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394 395 396	Service of notifications and other documents Notifications and documents in electronic form Timing and location of things done electronically
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397 398	Purchase of Duchy of Lancaster land Repeal of certain provisions of the Telecommunications Act 1984
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410 411	Application of enactments to territorial sea and other waters Short title, commencement and extent

SCHEDULES SCHEDULE 1 — Functions transferred to OFCOM

Wireless telegraphy functions

- 1 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), the functions of...
- 2 (1) The functions of the Secretary of State under section...

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Functions in relation to the licensing etc. of television services

3 The following functions of the Independent Television Commission are transferred...

Functions in relation to C4C

4 The functions conferred on the Independent Television Commission by or...

Functions in relation to the licensing of radio services

5 The following functions of the Radio Authority are transferred to...

Functions in relation to the proscription of foreign satellite services

6 The functions of the Independent Television Commission and of the...

Functions in relation to Gaelic broadcasting

7 The functions of the Independent Television Commission under sections 183...

Functions in relation to the national television archive

8 The functions of the Independent Television Commission under section 185...

Warrants to enter and search premises to enforce broadcasting licences provisions

9 The functions of the Independent Television Commission and of the...

Variation of existing Channel 3 and Channel 5 licences

10 Any power to vary licences which is conferred on the...

Reports for the purposes of the review of digital broadcasting

11 The functions of the Independent Television Commission and of the...

Functions in relation to reservation of digital capacity to the BBC

12 The function of the Secretary of State under section 49(4)...

Functions in relation to listed events

13 The functions of the Independent Television Commission under Part 4...

Functions relating to fairness and privacy in broadcasting

14 The following functions of the Broadcasting Standards Commission under Part...

SCHEDULE 2 — Transfer schemes

Contents of transfer scheme

1 (1) A transfer scheme—(a) shall set out the property,...

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Effect of transfer scheme

2 (1) Property transferred by a transfer scheme shall, on the...

Retrospective modification of a transfer scheme

3 (1) If at any time after the coming into force...

Compensation

4 (1) Where, in consequence of any provision included in a...

Stamp duty

- 5 (1) Stamp duty is not to be chargeable—
- 5A Stamp duty land tax

Interpretation of Schedule

6 In this Schedule "transfer scheme" means a scheme made by...

SCHEDULE 3 — Amendments of Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984

Introductory

1 Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12) (the...

Meaning of conduit system and electronic communications apparatus, network or service

2 (1) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 (interpretation of the...

Meaning of operator and operator's system

3 (1) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 for the definitions...

Provision of a conduit system

4 After sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 1 there shall be inserted—...

General amendments

5 In paragraphs 2 to 28—(a) for the words "telecommunication...

Power to fly lines

6 In paragraph 10 (power to fly lines), after sub-paragraph (2)...

Power to require alteration of apparatus

7 In paragraph 20(4)(b) (alteration not to interfere with service provided...

Undertaker's works

In paragraph 23(10) (interpretation of provisions relating to undertakers' works),...

Notices under the code

9 (1) In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 24 (notices in a...

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Application of code to the Crown

10 In paragraph 26(4) (Crown application provision not to apply where...

Effect of agreements concerning sharing of apparatus

11 After paragraph 28, there shall be inserted— Effect of agreements...

SCHEDULE 4 — Compulsory purchase and entry for exploratory purposes

Interpretation

- 1 In this Schedule— "code operator" means a provider of an...
 - General duties with respect to powers under Schedule
- 2 In exercising his powers under this Schedule it shall be...

Compulsory purchase of land: England and Wales

3 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Secretary of State may...

Compulsory purchase of land: Scotland

4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Secretary of State may...

Compulsory purchase of land: Northern Ireland

5 (1) Where a code operator proposes to acquire, otherwise than...

Entry on land for exploratory purposes: England and Wales

6 (1) A person— (a) nominated by a code operator, and...

Entry on land for exploratory purposes: Scotland

7 (1) A person— (a) nominated by a code operator, and...

Entry on land for exploratory purposes: Northern Ireland

8 (1) A person—(a) nominated by a code operator, and...

Acquisition of land by agreement

9 (1) For the purpose of the acquisition by agreement by...

SCHEDULE 5 — Procedure for grants of recognised spectrum access

General procedure for applications

Information to be provided in connection with applications
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 $Notice\ of\ proposed\ refusal\ of\ application$

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	Duration of grant
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	Revocation or modification
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	Notice of proposed revocation or modification
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	Restriction on powers of revocation and modification
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	Interpretation
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S	CHEDULE 6 — Fixed penalties for wireless telegraphy offences
	Offences to which this Schedule applies
1	
	Fixed penalties and fixed penalty notices
2	
	Issuing of fixed penalty notice
3	
	Content of fixed penalty notice
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	Withdrawal of fixed penalty notice
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	Notification to person to whom payment is to be made
6	
	Effect of fixed penalty notice
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	Payment of fixed penalty
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	Effect of payment
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	Service of statement and proof of service
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	Certificate about payment
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	Regulations
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SC	CHEDULE 7 — Seizure and forfeiture of apparatus
	Application of Schedule
1	
	Notice of seizure
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	Notice of claim
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	Condemnation
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	Proceedings for condemnation by court
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Saving for owner's rights

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SCHEDULE 8 — Decisions not subject to appeal

Prosecutions and civil proceedings

- 1 A decision to institute, bring or carry on any criminal...
- 2 A decision (other than one under section 119) to take...

This Act

- 3 A decision relating to the making or revision of a...
- 4 A decision required to be published in a notification under...
- 5 A decision given effect to by an order under section...
- 6 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 66....
- 7 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 71....
- 8 A decision required to be published in a notification under...
- 9 A decision given effect to by an order under section...
- 10 A decision relating to the making or revision of a...
- 11 A decision given effect to by an order under section...
- 12 A decision relating to the making or revision of a...
- 13 A decision relating to the publication of the United Kingdom...
- 14 A decision in exercise of the functions conferred on OFCOM...
- 15 A decision under section 155.
- 16 A decision under section 158.
- 17 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 159....
- 18 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 162....
- 19 A decision given effect to by an order under section...
- 20 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 168....
- 21 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 170...
- A decision to impose a penalty under section 175(1).
- 23 A decision relating to the making or revision of a...
- 24 A decision given effect to by regulations under paragraph 1...
- 25 A decision under any provision of Schedule 6.
- A decision under any provision of Schedule 7.

Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949

- 27 A decision given effect to by regulations under the proviso...
- 28 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 1D(3)...
- 29 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 3...
- 30 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 10...
- 31 A decision relating to the making or revision of a...
- 32 A decision for the purposes of section 15 of that...

Wireless Telegraphy Act 1998

- A decision given effect to by regulations under section 1...
- 34 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 3...
- 35 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 3A...
- 36 A decision relating to the recovery of a sum payable...

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Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006

- A decision relating to the publication of the United Kingdom...
- 38 A decision in exercise of the functions conferred on OFCOM...
- 39 A decision under section 4 or 7.
- 40 A decision given effect to— (a) by regulations under section...
- 41 A decision relating to the recovery of a sum payable...
- 42 A decision given effect to by regulations under section 31...
- 43 A decision relating to the making or revision of a...
- 44 A decision to impose a penalty under section 42(1).
- 45 A decision for the purposes of section 59.
- 46 A decision relating to an authority under section 62(5).

SCHEDULE 9 — Arrangements about carrying on of C4C's activities

Notification of requirement to submit proposals

1 (1) It shall be the duty of OFCOM to give...

Submission of proposed arrangements

2 (1) This paragraph applies where C4C have received a notification...

Consideration and approval of proposals

3 (1) OFCOM must consider every proposal or revised proposal submitted...

Duration of approval and modification of arrangements

4 (1) Arrangements approved under this Schedule are to remain in...

Publication of approved arrangements

5 (1) OFCOM must publish all arrangements approved by them under...

Duty of C4C to act in accordance with the approved arrangements

6 It shall be the duty of C4C to act in...

nforcement of duties

7 (1) This paragraph applies to—(a) every duty of C4C...

Penalty for contravention of the arrangements

8 (1) OFCOM may impose a penalty on C4C if C4C...

OFCOM's duty to take account of need to support C4C's primary functions

9 In exercising their powers under this Schedule OFCOM must have...

Interpretation of Schedule

10 In this Schedule— "arrangements" means arrangements about the procedures and...

SCHEDULE 10 — Licensing the public teletext service

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Part 1 — APPLICATIONS FOR AND AWARD OF LICENCE

Notice of proposal to grant licence

1 (1) Where OFCOM propose to grant a licence to provide...

Guidance as to applications

2 (1) When publishing a notice under paragraph 1, OFCOM must...

Applications for the licence

3 (1) An application made in response to a notice under...

Notice inviting public representations

4 (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the date specified...

Determination of applications

5 (1) This paragraph applies where, in response to a notice...

Revocation of award

6 (1) This paragraph applies if, at any time after a...
Part 2 — CONDITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT OF LICENCE

Payments to be made in respect of the public teletext service

7 (1) A licence to provide the public teletext service must...

Corrections and statements of findings by the public teletext provider

8 (1) Section 40 of the 1990 Act (power to direct...

Enforcement of the licence for the public teletext service

9 (1) If OFCOM are satisfied that the holder of the...

Power to shorten licence period

10 (1) If OFCOM are satisfied that the holder of the...

Revocation for contravention of condition or direction

11 Section 42 of the 1990 Act (revocation for contravention) shall...

Penalty on revocation

12 (1) Where OFCOM revoke the licence to provide the public...

Power to modify penalties in paragraph 12

- 13 (1) The Secretary of State may by order substitute a...
 Part 3 INTERPRETATION OF SCHEDULE
- 14 In this Schedule "licence period", in relation to a licence,...
- 15 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule the qualifying revenue...

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SCHEDULE 11 — Approval, imposition and modification of networking arrangements

Application of Schedule

1 (1) This Schedule applies where OFCOM's approval of networking arrangements...

Approval required for modifications

2 (1) Where networking arrangements are approved by OFCOM for purposes...

Procedure for giving approval

3 (1) This paragraph applies where arrangements or modifications are submitted...

Decision of OFCOM whether or not to approve arrangements or modifications

4 (1) The decision made by OFCOM under paragraph 3(4) has...

Notification of decisions on imposition of arrangements

5 (1) Where OFCOM impose arrangements they must prepare and publish...

Competition tests applying to OFCOM's decisions

6 (1) OFCOM must not— (a) approve arrangements or modifications,

Other matters to be taken into account

7 (1) OFCOM must not— (a) approve arrangements or modifications,

Duty to refuse approval in certain cases

8 (1) This paragraph applies to a decision by OFCOM—

Appeals against decisions relating to competition test

9 (1) A person holding a regional Channel 3 licence may...

Decisions on an appeal

10 (1) Appeals to the Tribunal under paragraph 9 are to...

Appeals against decisions of the Tribunal

11 (1) A decision of the Tribunal on an appeal under...

Information for OFCOM

12 (1) OFCOM may by notice require a person—

Enforcement of information provisions

13 (1) The court may, on an application by OFCOM, enquire...

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Confidentiality and defamation

14 (1) When publishing a report prepared under paragraph 4 or...

Interpretation of Schedule

15 In this Schedule— "competition test" is to be construed in...

SCHEDULE 11A — Restrictions on product placement

Introductory

- 1 (1) In this Part "product placement", in relation to a programme included...
- 2 The product placement requirements are— (a) that the product placement...

Prohibitions of product placement

- 3 (1) Product placement falls within this paragraph if it is in a children's programme
- 4 Product placement falls within this paragraph if it is—
- 5 Product placement of alcoholic drinks falls within this paragraph if—...
- 6 (1) Product placement falls within this paragraph if it is...

Conditions applying to product placement

- 7 (1) These are the conditions referred to in paragraph 2(b
- 8 (1) This paragraph applies where the programme featuring the product...

Minor definitions

9 In this Schedule— "connected" has the same meaning as it...

SCHEDULE 12 — Corresponding obligations of the BBC and Welsh Authority Part 1 — The BBC

Quotas for independent productions

1 (1) It shall be the duty of the BBC to...

Duty to publicise complaints procedures etc.

2 (1) It shall be the duty of the BBC to...

Part 2 — THE WELSH AUTHORITY

Public service remits of the Welsh Authority services

3 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority...

Statements of programme policy

4 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority—...

Must-offer obligations in relation to networks and satellite services

5 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority...

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Supply of services by satellite in certain areas

6 It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority—

Programming quotas for independent productions

7 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority...

Programme quotas for original productions

8 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority,...

News and current affairs programmes

9 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority,...

Code relating to programme commissioning

10 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority...

Co-operation with the public teletext provider

11 (1) The Welsh Authority must grant access to the public...

