## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations update references in Public General Acts, local Acts and Northern Ireland Orders in Council to terms which have been superseded by amendments made by the Communications Act 2003 (c.21) and by the Digital Economy Act 2017 (c.30) ("the 2017 Act"). In particular, the 2017 Act enacts a new electronic communications code and these Regulations largely update references to that code in legislation so that they refer to the equivalent provisions of the newly enacted code.

A full impact assessment has not been published for this instrument as it has no impact on the private sector or civil society organisations. An overall Impact Assessment for the reforms to the electronic communications code introduced by the 2017 Act is available at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/524895/ECC\_Impact\_Assessment.pdf. Hard copies are available from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport at 100 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2BQ.