



Online Safety Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 50

PART 10

COMMUNICATIONS OFFENCES

Repeals and amendments in connection with offences

189 Repeals in connection with offences under sections 179 and 181

- (1) Section 127(2)(a) and (b) of the Communications Act (false messages) is repealed so far as it extends to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.
- (2) The following provisions of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 are repealed—
 - (a) section 1(1)(a)(ii),
 - (b) section 1(1)(a)(iii), and
 - (c) section 1(2).
- (3) The following provisions of the Malicious Communications (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/1849 (N.I. 18)) are repealed—
 - (a) Article 3(1)(a)(ii),
 - (b) Article 3(1)(a)(iii), and
 - (c) Article 3(2).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 189 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(1\)](#)
- I2** S. 189 in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/31, reg. 2](#)

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Online Safety Act 2023.
Cross Heading: Repeals and amendments in connection with offences. (See end of Document for details)*

190 Repeals in connection with offences under section 188

Sections 33 to 35 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (disclosing or threatening to disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress) are repealed.

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 190 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(1\)](#)
I4 [S. 190](#) in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/31, reg. 2](#)

191 Consequential amendments

- (1) Part 1 of Schedule 14 contains amendments consequential on sections 179, 181 and 183.
- (2) Part 2 of Schedule 14 contains amendments consequential on section 184.
- (3) Part 3 of Schedule 14 contains amendments consequential on sections 187 and 188.
- (4) Part 4 of Schedule 14 contains amendments consequential on section 190.

Commencement Information

- I5** S. 191 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(1\)](#)
I6 [S. 191](#) in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/31, reg. 2](#)

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