Programme standards

- 12 It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority in...
- 13 It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority to...
- 14 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority...
- 15 (1) This paragraph applies if OFCOM are satisfied—

Directions with respect to advertising

16 (1) The Welsh Authority must comply with directions given to...

Fairness standards

17 It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority to...

Party political broadcasts

18 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority...

Duty to publicise complaints procedures etc.

19 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority...

Monitoring of programmes

20 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority—...

Compliance with international obligations

21 (1) OFCOM may give the Welsh Authority such directions as...

Services for the deaf and visually impaired

22 It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority to...

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Equality of opportunity

23 (1) It shall be the duty of the Welsh Authority...

On-demand programme services

23A (1) It is the duty of the Welsh Authority to...

Meaning of Welsh Authority's public services

24 (1) In this Part of this Schedule, references to the...

SCHEDULE 13 — Financial penalties under the Broadcasting Acts Part 1 — BROADCASTING ACT 1990

Preliminary

1 The 1990 Act shall be amended as follows.

Revocation of television services licence

2 (1) In subsection (3) of section 18 (penalty on revocation...

Licences for Channel 3 services and for Channels 4 and 5

3 (1) For subsection (2) of section 41 (penalties for failure...

Restricted services licences

4 (1) In subsection (2) of section 42B (application of sections...

Additional television services licences

5 (1) For subsection (2) of section 55 (penalties for failure...

Revocation of national sound broadcasting licence

6 (1) In subsection (3) of section 101 (penalty on revocation...

Licences for analogue sound services

7 (1) For subsection (2) of section 110 (penalties for failure...

Additional radio services licences

8 (1) For subsection (2) of section 120 (penalties for failure...

Power to amend penalties under the 1990 Act

9 (1) The Secretary of State may by order amend any...
Part 2 — BROADCASTING ACT 1996

Preliminary

10 The 1996 Act shall be amended as follows.

Revocation of television multiplex licences

11 (1) In subsection (5) of section 11 (penalty on revocation...

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Attribution of television multiplex revenue

12 (1) In subsection (1) of section 15 (attribution of multiplex...

Multiplex licences

13 (1) In subsection (2) of section 17 (penalty for failure...

Digital television programme licences

14 (1) In subsection (2) of section 23 (penalty for failure...

Digital additional television services licences

15 (1) In subsection (2) of section 27 (penalty for failure...

Power to amend digital television penalties

16 For section 36(2) and (3) (provisions that may be amended...

Revocation of radio multiplex licences

17 (1) In section 53(5) (maximum penalty on revocation of radio...

Attribution of radio multiplex revenue

18 (1) In subsection (1) of section 57 (attribution of multiplex...

Contraventions of conditions of radio multiplex licences

19 (1) In subsection (2) of section 59 (penalty for failure...

Digital sound programme licences

20 (1) In subsection (2) of section 62 (penalty for failure...

Licences for digital additional sound services

21 (1) In subsection (2) of section 66 (penalty for failure...

Power to amend digital television penalties

22 For section 69(2) and (3) (provisions that may be amended...

SCHEDULE 14 — Media ownership rules Part 1 — CHANNEL 3 SERVICES

Ban on newspaper proprietors holding Channel 3 licences

1 (1) A person is not to hold a licence to...

Restrictions on participation

2 (1) A person who is—(a) the proprietor of a...

National and local newspapers and their respective national and local market shares

3 (1) In this Part of this Schedule references to a...

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Construction	ot ret	erences	to.	running	a	newspaper

	Construction of references to running a newspaper
4	For the purposes of this Part of this Schedule a
	Coverage area for a Channel 3 service
5	For the purposes of this Part of this Schedule the
	Power to amend Part 1 of Schedule
6	The Secretary of State may by order repeal or otherwise Part 2 —
7	
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10	Part 3 — LOCAL SOUND PROGRAMME SERVICES
	Restriction on holding of local sound broadcasting licences
11	(1) The Secretary of State may by order impose—
	Restriction applying to local digital sound programme services
12	(1) The Secretary of State may by order impose requirements,
	Powers supplemental to powers under paragraphs 11 and 12
13	(1) An order under paragraph 11 or 12 may make
	Transitional provision for orders under paragraphs 11 and 12
14	(1) This paragraph applies where— (a) immediately after the coming Part 4 — RELIGIOUS BODIES ETC.
	Approval required for religious bodies etc. to hold licences
15	(1) A person mentioned in paragraph 2(1) of Part 2
	Power to amend Part 4 of Schedule
16	The Secretary of State may by order repeal or otherwise Part 5 — SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS OF SCHEDULE

Procedure for orders

(1) Before making an order under any provision of this... 17

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Interpretation of Schedule

18 (1) Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the 1990 Act...

SCHEDULE 15 — Amendments of Broadcasting Acts Part 1 — AMENDMENTS OF THE 1990 ACT

Licences under Part 1

1 (1) Section 3 of the 1990 Act (licensing under Part...

General licence conditions

2 (1) Section 4 of the 1990 Act (general licence conditions)...

Restrictions on licence holding

3 (1) Section 5 of the 1990 Act (restrictions on licence...

Repeal of previous regulatory regime

4 Sections 6 to 12 of the 1990 Act (which contain...

Prohibition on providing television services without a licence

5 (1) Section 13 of the 1990 Act (prohibition on providing...

Television broadcasting on Channel 3

6 In section 14 of the 1990 Act (establishment of Channel...

Applications for Channel 3 licences

7 (1) Section 15 of the 1990 Act (applications for Channel...

Procedure on consideration of applications for Channel 3 licences

8 (1) Section 16 of the 1990 Act (consideration of applications...

Television broadcasting on Channel 3

9 (1) Section 17 of the 1990 Act (award of licences...

Financial conditions of licence and failures to begin a service

10 In sections 17A to 19 of the 1990 Act (financial...

Changes of control in period after award of licence

11 (1) Section 21 of the 1990 Act (changes of control...

Temporary provision of Channel 3 service for an additional area

12 In section 22 of the 1990 Act (temporary provision of...

Appointment of members of C4 Corporation

13 In section 23 of the 1990 Act (appointment of C4C...

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Channel 4 licence

14 In section 24(3) of the 1990 Act (Channel 4 licence),...

Channel 5

15 In section 28 of the 1990 Act (Channel 5), for...

Application to Channel 5 of Channel 3 provisions

16 (1) In section 29 of the 1990 Act (application to...

