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- s. 10(5)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 3(7)(a)(i)
- s. 10(5)(d) words inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 3(7)(b)
- s. 10(9)-(11) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 3(8)
- s. 11 omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 5
- s. 25(3) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 6(2)
- s. 25(5) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 6(2)
- s. 25(7) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 6(2)
- s. 25(8)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 6(3)
- s. 25(9) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 6(4)
- s. 25(10) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 6(5)
- s. 25(11) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 6(6)
- s. 25(12) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 6(7)
- s. 25A(1)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 7
- s. 31(2)(a) word inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 8(a)
- s. 31(2)(c) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 8(b)
- s. 31(2)(d) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 8(b)
- s. 32 modified by 1991 c. 56, s. 110A(7)(a) (as substituted) by 2014 c. 21 s. 9(1)
- s. 32 modified by 1991 c. 56, s. 110B(5)(a) (as substituted) by 2014 c. 21 s. 9(1)
- s. 32(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 9
- s. 33(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 10
- s. 35(1) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 11(a)
- s. 35(2) modified by 1991 c. 56, s. 110A(7)(b)(8) (as substituted) by 2014 c. 21 s. 9(1)
- s. 35(2) modified by 1991 c. 56, s. 110B(5)(b) (as substituted) by 2014 c. 21 s. 9(1)
- s. 35(6) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 11(b)
- s. 35(7) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 11(c)
- s. 35(9) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 11(d)
- s. 36(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 12(a)
- s. 36(2) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 12(b)
- s. 36(7A)(b)(i) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 12(c)(i)
- s. 36(7A)(b)(ii) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 12(c)(ii)
- s. 38(1) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 13(a)
- s. 38(1A) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 13(b)
- s. 38(9) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 13(c)
- s. 38(10) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 13(c)
- s. 40A(1) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 13A (as inserted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 4 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in
Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)

- s. 46(3)(b) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 14(a)
- s. 46(3)(d) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 14(a)
- s. 46(3)(e) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 14(b)
- s. 46(3)(f) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 14(c)
- s. 47(1)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 15
- s. 47(1)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 15(a) (as substituted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 6 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 47A(2)(a) word inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 16(2)(a)
- s. 47A(2)(c) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 16(2)(b)
- s. 47A(2)(d) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 16(2)(b)
- s. 47A(6) substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 16(3)
- s. 49C(11) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 17
- s. 52(1A) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 18
- s. 58(2) word inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 19(2)(a)
- s. 58(2) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 19(2)(b)
- s. 58(2) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 19(3)(a)
- s. 58(2) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 19(3)(b)
- s. 58A(4) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 20
- s. 59(1) word substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(3)
- s. 59(1) words inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(4)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(a)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(b)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(c)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(d)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(e)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(f)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(g)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(h)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(i)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(j)
- s. 59(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 21(2)(k)
- s. 60 omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 22
- s. 72(1) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 25
- s. 73(4) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 26(2)(a)
- s. 73(4)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 26(2)(b)
- s. 73(4)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 26(2)(c)
- s. 73(6) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 26(3)
- s. 73(6A) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 26(4)
- s. 73(8)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 26(5)(a)
- s. 73(8)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 26(5)(b)
- s. 75A omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 27
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 28
- Sch. 2 para. 3 repealed by 2004 c. 27 Sch. 8
- Sch. 3 para. 9 applied by Regulation (EC) No. 1379/2013, Art. 41(4) (as inserted) by S.I. 2019/739 reg. 19(31)(d)
- Sch. 3 para. 5(3)(b) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 29(3)
- Sch. 3 para. 5(3)(c) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 29(3)
- Sch. 3 para. 3 and cross-heading omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 29(2)
- Sch. 6A para. 7 words inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 29A(3) (as inserted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 7 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved
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– Sch. 7 para. 2(1)(d)(iii) substituted by 2003 c. 21 Sch. 17 para. 153(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 7 para. 21(1)(d)(iii) was fully repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), s. 41(2), Sch. 19(1) (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3)); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 11))

– Sch. 7 para. 19A words omitted by 2012 c. 19 Sch. 9 para. 9

– Sch. 8A para. 2(1)(c) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(2)(b)

– Sch. 8A para. 3(1)(d) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(2)(b)

– Sch. 8A para. 3(1)(c) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(3)(a)(ii)

– Sch. 8A para. 3(1)(d) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(3)(a)(ii)

– Sch. 8A para. 3(2) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(3)(b)

– Sch. 8A para. 3(5) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(3)(d)

– Sch. 8A para. 3(6) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(3)(d)

– Sch. 8A para. 35 and cross-heading omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(6)

– Sch. 8A para. 2(1)(a) word inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(2)(a)

– Sch. 8A para. 3(1)(a) word inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(3)(a)(i)

– Sch. 8A para. 12(5) words inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(4)(a)

– Sch. 8A para. 14(1)(a) words inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(5)

– Sch. 8A para. 3(4) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(3)(c)(i)

– Sch. 8A para. 3(4) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(3)(c)(ii)

– Sch. 9 para. 5(1)(d)(ii) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(2)(b)

– Sch. 9 para. 5(1)(d)(iv) and word omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(2)(c)

– Sch. 9 para. 5(2)(b) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(3)(b)

– Sch. 9 para. 5(2)(d) and word omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(3)(c)

– Sch. 9 para. 8(b) omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(4)

– Sch. 9 para. 5(1)(d)(i) word inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(2)(a)

– Sch. 9 para. 5(2)(a) word inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(3)(a)

– Sch. 9 para. 9(a)(i) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(6)

– Sch. 9 para. 10 and cross-heading omitted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(7)

– Sch. 9 para. 9 cross-heading substituted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 31(5)

– Sch. 10 Pt. 1 words substituted by 2003 c. 20 Sch. 2 para. 19(p)

– Sch. 11 words substituted by 2003 c. 20 Sch. 2 para. 19(p)

– Sch. 12 para. 3 repealed by 2002 c. 40 Sch. 26

– Sch. 12 para. 4(9)(10) repealed by 2002 c. 40 Sch. 26

– Sch. 12 para. 10 repealed by 2002 c. 40 Sch. 26

– Sch. 12 para. 14(3) repealed by 2003 c. 21 Sch. 19(1) Note 1 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 12 para. 14 was repealed (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 1, Sch. para. 32(3)(d))

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

– Blanket Amendment words substituted by 2005 c. 4 Sch. 11 para. 5

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

– s. 10(A1) inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 3(3)

– s. 10(12) inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 3(9)

– s. 10A inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 4
s. 31G-31L and cross-heading inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 8A (as inserted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 3 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect."

s. 46(3)(ha)(hb) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 14(d) (as inserted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 5 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect."

s. 47(1)(ca) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 15(b) (as substituted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 6 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect."

s. 60A inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 23

Sch. 6A para. 1A inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 29A(2) (as inserted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 7 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect."

Sch. 6A Pt. 3 inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 29A(4) (as inserted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 7 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect."

Sch. 8A para. 12(6) inserted by S.I. 2019/93 reg. 30(4)(b)