

British Telecommunications Act 1981

CHAPTER 38

BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1981

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1 2	(1) The provisions of this paragraph and paragraph 2 shall(1) It shall be the duty of the transferor and
3	Rights and liabilities under contracts of employment (1) The provisions of this paragraph shall have effect where
4	Right to production of documents of title Where on any transfer to which this Schedule applies the
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Where in the case of any transfer to which this...

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Proof of title by certificate

6 In the case of any transfer to which this Schedule...

Restrictions on dealing with certain land

7 If the Secretary of State is satisfied on the representation...

Construction of agreements, statutory provisions and documents

- 8 Where in the case of any transfer to which this...
- 9 Except as otherwise provided in any provision of this Act...
- 10 Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of paragraphs...
- 11 (1) References in paragraphs 8 to 10 to agreements to...

Third parties affected by vesting provisions

12 (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraphs 8 to...

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	1	Except as otherwise provided by any provision of this Act
	2	A direction given by the Secretary of State to the
	3	(1) Subsections (1) and (2) of section 7 shall have
	4	An approval given by the Secretary of State to the
	5	Section 13(4) shall have effect as if any apparatus which
	6	(1) A licence granted, or having effect as if granted,
	7	(1) A scheme made by the Post Office under section
	8	(1) Section 22(2) shall have effect as if any application
	9	(1) Sections 26(3), 27(2), 73(3) and 74(2) shall have effect
	10	An authorisation given, or having effect as if given, by
	11	(1) A certificate given by the Post Office under section
	12	An undertaking given, or having effect as if given, to
	13	Where, on the appointed day, there are in progress any
	14	(1) This paragraph applies to the following instruments, namely—
	15	A notice or certificate given, request made or requirement imposed
	16 17	An authority granted under section 5(1) of the Telegraph Act Any such council as is mentioned in the Telegraph Act
	18	(1) A notice given under section 26 of the Electric
	19	An order under section 24 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914
	20	7 in order under section 27 or the bankrupicy Act 1717
	21	(1) Nothing in this Act shall affect the validity of
	22	(1) If the appointed day is other than a 1st

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SCHEDULE 5 — Special Transitional Provisions with Respect to Patients for Inventions and Registered Designs

Part I — INTERPRETATION

- 1 In this Schedule "agreement to which this Schedule applies...
 - Part II PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS
- 3 (1) Where an agreement to which this Schedule applies contains...
- 4 Where by an agreement to which this Schedule applies, being...
- 5 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) where, on or after the...
- 6 Where, in the case of an invention, an authority for...
- 7 The authority of the Corporation in respect of an invention...
- 8 (1) The Corporation shall have the power to use, for...
- 9 (1) In relation to any use of a patented invention...
- 10 (1) Any dispute as to the exercise by the Corporation...
- 11 (1) Where, in pursuance of an agreement to which this...
- 12 Expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Patents Act...
 Part III REGISTERED DESIGNS
- 13 (1) Where an agreement to which this Schedule applies contains...
- 14 Where, by an agreement to which this Schedule applies, being...
- 15 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), where, on or after the...
- Where, in the case of a design, an authority for...
- 17 The authority of the Corporation in respect of a design...
- 18 (1) In the case of articles vested in the Corporation...
- 19 (1) In relation to any use of a registered design...
- 20 (1) Any dispute as to the exercise by the Corporation...
- 21 (1) Where, in pursuance of an agreement to which this...
- 22 Expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Registered Designs...

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