

*These notes refer to the Communications Act 2003
(c.21) which received Royal Assent on 17 July 2003*

COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Networks, Services and the Radio Spectrum

Chapter 1: Electronic Communications Networks and Services

Section 54: Approval of dispute procedures for the purposes of s.52

150. This section sets out the procedures and criteria for approval by OFCOM of dispute procedures. Before OFCOM approve a dispute procedure, they must be satisfied that the procedure satisfies the criteria set out in *subsection (2)*, including accountability, independence and transparency, and they must consult the Secretary of State. The procedures and criteria for approval of dispute procedures are similar to those for approval of codes of practice (outlined in the notes to section 53).