties”;
 - (b) in subsection (1), in paragraph (a)—
 - (i) after “198A” insert “, [198AA](#)”;
 - (ii) for “198B(1), (3)” substitute “198B(1), (1A), (3), (3A)”;
 - (c) in subsection (2)(a), after “policy” insert “or (as the case may be) commissioning policy”;
 - (d) in subsection (3)(a), after “policy” insert “or (as the case may be) commissioning policy”.
- (6) In section 271A (remedying failure by C4C to perform media content duties)—
- (a) in subsection (1)(a), after “198A” insert “or [198AA](#)”;
 - (b) in subsection (2), after “198A” insert “or [198AA](#)”.

Commencement Information

II S. 30 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 55\(3\)\(c\)](#)

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