



Media Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 15

PART 1

PUBLIC SERVICE TELEVISION

Programming quotas for public service television

PROSPECTIVE

9 Quotas: original productions

(1) Section 278 of the Communications Act 2003 (programming quotas for original productions) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) The regulatory regime for every licensed public service channel includes the conditions that OFCOM consider appropriate for securing that in each year—

- (a) the provider of the licensed public service channel makes available qualifying audiovisual content that includes a range of original productions,
- (b) the duration (in total) of those original productions is at least the number of hours that OFCOM consider appropriate, and
- (c) if OFCOM consider it appropriate, the additional peak viewing time objective described in [subsection \(1A\)](#) is met.

(1A) The additional peak viewing time objective is that (out of the number of hours determined by OFCOM for the purposes of [subsection \(1\)\(b\)](#)) at least the number of hours that OFCOM consider appropriate is allocated to the broadcasting of original productions included in the channel at peak viewing times.”

(3) Omit subsections (2) and (3).

Status: This version of this provision is prospective.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Media Act 2024, Section 9. (See end of Document for details)

(4) After subsection (7) insert—

“(7A) An order under subsection (6) may—

- (a) authorise OFCOM to provide in a condition included in a licence by virtue of this section that original productions of a description specified in the licence may not be counted towards meeting the condition;
- (b) require OFCOM to prepare and publish guidance about the determination of whether an original production falls within a description included in a licence by virtue of paragraph (a);
- (c) authorise OFCOM to provide in a condition included in a licence by virtue of this section that the holder of the licence must have regard to that guidance.”

(5) After subsection (11) insert—

“(12) See also sections [278B](#) and [278C](#) (which make further provision for the interpretation of this section etc).”

Commencement Information

II S. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 55\(3\)\(a\)](#)

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