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- 6 OFCOM may revoke a wireless telegraphy licence or vary its...
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Notification of proposed revocation or variation

7 (1) Where OFCOM propose to revoke or vary a wireless...

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3 (1) Where OFCOM propose to refuse an application for a...

Duration of grant

4 A grant of recognised spectrum access continues in force, unless...

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5 OFCOM may revoke or modify a grant of recognised spectrum...

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2 (1) The person to whom the authority was issued may...

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4 The Secretary of State is to pay—

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1 (1) This Schedule applies to an offence under this Act...

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2 (1) The fixed penalty for a relevant offence is such...

Issuing of fixed penalty notice

3 (1) If OFCOM have reason to believe that a person...

Content of fixed penalty notice

4 (1) A fixed penalty notice must— (a) state the alleged...

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5 If it appears to a person who has issued a...

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6 A person who issues (or withdraws) a fixed penalty notice...

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7 (1) This paragraph applies if a fixed penalty notice is...

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Payment of fixed penalty

8 (1) If the alleged offender decides to pay the fixed...

Effect of payment

9 If the fixed penalty specified in a fixed penalty notice...

Service of statement and proof of service

10 (1) This paragraph applies to proceedings for a relevant offence....

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11 In any proceedings, a certificate—(a) that payment of a...

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12 The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as...

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13 In this Schedule "relevant officer" means—(a) in relation to...

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1 (1) Where a person is convicted of a relevant offence,...

Forfeiture in relation to restricted apparatus

2 (1) Where a person is convicted of an offence under...

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3 Apparatus may be ordered to be forfeited under paragraph 1...

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4 Apparatus ordered to be forfeited under paragraph 1 or 2...

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5 (1) A court that orders apparatus to be forfeited under...

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6 Section 140 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)...

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7 The following provisions (under which a court convicting a person...

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1 (1) This Schedule applies to restricted apparatus seized—

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Notice of claim

- 3 A person claiming that the restricted apparatus is not liable...
- 4 (1) A notice of claim must be given within one...

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- 5 The restricted apparatus is to be taken to have been...
- 6 (1) Where a notice of claim in respect of the...
- 7 Where the restricted apparatus is condemned or taken to have...

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- 8 Proceedings for condemnation are civil proceedings and may be instituted—...
- 9 Proceedings for the condemnation of restricted apparatus instituted in a...
- 10 (1) In proceedings for condemnation that are instituted in England...
- 11 (1) In the case of proceedings for condemnation instituted in...
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Disposal of unclaimed property

13 (1) This paragraph applies where a requirement is imposed by...

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- 14 In proceedings arising out of the seizure of restricted apparatus,...
- 15 In any proceedings, the condemnation by a court of restricted...

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16 (1) This paragraph applies for the purposes of—

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17 Neither the imposition of a requirement by or under this...

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Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 (c. 11 (N.I.))

1 In section 14 of the Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955...

Wireless Telegraphy Act 1967 (c. 72)

2 (1) Section 5 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1967 (offences...

Theatres Act 1968 (c. 54)

3 In section 7 of the Theatres Act 1968 (exceptions for...

Port of London Act 1968 (c. xxxii)

4 In section 190 of the Port of London Act 1968...

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Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)

5 In section 142 of the Local Government Act 1972 (provision...

Thames Barrier and Flood Prevention Act 1972 (c. xlv)

6 In section 53 of the Thames Barrier and Flood Prevention...

Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989 (c. 22)

7 In section 9 of the Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and...

Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12))

8 In Article 26(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern...

Broadcasting Act 1990 (c. 42)

- 9 The Broadcasting Act 1990 is amended as follows.
- 10 In section 3 (licences under Part 1 of that Act)...
- 11 In section 86 (licences under Part 3 of that Act)...
- 12 (1) Section 89 (offences giving rise to disqualification) is amended...
- 13 In section 202 (general interpretation) in subsection (1), for the...

