



# Broadcasting Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 42

### PART I

#### INDEPENDENT TELEVISION SERVICES

#### CHAPTER 1

##### REGULATION BY COMMISSION OF TELEVISION SERVICES GENERALLY

##### *General provisions about licensed services*

#### **10 Government control over licensed services**

- (1) If it appears to him to be necessary or expedient to do so in connection with his functions as such, the Secretary of State or any other Minister of the Crown may at any time by notice require the Commission to direct the holders of any licences specified in the notice to publish in their licensed services, at such times as may be specified in the notice, such announcement as is so specified, with or without visual images of any picture, scene or object mentioned in the announcement; and it shall be the duty of the Commission to comply with the notice.
- (2) Where the holder of a licence publishes any announcement in pursuance of a direction under subsection (1), he may announce that he is doing so in pursuance of such a direction.
- (3) The Secretary of State may at any time by notice require the Commission to direct the holders of any licences specified in the notice to refrain from including in the programmes included in their licensed services any matter or classes of matter specified in the notice; and it shall be the duty of the Commission to comply with the notice.
- (4) Where the Commission—

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- (a) have given the holder of any licence a direction in accordance with a notice under subsection (3), or
  - (b) in consequence of the revocation by the Secretary of State of such a notice, have revoked such a direction,
- or where such a notice has expired, the holder of the licence in question may publish in the licensed service an announcement of the giving or revocation of the direction or of the expiration of the notice, as the case may be.
- (5) The powers conferred by this section are in addition to any power specifically conferred on the Secretary of State by any other provision of this Act.
  - (6) In relation to any licensed service provided from a place in Northern Ireland, the reference in subsection (1) to a Minister of the Crown includes a reference to the head of any Northern Ireland department.