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TELEVISION AND RADIO SERVICES

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REGULATORY STRUCTURE FOR INDEPENDENT RADIO SERVICES

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- (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide for—
- (a) any of the provisions of this Part (apart from this section and the provisions relating exclusively to television), or
 - (b) any provision of Part 3 of the 1990 Act or of Part 2 of the 1996 Act (regulation of radio services),
- to have effect, in relation to services of such descriptions as may be set out in an order under this section, with such modifications as he considers necessary or appropriate for services of that description.
- (2) The Secretary of State is not to make an order under this section in relation to a description of services unless—
- (a) the description is of services to be provided primarily for the good of members of the public or of a particular community, rather than for commercial reasons; and
 - (b) he considers that the provision of services of that description confer, or would confer, significant benefits on the public or on the communities for which they are provided.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (3) An order under this section in relation to a description of services may, in particular, impose prohibitions or limitations on the inclusion of advertisements in services of that description and on the sponsorship of programmes included in the services.
- (4) The power, by an order under this section, to make incidental, supplemental or consequential provision in connection with provision authorised by subsection (1) includes power to make incidental, supplemental or consequential provision modifying provisions of the 1990 Act, the 1996 Act or this Act that are not mentioned in that subsection.
- (5) No order is to be made containing provision authorised by this section unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.