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PART 2 **U.K.**

NETWORKS, SERVICES AND THE RADIO SPECTRUM

CHAPTER 2 **U.K.**

SPECTRUM USE

General functions relating to spectrum use

^{F1}152 **General functions of OFCOM in relation to radio spectrum** **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

^{F1}153 **United Kingdom Plan for Frequency Authorisation** **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 153 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I2** S. 153 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}154 Duties of OFCOM when carrying out spectrum functions **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 154 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I4** S. 154 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}155 Advisory service in relation to interference **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I5** S. 155 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}156 Directions with respect to the radio spectrum **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I6** S. 156 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}157 Procedure for directions under s. 156 **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I7 S. 157 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

Reservation of spectrum for multiplex use

^{F1}158 Special duty in relation to television multiplexes [U.K.](#)

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I8 S. 158 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

Recognised spectrum access

^{F1}159 Grant of recognised spectrum access [U.K.](#)

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I9 S. 159 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}160 Effect of grant of recognised spectrum access [U.K.](#)

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I10 S. 160 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

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^{F1}161 Charges in respect of grants of recognised spectrum access **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I11 S. 161 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}162 Conversion into and from wireless telegraphy licences **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I12 S. 162 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

Crown use of the radio spectrum

^{F1}163 Payments for use of radio spectrum by the Crown **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I13 S. 163 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

Limitations and exemptions applied to spectrum use

^{F1}164 Limitations on authorised spectrum use **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

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Commencement Information

- I14** S. 164 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I15** S. 164 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

F1 165 Terms etc. of wireless telegraphy licences **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I16** S. 165 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I17** S. 165 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

F1 166 Exemption from need for wireless telegraphy licence **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I18** S. 166 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I19** S. 166 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

Award and transfer of licences

F1 167 Bidding for wireless telegraphy licences **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I20** S. 167 in force at 18.9.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I21** S. 167 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

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^{F1}168 Spectrum trading U.K.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I22 S. 168 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

Variation and revocation of licences

^{F1}169 Variation and revocation of wireless telegraphy licences U.K.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I23 S. 169 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))

I24 S. 169 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

Wireless telegraphy register

^{F1}170 Wireless telegraphy register U.K.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

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I25 S. 170 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

Information requirements

^{F1}171 Information requirements in relation to wireless telegraphy licences U.K.

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F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I26 S. 171 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

Criminal proceedings etc.

^{F1}172 Contraventions of conditions for use of wireless telegraphy [U.K.](#)

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I27 S. 172 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
I28 S. 172 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}173 Meaning of “repeated contravention” in s. 172 [U.K.](#)

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I29 S. 173 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
I30 S. 173 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}174 Procedure for prosecutions of wireless telegraphy offences [U.K.](#)

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

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- I31** S. 174 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I32** S. 174 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}175 Special procedure for contraventions by multiplex licence holders [U.K.](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I33** S. 175 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}176 Amount of penalty under s. 175 [U.K.](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I34** S. 176 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}177 “Relevant amount of gross revenue” for the purposes of s. 176 [U.K.](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006](#) (c. 36), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I35** S. 177 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

^{F1}178 Proceedings for an offence relating to apparatus use [U.K.](#)

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Commencement Information

- I36** S. 178 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. 1** (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I37** S. 178 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), **art. 3(2)** (with art. 11)

^{F1}179 Modification of penalties for certain wireless telegraphy offences **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), **Sch. 9 Pt. 1** (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I38** S. 179 in force at 18.9.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**

PROSPECTIVE

^{F1}180 Fixed penalties for certain wireless telegraphy offences **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), **Sch. 9 Pt. 1** (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

^{F1}181 Power of arrest **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), **Sch. 9 Pt. 1** (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I39** S. 181 in force at 18.9.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**

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F1 182 Forfeiture etc. of restricted apparatus **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I40 S. 182 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

Construction of 1949 Act

F1 183 Modification of definition of “undue interference” **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I41 S. 183 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))

I42 S. 183 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

F1 184 Modification of definition of “wireless telegraphy” **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 152-184 repealed (8.2.2007) by [Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 126(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#))

Commencement Information

I43 S. 184 in force at 18.9.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#)

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