



Broadcasting Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 55

PART I

DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION BROADCASTING

Digital additional services provided on television broadcasting frequencies

24 Digital additional services.

- (1) In this Part “digital additional service” means any service [^{F1}(or dissociable section of a service)] which—
- [^{F2}(a) is provided by a person with a view to its being broadcast in digital form (whether by him or some other person) so as to be available for reception by members of the public;
 - (b) is so provided with a view either—
 - (i) to the broadcasting being by means of a television multiplex service or by means of a general multiplex service; or
 - (ii) to the members of the public in question being or including members of the public in [^{F3}a CTT State] other than the United Kingdom, or in an area of such a State;
- and
- (c) is not a Channel 3 service, Channel 4, Channel 5, a public television service of the Welsh Authority, the digital public teletext service, a digital programme service, a digital sound programme service, an ancillary service or a technical service.]
- (2) In this Part “ancillary service” means any service which is provided by the holder of a digital programme licence or by an [^{F4}a relevant public service broadcaster] and consists in the provision of—
- [^{F5}(a) assistance for disabled people in relation to some or all of the programmes included in a digital programme service or qualifying service provided by him;

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- (b) a service (apart from advertising) that relates to the promotion or listing of programmes included in such a service or in a digital sound programme service so provided; or
 - (c) any other service (apart from advertising) that is ancillary to one or more programmes so included, and relates directly to their contents.]
- (3) In this Part “technical service” means a service which—
- (a) is provided for technical purposes connected with the encryption or decryption of one or more digital programme services [F6, digital sound programme services] or digital additional services, and
 - (b) is of a description specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.

[F7(3A) In this section—

“assistance for disabled people” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the Communications Act 2003;

“available for reception by members of the public” shall be construed in accordance with section 361 of that Act;

“public television service of the Welsh Authority” means—

- (a) S4C Digital; or
- (b) any television programme service the provision of which by the Authority is authorised by or under section 205 of that Act and which is provided in digital form;

“relevant public service broadcaster” means any of the following—

- (a) a person licensed under Part 1 of the 1990 Act to provide a Channel 3 service;
- (b) the Channel 4 Corporation;
- (c) a person licensed under Part 1 of the 1990 Act to provide Channel 5;
- (d) the BBC;
- (e) the Welsh Authority;
- (f) the public teletext provider.]

- (4) An order under subsection (3) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 24(1) inserted (1.11.2020) by [The Audiovisual Media Services Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1062\)](#), regs. 1(2), **3(b)**
- F2** S. 24(1)(a)-(c) substituted for s. 24(1)(a)(b) (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 411(2), **Sch. 15 para. 93(2)** (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 11)
- F3** Words in s. 24(1)(b)(ii) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Broadcasting \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/224\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 5** (with reg. 6) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1536, reg. 5(2)(3)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** Words in s. 24(2) substituted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 411(2), **Sch. 15 para. 93(3)(a)** (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 11)
- F5** S. 24(2)(a)-(c) substituted for s. 24(2)(a)(b) (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 411(2), **Sch. 15 para. 93(3)(b)** (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 11)
- F6** Words in s. 24(3)(a) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 411(2), **Sch. 15 para. 93(4)** (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 11)

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F7 S. 24(3A) inserted (29.12.2003) by **Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), s. 411(2), Sch. 15 para. 93(5)** (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 11)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 art. 4 Sch. 2 by [S.I. 2004/545 art. 2](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 97(1)-(2A) substituted for s. 97(1)(2) by [2003 c. 21 s. 299\(1\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 97(5A)(5B) inserted by [2003 c. 21 s. 299\(4\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 101(1)-(1D) substituted for s. 101(1) by [2003 c. 21 s. 300\(2\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 101(5) inserted by [2003 c. 21 s. 300\(4\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)