
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 3028

The Defamation (Operators of Websites) Regulations 2013

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Defamation (Operators of Websites) Regulations 2013 and come into force at the same time as section 5 of the Defamation Act 2013.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Defamation Act 2013;

“the operator” means the operator of the website on which the statement complained of in the notice of complaint is posted;

“the poster” means the person who posted the statement complained of on the website referred to in the notice of complaint.

(3) In these Regulations, where action is to be taken by the operator within 48 hours of any point in time, any period of time which falls on Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day or any day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971⁽¹⁾ in England and Wales is to be disregarded.