

*These notes refer to the Communications Act 2003  
(c.21) which received Royal Assent on 17 July 2003*

# COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1: Functions of Ofcom**

#### ***Section 24: Provision of information to the Secretary of State***

71. This section provides that when directed to do so, OFCOM must provide the Secretary of State with such information as is required by the Secretary of State in order to enable her to secure compliance with an international obligation of the United Kingdom. This provision enables the Secretary of State to provide the European Commission with information requested pursuant to Article 25 of the Framework Directive, Article 16 of Directive [2002/20/EC](#) (“the Authorisation Directive”), Article 15(2) and 17 of the Access Directive and Article 36(3) of Directive [2002/22/EC](#) (“the Universal Service Directive”).