Announcement of programme Schedules

17 In section 37(1) of the 1990 Act (conditions requiring announcement...

Enforcement of conditions of Channel 3, Channel 4 and Channel 5 licences

18 (1) In sections 40 to 42 of the 1990 Act...

Restricted services

19 In section 42B(1) of the 1990 Act (licensing of restricted...

Additional television services

20 (1) Section 48 of the 1990 Act (additional services) shall...

Licensing of additional television services

21 (1) Section 49 of the 1990 Act (licensing of additional...

Applications for additional services licences

22 (1) Section 50 of the 1990 Act (applications for additional...

Procedure on application etc. for additional television services licences

23 (1) Section 51 of the 1990 Act (consideration of applications...

Additional payments in respect of additional television services licences

24 In section 52 of the 1990 Act (additional payments in...

Duration of additional television services licences

25 (1) Section 53 of the 1990 Act (duration and renewal...

Additional television services not to interfere with other transmissions

26 (1) Section 54 of the 1990 Act (additional television services...

Enforcement of additional television services licences

27 (1) Section 55 of the 1990 Act (further provision in...

The Welsh Authority

28 (1) Section 58 of the 1990 Act (sources of programmes...

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Distribution of licensed public service channels

29 (1) Section 66 of the 1990 Act (requirements relating to...

Enforcement of licences held by BBC companies

30 In section 66A of the 1990 Act (enforcement of licences...

Interpretation of Part 1

31 (1) Section 71 of the 1990 Act (interpretation) shall be...

Licensing functions of OFCOM

32 (1) Section 85 of the 1990 Act (licensing of independent...

Licences under Part 3 of the 1990 Act

33 (1) Section 86 of the 1990 Act (licences under Part...

General licence conditions

34 (1) Section 87 of the 1990 Act (general licence conditions)...

Restrictions on holding licences

35 (1) Section 88 of the 1990 Act (restrictions on the...

Disqualification of persons convicted of transmission offences

36 (1) Section 89 of the 1990 Act (offences giving rise...

Offence of providing regulated radio services

37 (1) Section 97 of the 1990 Act (prohibition on providing...

Applications for national licences

38 (1) Section 98 of the 1990 Act (applications for national...

Consideration of applications for a national licence

39 (1) Section 99 of the 1990 Act (consideration of applications...

Award of national licences

40 In section 100 of the 1990 Act (award of national...

Failure to begin providing licensed service

41 (1) Section 101 of the 1990 Act (failure to begin...

Additional payments in respect of national licences

42 In section 102 of the 1990 Act (additional payments in...

Restrictions affecting change in control of holder of national licence

43 (1) Section 103 of the 1990 Act (restrictions on change...

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Renewal of national licences

44 (1) Section 103A of the 1990 Act (renewal of national...

Applications for local licences

45 (1) Section 104 of the 1990 Act (application for local...

Renewal of local licences

46 (1) Section 104A of the 1990 Act (renewal of local...

Special procedure for applications for local licences

47 (1) Section 104B of the 1990 Act (special procedure for...

Special requirements relating to grant of local licences

48 (1) Section 105 of the 1990 Act (special requirements relating...

Requirements as to character and coverage of services

49 In subsections (1) to (4) and (6) of section 106...

Enforcement of licences

50 In sections 109 to 111A of the 1990 Act (enforcement...

Power to suspend licences to provide radio licensable content services from a satellite

51 (1) Section 111B of the 1990 Act (power to suspend...

Additional radio services

52 (1) Section 114 of the 1990 Act (additional radio services)...

Licensing of additional radio services

53 (1) Section 115 of the 1990 Act (licensing of additional...

Applications for additional radio services licences

54 (1) Section 116 of the 1990 Act (applications for additional...

Procedure for awarding additional radio services licences

55 (1) Section 117 of the 1990 Act (procedure for awarding...

Additional payments in respect of additional radio services licences

56 In section 118 of the 1990 Act (additional payments in...

Additional radio services not to interfere with other transmissions

57 (1) Section 119 of the 1990 Act (additional radio services...

Enforcement of additional radio services licences

58 In section 120 of the 1990 Act (enforcement of additional...

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Interpretation

59 In subsection (1) of section 126 of the 1990 Act...

Duty to provide advance information about programmes

60 In column 1 of the Table in section 176(7) of...

Proscription of foreign satellite services

61 (1) Section 177 of the 1990 Act (proscription of foreign...

Financing of Gaelic Broadcasting

62 (1) Section 183 of the 1990 Act (financing of Gaelic...

Gaelic Broadcasting in Scotland

63 (1) Section 184 of the 1990 Act (broadcasting of programmes...

Maintenance of the national television archive

64 (1) In section 185 of the 1990 Act (maintenance of...

Modification of networking arrangements

65 (1) Section 193 of the 1990 Act (modification of networking...

Search warrants

66 (1) Section 196 of the 1990 Act (grant of search...

Notices

67 In section 199(5) of the 1990 Act (publication of notices),...

Interpretation

68 (1) Section 202 of the 1990 Act (general interpretation) shall...

Disqualified persons

69 (1) Schedule 2 to the 1990 Act (restrictions on the...

C4C

70 (1) Schedule 3 to the 1990 Act (provision about constitution...

The Welsh Authority

71 (1) Schedule 6 to the 1990 Act (provision about constitution...

Computation of qualifying revenue

72 (1) Schedule 7 to the 1990 Act (computation of "qualifying...

The Gaelic Television Committee

73 (1) Schedule 19 to the 1990 Act (Gaelic Television Committee)...
Part 2 — AMENDMENTS OF THE 1996 ACT

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Multiplex services and digital programme services

74 (1) Section 1 of the 1996 Act (interpretation) shall be...

Meaning of qualifying service

75 In section 2 of the 1996 Act (meaning of "qualifying...

Licences under Part 1

76 (1) Section 3 of the 1996 Act (licences under Part...

Licence conditions

77 (1) Section 4 of the 1996 Act (general licence conditions)...

Restrictions on digital licence holding

78 (1) Section 5 of the 1996 Act (restrictions on holding...

Multiplex licences

79 (1) Section 7 of the 1996 Act (multiplex licences) shall...

Award of multiplex licences

80 (1) Section 8 of the 1996 Act (award of multiplex...

Power to require two or more multiplex licences to be granted to one person

81 In section 9 of the 1996 Act (grant of two...

Award of multiplex licences subject to conditions

82 (1) Section 10 of the 1996 Act (award of multiplex...

