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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 342 (W. 62) (C. 29)**

**DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Digital Economy Act 2017 (Commencement  
No. 1) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018**

*Made* - - - - *8 March 2018*

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 118(5) and (7) of the Digital Economy Act 2017<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Title and interpretation**

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Digital Economy Act 2017 (Commencement No. 1) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018.

(2) In these Regulations, “the 2017 Act” means the Digital Economy Act 2017.

**Provisions coming into force on the day after the day on which these Regulations are made**

2. The following provisions of the 2017 Act come into force on the day after the day on which these Regulations are made—

- (a) section 35 (disclosure of information to improve public service delivery), but only for the purposes of making regulations in relation to the disclosure of information to or by a water or sewerage undertaker for an area which is wholly or mainly in Wales;
- (b) section 38 (disclosure of information to water and sewerage undertakers etc.), but only for the purposes of making regulations in relation to the disclosure of information to or by a water or sewerage undertaker for an area which is wholly or mainly in Wales; and
- (c) section 44 (regulations), so far as it relates to the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) and (b).

**Provisions coming into force on 1 April 2018**

3.—(1) The following provisions of the 2017 Act come into force on 1 April 2018 so far as they relate to the disclosure of information to or by a water or sewerage undertaker for an area which is wholly or mainly in Wales—

- (a) section 35 (disclosure of information to improve public service delivery), for all remaining purposes;
  - (b) section 38 (disclosure of information to water and sewerage undertakers etc.), for all remaining purposes;
  - (c) section 39 (disclosure of information by water and sewerage undertakers etc.);
  - (d) section 40 (further provisions about disclosures under any of sections 35 to 39);
  - (e) section 41 (confidentiality of personal information);
  - (f) section 42 (information disclosed by the Revenue and Customs);
  - (g) section 43 (code of practice);
  - (h) section 44 (regulations), for all remaining purposes;
  - (i) section 45 (interpretation of this chapter etc.);
  - (j) Schedule 4 (public service delivery: specified persons for the purposes of section 35);
  - (k) Schedule 6 (public service delivery: specified persons for the purposes of sections 38 and 39).
- (2) Chapters 5 and 6 of Part 5 of the 2017 Act come into force on 1 April 2018, so far as they relate to the disclosure of information by the Welsh Revenue Authority.

8 March 2018

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Ministers

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are made by the Welsh Ministers under the Digital Economy Act 2017 (“the Act”).

Regulation 2 commences certain provisions in Chapter 1 of Part 5 of the Act on the day after the day on which these Regulations are made, for the purpose of making regulations in relation to the disclosure of information to or by a water or sewerage undertaker for an area which is wholly or mainly in Wales.

Regulation 3 commences provisions in Chapter 1 of Part 5 of the Act on 1 April 2018, for all remaining purposes and so far as they relate to the disclosure of information to or by a water or sewerage undertaker for an area which is wholly or mainly in Wales.

Regulation 3 also commences Chapters 5 and 6 of Part 5 of the Act on 1 April 2018 so far as they relate to the disclosure of information by the Welsh Revenue Authority.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The following provisions of the Act have been or are to be brought into force by commencement regulations made by the Secretary of State before the date of these Regulations:

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 4 (partially)	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 4 (further purposes)	22 November 2017	<a href="#">2017/1136</a>
Section 4 (for remaining purposes)	28 December 2017	<a href="#">2017/1286</a>
Section 5	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 6	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 8	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 14 (partially)	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 15 (partially)	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 16	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 17	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 21(5) (partially)	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 22 (partially)	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 25	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 26(2)	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 27	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 30(1) and (2) (partially)	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 32	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 33	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 34	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 35 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 36 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 43 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 44 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 46 (partially)	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 47 (partially)	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 48 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 52 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 54 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 56 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 60 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 62 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 70 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 74	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 76	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 77	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 78	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 79, except subsection (3) (partially)	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 80 (partially)	1 October 2017	2017/765
Section 81 (partially)	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 87	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 92	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 93, except subsection (3)	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 95	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 98	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 100	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 101	31 July 2017	2017/765
Section 102	1 October 2018	2017/765

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 104	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 106 (partially)	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 108	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 109	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Section 110	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Schedule 1 (partially)	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Schedule 1 (further purposes)	22 November 2017	<a href="#">2017/1136</a>
Schedule 1 (for remaining purposes)	28 December 2017	<a href="#">2017/1286</a>
Schedule 2	28 December 2017	<a href="#">2017/1286</a>
Schedule 3, paragraph 47	31 July 2017	<a href="#">2017/765</a>
Schedule 3 (for remaining purposes)	28 December 2017	<a href="#">2017/1286</a>

See also section 118 of the Act for provisions that came into force on 27 April 2017 and 27 June 2017