



British Telecommunications Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 38

PART I

NEW CORPORATION FOR THE PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATION AND DATA PROCESSING SERVICES

Miscellaneous

57 Interpretation and extent of Part I

(1) In this Part—

" accounting year " means, subject to section 31(5) and paragraph 22 of Schedule 4, the period beginning with the appointed day and ending with the next following 31st March or each subsequent period of twelve months beginning with the end of a previous accounting year;

" the British Islands " means the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man;

" local authority "—

(a) in relation to England and Wales, means a county council, the Greater London Council, a district council, a London borough council or the Common Council of the City of London;

(b) in relation to Scotland, means a regional, islands or district council;

(c) in relation to Northern Ireland, means a district council, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the Northern Ireland Electricity Service or an Education and Library Board ;

" national health service authority "—

(a) in relation to England and Wales, means a Regional Health Authority, Area Health Authority, District Health Authority, special health authority, Family Practitioner Committee or board of governors of a teaching hospital;

(b) in relation to Scotland, means a Health Board or the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service constituted under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 ;

(c) in relation to Northern Ireland, means a Health and Social Services Board, the Northern Ireland Central Services Agency for the Health and Social Services or the Northern Ireland Staffs Council for the Health and Social Services established under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

" telecommunication system " shall be construed in accordance with section 12(1).

- (2) Any reference in this Part to data processing shall be construed as including a reference to the storage and retrieval of information.
- (3) Nothing in this Part shall be taken to restrict the construction of references to the Corporation's business so as to exclude the performance of services which, by virtue of section 2(1) (b), (c) or (d), it has power to perform.
- (4) Subject to subsection (6), this Part, except section 55 and any provision which, by its terms, is limited in its operation to a part of the United Kingdom, shall extend to the Isle of Man; and sections 12, 17, 18, 48 and 50 shall have effect, in their application to the Isle of Man, with the substitution of references to information for references to indictment.
- (5) This Part, except sections 3, 7 to 9, 11 to 23, 46 to 53 and 55 and any provision which, by its terms, is limited in its operation to a part of the United Kingdom, shall extend to the Channel Islands.
- (6) In the event of the conclusion of an agreement between the Secretary of State and the Government of the Isle of Man providing for—
- (a) the surrender by the Corporation, as regards that Isle, of the privilege conferred on the Corporation by section 12(1); and
 - (b) the administration in that Isle of telecommunication services by, or under the authority of, that Government instead of by the Corporation,

Her Majesty may by Order in Council make such provision as it appears to Her requisite or expedient to make in order to give effect to the agreement or in consequence of the conclusion thereof, including, in particular, provision for the amendment or repeal of enactments (including enactments contained in this Act) or other instruments.