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# Communications Act 2003

## **2003 CHAPTER 21**

#### PART 2

NETWORKS, SERVICES AND THE RADIO SPECTRUM

### **CHAPTER 1**

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AND SERVICES

Information provisions

# [F1139C.Confirmation of direction under section 139B

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after giving a direction under section 139B(3), OFCOM must give the person to whom it is given—
  - (a) an opportunity to make representations to them about the grounds on which it was given and its effect; and
  - (b) an opportunity to propose steps to remedy the situation.
- (2) As soon as practicable after the period allowed by OFCOM for making those representations has ended (and in any event within 3 months beginning with the day on which the direction was given), they must determine—
  - (a) whether the contravention providing the grounds for the giving of the direction did occur; and
  - (b) whether the circumstances made it an urgent case justifying the giving of the direction.
- (3) The period of 3 months mentioned in subsection (2) may be extended by up to 3 months if OFCOM—
  - (a) require additional time to consider representations received; or
  - (b) decide that it is necessary to obtain additional information from the person in order to make a determination under subsection (2).

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- (4) If OFCOM decide that the contravention did occur and that the direction was justified, they may confirm the direction.
- (5) If not, they must exercise their power to revoke it.
- (6) As soon as reasonably practicable after deciding whether to confirm the direction, OFCOM must notify the person to whom it was given of their decision.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

F1 Ss. 139A-139C inserted (26.5.2011) by The Electronic Communications and Wireless Telegraphy Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/1210), reg. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 83 (with Sch. 3 paras. 2, 18)

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