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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 14

MEDIA OWNERSHIP RULES

PART 1

CHANNEL 3 SERVICES

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

- 3 (1) In this Part of this Schedule references to a national or local newspaper are references to a national or local newspaper circulating wholly or mainly in the United Kingdom or in a part of the United Kingdom.
- (2) Where a newspaper is published in different regional editions on the same day, OFCOM have the power to determine whether those regional editions should be treated for the purposes of this Part of this Schedule as constituting—
- (a) one national newspaper;
 - (b) two or more local newspapers; or
 - (c) one national newspaper and one or more local newspapers.
- (3) In the case of a newspaper which would otherwise be neither a national nor a local newspaper for the purposes of this Part of this Schedule, OFCOM have the power to determine, if they consider it appropriate to do so in the light of—
- (a) its circulation and influence in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) its circulation or influence in a part of the United Kingdom,
- that the newspaper is to be treated as a national or as a local newspaper for such of those purposes as they may determine.
- (4) For the purposes of this Part of this Schedule, the national market share of a national newspaper at any time is the percentage of the total number of copies of all national newspapers sold in the United Kingdom in the relevant six months which is represented by the total number of copies of that newspaper sold in the United Kingdom in that six months.
- ^{F1}(5)
- (6) In [^{F2}sub-paragraph (4)] “the relevant six months” means the six months ending with the last whole calendar month to end before the time in question.
- (7) For the purposes of [^{F3}sub-paragraph (4)] , the number of copies of a newspaper sold in the United Kingdom^{F4}... during any period may be taken to be such number as is estimated by OFCOM—
- (a) in such manner, or
 - (b) by reference to such statistics prepared by any other person,

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as they think fit.

- (8) In relation to a newspaper which is distributed free of charge (rather than sold), references in this paragraph to the number of copies sold include references to the number of copies distributed.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 14 para. 3(5) omitted (15.6.2011) by virtue of [Media Ownership \(Radio and Cross-media\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1503\)](#), arts. 1, [6\(2\)](#)
- F2** Words in Sch. 14 para. 3(6) substituted (15.6.2011) by [Media Ownership \(Radio and Cross-media\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1503\)](#), arts. 1, [6\(3\)](#)
- F3** Words in Sch. 14 para. 3(7) substituted (15.6.2011) by [Media Ownership \(Radio and Cross-media\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1503\)](#), arts. 1, [6\(4\)](#)
- F4** Words in Sch. 14 para. 3(7) omitted (15.6.2011) by virtue of [Media Ownership \(Radio and Cross-media\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1503\)](#), arts. 1, [6\(4\)](#)
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 14 para. 3 applied (29.12.2003) by [Media Ownership \(Local Radio and Appointed News Provider\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3299\)](#), arts. 1(2), [4\(4\)](#)
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Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 14 para. 3 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1900, art. 3(2) by [S.I. 2003/3142 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 by [S.I. 2004/1492 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 by [S.I. 2004/697 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 art. 4 Sch. 2 by [S.I. 2004/545 art. 2](#)

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

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

- s. 124Q(7)(a) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 52](#)
- s. 148A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 73\(2\)](#)
- s. 368E(5)(d)(e) inserted by [2017 c. 30 s. 94\(3\)](#)
- s. 402(2A)(za)(zb) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 2](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 21(6) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 37(3)(aza) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(9\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 84(1)(aza) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 103(1)(ca) inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 70](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 119A inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 72](#)
- Sch. 3A Pt. 4ZA inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 67\(1\)](#)