



# Telecommunications Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 12

### PART II

#### PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

##### *Offences*

#### **43 Improper use of public telecommunication system.**

(1) A person who—

- (a) sends, by means of a public telecommunication system, a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character; or
- (b) sends by those means, for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to another, a message that he knows to be false or persistently makes use for that purpose of a public telecommunication system,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to [<sup>F1</sup>imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or both].

(2) Subsection (1) above does not apply to anything done in the course of providing a [<sup>F2</sup>programme service (within the meaning of the Broadcasting Act 1990)].

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 43(1) substituted (3.2.1995) by 1994 c. 33, s. 92(1)(2); S.I. 1995/127, art. 2(1), Sch. 1

**F2** Words substituted by Broadcasting Act 1990 (c. 42, SIF 96), s. 203(1), Sch. 20 para. 38(4)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 03/02/1995. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Telecommunications Act 1984, Section 43.