
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force specified provisions in Part 5 (Digital Government) of the Digital Economy Act 2017 (c.30), which provide information-sharing powers for public authorities and other persons, and access to information for the Statistics Board (which is usually known as the UK Statistics Authority).

They also bring into force section 105, in Part 6, which concerns information about secondary ticketing. Section 105 amends section 90(4) of the Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c.15) by adding a further category of information necessary to enable a buyer of a ticket for a recreational, sporting or cultural event in the United Kingdom to identify a particular seat or standing area.

They are the fourth commencement regulations for the Digital Economy Act 2017. The Welsh Ministers have, in addition, made commencement regulations in relation to the disclosure of information to or by a water or sewerage undertaker for an area which is wholly or mainly in Wales, and in relation to the disclosure of information by the Welsh Revenue Authority (SI 2018/342 (W. 62) (C. 29)).

The Explanatory Notes for the Digital Economy Act 2017 provide an explanation of the provisions in the Act and are available online (http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/30/pdfs/ukpgaen_20170030_en.pdf) and in hard copy from TSO, PO Box 29, Norwich, NR3 1GN (telephone orders/general enquiries: 0333 202 5070). A full impact assessment for Part 5 is available from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, 100 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2BQ or online at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/567321/2016-06-21_Digital_government_impact_assessments.pdf.