Intelligence Services Act 1994 (c. 13)

14 In section 11 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (interpretation...

Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (c. 21)

15 In section 91 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (report...

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46)

16 In section 302 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995...

Broadcasting Act 1996 (c. 55)

- 17 In section 3 of the Broadcasting Act 1996 (licences under...
- 18 In section 42 of that Act (licences under Part 2...

Police Act 1997 (c. 50)

19 In section 108 of the Police Act 1997 (interpretation of...

Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11)

20 In Schedule 10 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (munitions and...

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (c. 23)

- 21 The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 is amended as...
- 22 (1) Section 3 (lawful interception without an interception warrant) is...
- 23 In section 18 (exceptions to section 17) in subsection (12)(c),...
- 24 In section 81 (general interpretation) in subsection (1), in the...

Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)

25 The Communications Act 2003 is amended as follows.

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- 26 In section 14 (consumer research) in subsection (2), for "the...
- 27 In section 190 (resolution of disputes referred to OFCOM) in...
- 28 In section 192(1) (appeals: decisions subject to appeal)—
- 29 In section 364 (TV licences) in subsection (2)(f), for "the...
- 30 In section 366 (powers to enforce TV licensing) in subsection...
- 31 In section 393 (general restrictions on disclosure of information) in...
- 32 In section 400 (destination of licence fees and penalties), in...
- 33 (1) Section 401 (power of OFCOM to retain costs of...
- 34 (1) Section 405 (general interpretation) is amended as follows.
- 35 In section 410 (application of enactments to territorial sea and...
- 36 In Schedule 8 (decisions not subject to civil appeal), omit...

Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 (c. 5)

37 In section 146 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other...

Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005 (c. 11)

38 In Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Commissioners for...

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- 1 The substitution of provisions of this Act for provisions repealed...
- 2 Anything done, or having effect as if done, under or...
- 3 A reference (express or implied) in this Act or another...
- 4 (1) A reference (express or implied) in an enactment, or...
- 5 Paragraphs 1 to 4 have effect in place of section...
- 6 Paragraphs 2 and 4(1) do not apply to an Order...

General rule for old savings

7 (1) The repeal by this Act of an enactment previously...

Use of existing forms etc

8 A reference to an enactment repealed by this Act which...

Regulatory Reform Act 2001 (c. 6)

9 (1) This paragraph has effect during the period of two...

Contracted-out functions under section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949

10 An order under Part 2 of the Deregulation and Contracting...

Wireless telegraphy licences granted before 18th June 1998

11 (1) This paragraph has effect in relation to wireless telegraphy...

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12 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where, immediately before the commencement of...

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Tribunal established under section 9 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949

13 The repeal by this Act of sections 11 and 12...

References to Postmaster General etc

14 The repeal by this Act of part of section 3(1)(ii)...

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15 (1) This paragraph has effect in relation to prosecutions to...

Penalties for certain offences triable either way

16 In relation to an offence committed before the commencement of...

Penalties for offences: unauthorised use of wireless telegraphy station etc

- 17 In relation to an offence committed before 18th September 2003...
- 18 In relation to an offence committed on or after 18th...

Penalties for offences: contravening notice under section 55 or 56

19 In relation to an offence committed before the commencement of...

Fixed penalties for wireless telegraphy offences

20 Schedule 4 to this Act does not apply to offences...

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21 In relation to an offence committed before 18th September 2003...

Forfeiture etc of restricted apparatus

Nothing in section 104 of, and Schedule 6 to, this...

Appeals of wireless telegraphy decisions

23 The repeals made by this Act do not affect the...

Orders in Council: section 118

24 (1) An Order in Council made under a provision that...

Orders in Council: continental shelf

25 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of an Order...
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Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26)

26 (1) This paragraph applies if paragraph 25 of Schedule 7...

Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)

27 (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) section 180 of the...

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Power to make transitional provision

28 Section 121(3) of this Act does not apply to an...

Saving for old transitional provisions

29 (1) This paragraph applies to any transitional or transitory provision...

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