Failure to provide licensed service and revocation

83 In section 11 of the 1996 Act (failure to provide...

Conditions attached to multiplex licences

84 In section 12 of the 1996 Act (conditions attached to...

Additional payments in respect of multiplex licences

85 In section 13 of the 1996 Act (additional payments in...

Multiplex revenue

86 (1) Section 14 of the 1996 Act (multiplex revenue) shall...

Attribution of multiplex revenue to multiplex providers

87 (1) Section 15 of the 1996 Act (attribution of multiplex...

Duration of multiplex licences

88 (1) Section 16 of the 1996 Act (duration and renewal...

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Enforcement of multiplex licences

89 In section 17 of the 1996 Act (enforcement of multiplex...

Licensing of digital programme services

90 (1) Section 18 of the 1996 Act (licensing of digital...

Conditions of licences for digital programme services

91 (1) Section 19 of the 1996 Act (conditions of licences...

Duration and enforcement of multiplex licenses

92 (1) Section 23 of the 1996 Act (enforcement of digital...

Digital additional services

93 (1) Section 24 of the 1996 Act (digital additional services)...

Licensing of digital additional services

94 (1) Section 25 of the 1996 Act (licensing of digital...

Conditions of digital additional services licence

95 (1) Section 26 of the 1996 Act (conditions of licences...

Enforcement of digital additional television services licences

96 (1) Section 27 of the 1996 Act (enforcement of digital...

Digital broadcasting of Gaelic programmes

97 (1) Section 32 of the 1996 Act (digital broadcasting of...

Review of digital television broadcasting

98 (1) Section 33 of the 1996 Act (review of digital...

Enforcement of licences held by BBC companies

99 In section 35 of the 1996 Act (enforcement of licences...

Interpretation of Part 1

100 In section 39(1) (interpretation of Part 1)—

Radio multiplex services

101 (1) Section 40 of the 1996 Act (radio multiplex services)...

Licences under Part 2 of the 1996 Act

102 (1) Section 42 of the 1996 Act (licences under Part...

General licence conditions

103 (1) Section 43 of the 1996 Act (general licence conditions)...

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Restrictions on holding licences

104 (1) Section 44 of the 1996 Act (restrictions on the...

National radio multiplex licences

105 (1) Section 46 of the 1996 Act (national radio multiplex...

Award of national radio multiplex licences

106 In section 47 of the 1996 Act (award of national...

Reservation of capacity for independent national broadcasters

107 (1) Section 48 of the 1996 Act (reservation of digital...

Reservation of digital capacity for BBC

108 (1) Section 49 of the 1996 Act (reservation of digital...

Local radio multiplex licences

109 (1) Section 50 of the 1996 Act (local radio multiplex...

Award of local multiplex licences

110 (1) Section 51 of the 1996 Act (award of local...

Power to require two or more local radio multiplex licences to be granted to one person

In section 52 of the 1996 Act (power to require...

Failure to begin to provide licensed service

112 In section 53 of the 1996 Act (failure to provide...

Conditions which may be attached to radio multiplex licences

113 In section 54 of the 1996 Act (conditions which may...

Additional payments to be made in respect of national radio multiplex licences

In section 55 of the 1996 Act (additional payments to...

Multiplex revenue

115 (1) Section 56 of the 1996 Act (multiplex revenue) shall...

Attribution of radio multiplex revenue

116 (1) Section 57 of the 1996 Act (attribution of radio...

Duration and renewal of radio multiplex licences

117 (1) Section 58 of the 1996 Act (duration and renewal...

Enforcement of radio multiplex licences

118 In section 59 of the 1996 Act (enforcement of radio...

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Digital sound programme licensing

119 (1) Section 60 of the 1996 Act (digital sound programme...

Conditions of digital sound programme licences

120 (1) Section 61 of the 1996 Act (conditions of licences...

Enforcement of digital sound programme licences

121 (1) Section 62 of the 1996 Act (enforcement of digital...

Digital additional sound services

122 In section 64 of the 1996 Act (licensing of digital...

Conditions of digital additional sound service

123 (1) Section 65 of the 1996 Act (conditions of licences...

Enforcement of digital additional sound services licences

124 (1) Section 66 of the 1996 Act (enforcement of digital...

Review of digital radio broadcasting

125 In section 67 of the 1996 Act (review of digital...

Interpretation

126 In section 72(1) of the 1996 Act (interpretation), for the...

Listed events

- 127 (1) Section 98 of the 1996 Act (categories of service...
- 128 In sections 101, 101B, 102 and 103 of the 1996...
- 129 (1) Section 104 of the 1996 Act (code of guidance)...
- 130 In section 104A of the 1996 Act (provision of information...
- 131 In section 105(1) of the 1996 Act (interpretation of Part...

Broadcasting standards

- 132 (1) Part 5 of the 1996 Act (the Broadcasting Standards...
- 133 In section 107(5)(b) of the 1996 Act (code relating to...
- 134 In section 115 of the 1996 Act (consideration of fairness...
- 135 In section 117 of the 1996 Act (duty of broadcasting...
- 136 (1) For subsections (1) and (2) of section 119 of...
- 137 In section 130(1) of the 1996 Act (interpretation of Part...

Disqualification on grounds related to political objects

138 (1) Section 143 of the 1996 Act (disqualification on grounds...

Offence of providing false information

139 (1) Section 144 of the 1996 Act (offence of providing...

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Disqualification for supplying false information

140 (1) Section 145 of the 1996 Act (disqualification for offence...

Interpretation

141 In section 147(1) of the 1996 Act (general interpretation), after...

Computation of qualifying revenue

142 (1) Schedule 1 to the 1996 Act (computation of "multiplex...

SCHEDULE 16 — Further amendments in connection with media mergers

Competition Act 1980 (c. 21)

1 In section 11C(1) of the Competition Act 1980 (application of...

Gas Act 1986 (c. 44)

2 In section 41EB(4) of the Gas Act 1986 (application of...

Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29)

3 In section 56CB(4) of the Electricity Act 1989 (application of...

Railways Act 1993 (c. 43)

4 (1) The Railways Act 1993 shall be amended as follows....

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8)

5 In Schedule 14 to the Financial Services and Markets Act...

Postal Services Act 2000 (c. 26)

6 Further amendments in connection with media mergers

Transport Act 2000 (c. 38)

7 (1) The Transport Act 2000 shall be amended as follows....

Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40)

- 8 (1) Section 43 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (intervention notices...
- 9 In section 45(1)(b) of that Act (circumstances in which the...
- 10 After section 50(2) of that Act (reports on references in...
- 11 In section 57(2) of that Act (duty to bring representations...
- 12 In section 58(4)(b) of that Act (retrospective effect of orders...
- 13 In section 60(4)(a) of that Act (final determination of matters...
- 14 In section 62(1)(b) of that Act (circumstances in which the...
- 15 After section 65(2) of that Act (reports on references in...
- 16 In section 67(1)(b) of that Act (intervention to protect legitimate...
- 17 In section 68(2)(c) of that Act (scheme for protecting legitimate...
- 18 (1) Section 107 of that Act (further publicity requirements) shall...
- 19 In section 108 of that Act (defamation) after the words...
- 20 (1) Section 117 of that Act (false or misleading information)...
- 21 In section 118(1) of that Act (excisions from reports) before...

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- 22 In section 120(1) of that Act (review of decisions under...
- 23 (1) Section 121 of that Act (fees) shall be amended...
- 24 (1) Section 124 of that Act (orders and regulations under...
- 25 (1) Section 130 of that Act (index of defined expressions)...
- 26 In section 180(2) of that Act (application of section 117...

SCHEDULE 17 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

Interpretation

1 (1) In any Act or instrument amended by this Schedule—...

Official Secrets Act 1911

2 For the purposes of the Official Secrets Act 1911 (c....

Law of Property Act 1925

3 In section 194(4) of the Law of Property Act 1925...

Public Health Act 1925

4 In section 10 of the Public Health Act 1925 (c....

London Overground Wires, etc Act 1933

5 (1) The London Overground Wires, etc. Act 1933 (c. xliv)...

Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949

- 6 (1) Section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 (c....
- 7 In section 1C of that Act (prohibition on Acts facilitating...
- 8 (1) Section 1D of that Act (procedure for grant of...
- 9 (1) Section 3 of that Act (regulations as to wireless...
- 10 No appeal shall be brought to the tribunal established under...
- 11 (1) Section 10 of that Act (regulations as to radiation...
- 12 (1) Section 11 of that Act (enforcement of regulations as...
- 13 (1) Section 12 of that Act (enforcement of regulations as...
- 14 (1) Section 14 of that Act (penalties and legal proceedings)...
- 15 (1) Section 15 of that Act (powers of entry) shall...
- 16 (1) Section 16 of that Act (regulations and orders) shall...
- 17 In section 19 of that Act (interpretation), after subsection (2)...
- 18 In Schedule 1 to that Act (procedures in relation to...

Coast Protection Act 1949

19 In section 47 of the Coast Protection Act 1949 (c....

National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

20 (1) The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act...

London County Council (General Powers) Act 1949

21 In section 7(6) of the London County Council (General Powers)...

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		Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953	
	22	(1) Section 6 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act	
		Army Act 1955	
	23		
		Air Force Act 1955	
	24		
Lough Neagh and Lower Bann Drainage and Navigation Act (Northern Ireland) 15			
	25	In section 17(2) of the Lough Neagh and Lower Bann	
		Naval Discipline Act 1957	
	26	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
		Opencast Coal Act 1958	
	27	(1) In section 45 of the Opencast Coal Act 1958	
		Pipe-lines Act 1962	
	28	In section 40 of the Pipe-lines Act 1962 (c. 58)	
		London County Council (General Powers) Act 1963	
	29	In section 17(4)(a) of the London County Council (General Powers)	
		Harbours Act 1964	
	30	In section 53 of the Harbours Act 1964 (c. 40)	
		New Towns Act (Northern Ireland) 1965	
	31	(1) Section 25 of the New Towns Act (Northern Ireland)	
		Marine, &c., Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967	
	32 33 34 35 36	In each of sections 4 and 5 of the Marine, (1) Section 5 of that Act shall be further amended In section 6(5) of that Act (restrictions on prosecutions), after (1) Section 7A of that Act (powers of enforcement in In section 9(1) of that Act (interpretation), after the definition	
		Wireless Telegraphy Act 1967	
	37 38 39	 Section 7 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1967 (c Section 8 of that Act (provisions for securing enforcement In section 13(1) of that Act (regulations and order to 	

Countryside Act 1968

40 (1) The Countryside Act 1968 (c. 41) shall be amended...

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Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1969

41 In section 7(6) of the Greater London Council (General Powers)...

Harbours Act (Northern Ireland) 1970

42 In section 37 of the Harbours Act (Northern Ireland) 1970...

Thames Barrier and Flood Prevention Act 1972

43 In section 20(1)(a) of the Thames Barrier and Flood Prevention...

Fair Trading Act 1973

44 In section 137(3) of the Fair Trading Act 1973 (c....

Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973

45 In paragraph 3 of Schedule 9 to the Drainage (Northern...

Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1973

46 (1) In Article 57A(3)(b) of the Water and Sewerage Services...

Consumer Credit Act 1974

47 In section 16(6) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c....

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975

48 In Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the House of...

Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975

49 In Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland...

Welsh Development Agency Act 1975

50 (1) Section 19 of the Welsh Development Agency Act 1975...

Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1979

51 In paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations...

Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980

52 (1) Part 3 of Schedule 28 to the Local Government,...

Highways Act 1980

- 53 In section 35(11)(c) and (12) of the Highways Act 1980...
- 54 In section 115D of that Act (limits on powers to...
- In section 142(5) of that Act (protection of telecommunications apparatus...
- 56 (1) This paragraph applies to the following provisions of that...

New Towns Act 1981

57 (1) This paragraph applies to the following provisions of the...

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Acquisition of Land Act 1981

58 (1) The Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) shall...

Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

59 In Article 159A of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981...

Civil Aviation Act 1982

60 In section 48(7)(b) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 (c....

Representation of the People Act 1983

- 61 In section 92(1)(c) of the Representation of the People Act...
- 62 (1) Section 93 of that Act (broadcasting of local items...

Telecommunications Act 1984

- 63 (1) Sections 44 to 46 of the Telecommunications Act 1984...
- In sections 79, 83, 85 and 86 of that Act...
- 65 In section 79(6)(b) of that Act (seizure of apparatus etc.),...
- 66 (1) Section 83 of that Act (disposal of seized apparatus...
- 67 (1) Section 84 of that Act (approval of wireless telegraphy...
- 68 Section 90 of that Act (funding of wireless interference service...
- 69 (1) Section 91 of that Act (construction of references to...
- 70 (1) Section 94 of that Act (directions in the interests...
- 71 (1) Section 98 of that Act (use of conduits for...
- 72 (1) Section 101 of that Act (general restrictions on disclosure...
- 73 In section 104 of that Act (orders and schemes), after...
- 74 In section 106(1) of that Act (general interpretation), after the...
- 75 In paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 2 to that Act (notices...

