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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 382**

**The Digital Economy Act 2017  
(Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2018**

**Provisions coming into force on 1st May 2018**

3. The following provisions of the Act come into force on 1st May 2018—
- (a) section 35 (disclosure of information to improve public service delivery), for all remaining purposes, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (b) section 36 (disclosure of information to gas and electricity suppliers etc), for all remaining purposes;
  - (c) section 37 (disclosure of information by gas and electricity suppliers etc);
  - (d) section 38 (disclosure of information to water and sewerage undertakers etc), for all remaining purposes;
  - (e) section 39 (disclosure of information by water and sewerage undertakers etc), for all remaining purposes;
  - (f) section 40 (further provisions about disclosures under any of sections 35 to 39), for all remaining purposes, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (g) section 41 (confidentiality of personal information), for all remaining purposes, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (h) section 42 (information disclosed by the Revenue and Customs), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (i) section 44 (regulations under Chapter 1), for all remaining purposes, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (j) section 45 (interpretation of Chapter 1 etc), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (k) section 46 (disclosure of information by civil registration officials), for all remaining purposes, except so far as those purposes relate to Northern Ireland;
  - (l) section 47 (consequential provision: civil registration), for all remaining purposes, except so far as those purposes relate to Northern Ireland;
  - (m) section 48 (disclosure of information to reduce debt owed to the public sector), for all remaining purposes, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (n) section 49 (further provisions about the power in section 48), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (o) section 50 (confidentiality of personal information), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (p) section 51 (information disclosed by the Revenue and Customs), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
  - (q) section 53 (duty to review operation of Chapter 3), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;

- (r) section 54 (regulations under Chapter 3), for all remaining purposes, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (s) section 55 (interpretation of Chapter 3), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (t) section 56 (disclosure of information to combat fraud against the public sector), for all remaining purposes, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (u) section 57 (further provisions about power in section 56), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (v) section 58 (confidentiality of personal information), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (w) section 59 (information disclosed by the Revenue and Customs), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (x) section 61 (duty to review operation of Chapter 4), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (y) section 62 (regulations under Chapter 4), for all remaining purposes, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (z) section 63 (interpretation of Chapter 4), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (aa) section 64 (disclosure of information for research purposes), for all remaining purposes;
- (bb) section 65 (provisions supplementary to section 64), for all remaining purposes;
- (cc) section 66 (bar on further disclosure of personal information), for all remaining purposes;
- (dd) section 67 (information disclosed by the Revenue and Customs), for all remaining purposes;
- (ee) section 68 (information disclosed by the Welsh Revenue Authority), for all remaining purposes;
- (ff) section 69 (information disclosed by Revenue Scotland); for all remaining purposes;
- (gg) section 70 (code of practice), for all remaining purposes;
- (hh) section 71 (accreditation for the purposes of Chapter 5), for all remaining purposes;
- (ii) section 72 (delegation of functions of the Statistics Board), for all remaining purposes;
- (jj) section 73 (interpretation of Chapter 5), for all remaining purposes;
- (kk) section 79 (disclosure of information by public authorities to the Statistics Board), for all remaining purposes.
- (ll) section 80 (access to information by the Statistics Board), for all remaining purposes;
- (mm) section 81 (disclosure by the Statistics Board to devolved administrations), for all remaining purposes);
- (nn) Schedule 4 (public service delivery: specified persons for the purposes of section 35), for all remaining purposes, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (oo) Schedule 5 (public service delivery: specified persons for the purposes of sections 36 and 37);
- (pp) Schedule 6 (public service delivery: specified persons for the purposes of sections 38 and 39), for all remaining purposes;
- (qq) Schedule 7 (specified persons for the purposes of the debt provisions), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only; and

- (rr) Schedule 8 (specified persons for the purposes of the fraud provisions), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only.