Cinemas Act 1985

76 In section 21(1) of the Cinemas Act 1985 (c. 13)...

Surrogacy Arrangements Act 1985

77 In section 3 of the Surrogacy Arrangements Act 1985 (c....

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

78 (1) Section 70 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (c....

Housing Act 1985

79 (1) The Housing Act 1985 (c. 68) shall be amended...

Airports Act 1986

80 In section 62 of the Airports Act 1986 (c. 31)...

Gas Act 1986

81 In section 4AA(4)(b) of the Gas Act 1986 (c. 44)...

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Insolvency Act 1986

82 (1) The Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) shall be amended...

Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

83 In section 9E(2) of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986...

Channel Tunnel Act 1987

- 84 For section 32 of the Channel Tunnel Act 1987 (c....
- 85 In paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to that Act (supplementary...
- 86 (1) Part 10 of Schedule 7 to that Act (protection...

Consumer Protection (Northern Ireland) Order 1987

87 (1) Article 29 of the Consumer Protection (Northern Ireland) Order...

Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988

88 In section 567(2)(b) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act...

Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988

89 In section 25(1) of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act...

Malicious Communications Act 1988

90 In section 1(2A)(a) of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 (c....

Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

- 91 (1) Section 69 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act...
- 92 (1) Section 73 of that Act (no breach of copyright...
- 93 (1) Paragraph 17 of Schedule 2 to that Act (no...

Housing Act 1988

94 (1) Part 2 of Schedule 10 to the Housing Act...

Road Traffic Act 1988

95 In section 21(3)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c....

Water Act 1989

96 (1) Section 174 of the Water Act 1989 (c. 15)...

Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989

97 (1) The Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act...

Electricity Act 1989

- 98 In section 3A(4)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29)...
- 99 (1) Schedule 4 to that Act (other powers etc. of...

Local Government and Housing Act 1989

100 In section 88(1)(e)(i) of the Local Government and Housing Act...

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Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

101 (1) The Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I....

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- 102 In section 148(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act...
- 103 (1) This paragraph applies to the following provisions of that...
- 104 In section 280 of that Act (measures of compensation)—
- In paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 13 to that Act (blighted...

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

106 (1) The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990...

London Local Authorities (No. 2) Act 1990

107 (1) Section 5 of the London Local Authorities (No. 2)...

New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

108 (1) In the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991...

Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991

109 In section 52(1) of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991...

Water Industry Act 1991

- 110 In section 219 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (c....
- 111 (1) Schedule 13 to that Act (protective provisions in respect...
- 112 (1) Schedule 15 to that Act (disclosure of information) shall...

Water Resources Act 1991

- In section 221 of the Water Resources Act 1991 (c....
- 114 (1) Schedule 22 to that Act (general provisions protecting undertakings)...
- 115 (1) Schedule 24 to that Act (disclosure of information) shall...

Land Drainage Act 1991

116 In paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 6 to the Land Drainage...

Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

117 In Articles 103 (making of orders) and 104 (telecommunication apparatus)...

Charities Act 1992

118 In section 60(6)(c) of the Charities Act 1992 (c. 41)...

Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1992

119 In section 1(5) of the Carriage of Goods by Sea...

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Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1))... 120 121 In Article 61 (restrictions on disclosure of information)— 122 (1) Schedule 4 (other powers etc. of licence holders) shall... ... 123 Cardiff Bay Barrage Act 1993 In Schedule 2 to the Cardiff Bay Barrage Act 1993... 124 125 In paragraph 3(2)(c) of Schedule 4 to that Act (exception... 126 In paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to that Act (powers... Railways Act 1993 (1) Section 145 of the Railways Act 1993 (c. 43)... 127 Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (1) This paragraph applies to the following provisions of the... 128 Value Added Tax Act 1994 129 (1) The Value Added Tax Act 1994 (c. 23) shall... Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 130 (1) Section 163 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order... Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 131 In Article 12 of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994... Merchant Shipping Act 1995 132 In section 91(7) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (c.... Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 133 (1) The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46) shall... British Waterways Act 1995 In section 3(1) of the British Waterways Act 1995 (c.... 134 Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (1) Paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 to the Street Works... 135 Housing Act 1996 136 Minor and Consequential Amendments

137 In section 105(1)(b) of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration...

Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996

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	Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act 1996
138 139	In Schedule 6 to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act (1) Part 4 of Schedule 15 to that Act (protection
	Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996
140 141 142	The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2)) In Article 44 (restrictions on disclosure of information)— (1) Schedule 3 (other powers etc. of licence holders) shall
	Construction Contracts (Northern Ireland) Order 1997
143	In Article 4(1)(b) of the Construction Contracts (Northern Ireland) Order
	Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997
144	In Article 2(2) of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern
	Wireless Telegraphy Act 1998
145 146 147 148 149 150 151	Subject to any other amendment made by any other provision In section 1 of that Act (charges for wireless telegraphy For section 2 of that Act there shall be substituted— (1) Section 4 of that Act (restriction on revocation or (1) After section 4 of that Act there shall be For section 6 of that Act there shall be substituted— (1) Section 8 of that Act (interpretation) shall be amended
	Finance Act 1998
152	In section 118(1) of the Finance Act 1998 (c. 36)
	Competition Act 1998
153 154	(1) Schedule 7 to the Competition Act 1998 (c. 41) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A to that Act (procedural
	Regional Development Agencies Act 1998
155	
	Finance Act 1999
156	In section 132(10) of the Finance Act 1999 (c. 16)
	Greater London Authority Act 1999
157	(1) Section 235 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999
	Electronic Communications Act 2000
158	In section 15(1) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 (c
	Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Act 2000

In section 5 of the Television Licences (Disclosure of Information)...

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Finance Act 2000M

160 In paragraph 8 of Schedule 38 to the Finance Act...

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

161 (1) The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (c. 23)...

Postal Services Act 2000

162 (1) The Postal Services Act 2000 (c. 26) shall be...

Utilities Act 2000

163 (1) Section 105 of the Utilities Act 2000 (c. 27)...

Freedom of Information Act 2000

164 In Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of...

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

165 (1) The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (c....

Transport Act 2000

166 (1) Paragraph 3 of Schedule 9 to the Transport Act...

Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

167 (1) The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c....

Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001

168 In sections 16(2)(a), 31(2)(a) and 40(6) of the Vehicles (Crime)...

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

169 In the table in section 1(1) of the Criminal Justice...

Electronic Communications Act (Northern Ireland) 2001

170 In section 4(1) of the Electronic Communications Act (Northern Ireland)...

Office of Communications Act 2002

- 171 Sections 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the Office of...
- 172 (1) The Schedule to that Act shall be amended as...

Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act 2002

173 (1) Section 12 of the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act...

Enterprise Act 2002

174 (1) The Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40) shall be amended...

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Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003

175 (1) The Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (c....

SCHEDULE 18 — Transitional Provisions

General

1 (1) This paragraph applies where, at any time before the...

Steps taken in anticipation of passing or coming into force of Act

2 (1) This paragraph applies where the Secretary of State or...

Savings for agreements referring to the termination of a 1984 Act licence

3 (1) This paragraph applies where a term or condition of...

Saving for agreements with special provision for 1984 Act licence holders

4 (1) This paragraph applies in a case to which paragraph...

General saving for agreements conditional on certain Broadcasting Act licences

5 (1) This paragraph has effect where an agreement in force...

Orders under Part 2 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994

6 Transitional Provisions

Pre-commencement proposals relating to universal service matters

7 (1) Where a proposal for the designation of a person...

Local loop notifications

8 (1) This paragraph applies where, as a result of a...

Conditions relating to premium rate services and conditions corresponding to SMP or access-related conditions

9 (1) This paragraph applies where OFCOM give a continuation notice...

Pre-commencement proposals relating to market power determinations

10 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) has effect where a proposal for—

Savings for licence conditions relating to accounting

11 (1) This paragraph applies where a licence granted under section...

Charges under Telecommunications Act licences

12 (1) Where any amount is required by a licence under...

Enforcement of breaches of licence conditions

13 (1) This paragraph applies to—(a) any provision to which...

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Saving for agreements having effect by reference to licensing regime

14 (1) This paragraph has effect where an agreement entered into...

Fees for approvals for the purposes of licence conditions

15 (1) This paragraph has effect where a general condition set...

Allocated telephone numbers

16 (1) Where immediately before the abolition of licensing telephone numbers...

Electronic communications code

17 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where, immediately before the coming into...

Saving for guarantees of liabilities of telecommunications code operators

18 (1) This paragraph applies where, immediately before the abolition of...

Compulsory purchase

19 Where—(a) a compulsory purchase order made under section 34...

Notices under section 1D of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949

20 Transitional Provisions

Notices under regulations under section 3 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1998

21 Transitional Provisions

Disputes about interconnection

22 (1) Where—(a) before the revocation by this Act of...

Appeals against wireless telegraphy and telecommunications decisions

23 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a decision was made...

Section 94 of the Telecommunications Act 1984

24 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), provisions of Schedule 17 to...

Competition Commission: specialist panel members

25 The persons who— (a) have been appointed as members of...

Transitory amendments to telecommunications terms in Broadcasting Act 1990

26 (1) This paragraph has effect, in the case of each...

Activities of the Welsh Authority

27 (1) No approval shall be required under section 205 for...

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Gaelic Broadcasting

- 28 The persons who are members of Comataidh Craolaidh Gaidhlig immediately...
- 29 (1) The continuance in force of the Multiplex Licence (Broadcasting...

Pre-transfer Broadcasting Act licences

30 (1) Subject to any express provision made by this Act...

Channels 3 and 5

31 A determination made by the ITC under or for the...

Saving pending replacement of licences for Channels 3 and 5 and the public teletext service

32 (1) The regulatory regime for a Channel 3 service, and...

Digital additional licences

33 (1) This paragraph applies where immediately before the coming into...

Programme quotas

34 Any order which—(a) was made under section 16(5)(a) of...

Continuity in relation to appointed news provider

35 Where a body holds an appointment for the purposes of...

Networking arrangements

36 (1) Where arrangements approved for the purposes of section 39...

Determination of qualifying revenue

37 (1) A statement of the ITC that is for the...

Rules for political broadcasts

38 Where— (a) rules made by the ITC for the purposes...

Functions under section 88 of the 1990 Act

39 A requirement imposed or notice given before the radio transfer...

Notices under section 94 of the 1990 Act

40 A notice given by the Secretary of State or any...

Programme standards: television

41 (1) This paragraph applies as respects times on or after...

Programme standards: radio

42 (1) This paragraph applies as respects times on or after...

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Standards code

43 (1) In relation to any time after the commencement of...

Local and national radio licences

44 (1) Section 103 of the 1990 Act (restriction on changes...

Section 111B of the 1990 Act

45 (1) Section 111B of the 1990 Act (power to suspend...

Section 185 of the 1990 Act

46 (1) A determination or nomination made for the purposes of...

Section 28 of the 1996 Act

47 (1) The repeal by this Act of section 28 of...

Section 48 of the 1996 Act

48 Subsections (4) to (6) of section 48 of the 1996...

Applications for extension of pre-transfer licences

49 (1) Section 253(4)(a) does not prevent the determination by OFCOM...

Applications for renewal of licences under 1990 Act and 1996 Act

50 (1) A provision set out in sub-paragraph (2) does not...

Listed events rules

51 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), Part 4 of the 1996...

Complaints to the Broadcasting Standards Commission

52 (1) On and after the transfer to OFCOM under this...

Codes of practice drawn up by the Broadcasting Standards Commission

53 The code of practice drawn up by the Broadcasting Standards...

Media ownership provisions

54 (1) Part 4 of Schedule 14 to this Act is...

TV licences

55 Transitional Provisions

Functions under the Enterprise Act 2002

56 (1) This section has effect in so far as, at...

Functions under the Competition Act 1998

- 57 (1) This paragraph applies in so far as, at any...
- 58 (1) Where any regulations made under section 54(4) of the...

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Newspaper mergers

- 59 (1) Chapter 2 of Part 5 and any related repeals...
- 60 Chapter 2 of Part 5 and any related repeals shall...
- References in paragraphs 59 and 60 to Chapter 2 of...
- 62 (1) The Secretary of State may, instead of any or...

Orders in Council under section 6 of the Continental Shelf Act 1964

63 Transitional Provisions

Interpretation of Schedule

64 In this Schedule— "the 1984 Act" means the Telecommunications Act...

SCHEDULE 19 — Repeals

Note

- 1 Repeals
- 2 The repeal of section 63 of the Telecommunications Act 1984...
- 3 Repeals
- 4 The repeal of paragraph 20 of Schedule 5 to the...
- 5 The repeals of sections 27A to 27L and in section...
- 6 The repeals of sections 26 and 27 of the 1990...

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