Digital Economy Act 2017

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1 (1) This paragraph has effect for the purposes of this...

Effect of subsisting agreement

2 (1) A subsisting agreement has effect after the new code...

Limitation of code rights

3 In relation to a subsisting agreement, references in the new...

Limitation of persons bound

4 (1) A person bound by a code right by virtue...

Exclusion of assignment, upgrading and sharing provisions

5 (1) Part 3 of the new code (assignment of code...

Termination and modification of agreements

6 (1) This paragraph applies in relation to a subsisting agreement,...
7 (1) Subject to paragraph 6, Part 5 of the new...

Apparatus, works etc

8 (1) Paragraphs 9 to 14 of the existing code (rights...
9 Any agreement given in accordance with paragraph 26(3) of the...
10 Any agreement that has effect under paragraph 15 of the...

Court applications for required rights etc

11 (1) This paragraph applies where—(a) before the time when...
12 (1) This paragraph applies where before the time when the...
Temporary code rights

13 The coming into force of the new code does not...

Compensation

14 The repeal of the existing code does not affect paragraph...

Objections in relation to apparatus

15 The repeal of the existing code does not affect paragraphs...
16 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, the...
17 Part 12 of the new code does not apply in...

Tree lopping

18 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) before the time when...
19 (1) This paragraph applies where before the time when the...

Right to require removal of apparatus

20 (1) This paragraph applies where before the repeal of the...

Undertaker's works

21 The repeal of the existing code does not affect the...

Supplementary

22 Any agreement which, immediately before the repeal of the existing...
23 Part 15 of the new code applies in relation to...
24 Paragraphs 24 to 27 of the existing code continue to...
25 A person entitled to compensation by virtue of this Schedule...

SCHEDULE 3 — Electronic communications code: consequential amendments

PART 1 — GENERAL PROVISION

Interpretation

1 In this Part— “the commencement date” means the day on...

References to the code or provisions of the code

2 (1) In any enactment passed or made before the commencement...

References to a conduit system

3 In any enactment passed or made before the commencement date,...

PART 2 — AMENDMENTS OF PARTICULAR ENACTMENTS

Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56)

4 In section 43 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954...

Opencast Coal Act 1958 (c. 69)

5 (1) Section 45 of the Opencast Coal Act 1958 (provisions...
Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1958 (c. 24)

6 In section 17 of the Land Drainage Act (Scotland) Act...

Pipe-lines Act 1962 (c. 58)

7 In section 40(2) of the Pipe-lines Act 1962 (avoidance of...

Harbours Act 1964 (c. 40)

8 In section 53 of the Harbours Act 1964 (application of...

Fair Trading Act 1973 (c. 41)

9 In section 137(3)(f) of the Fair Trading Act 1973 (general...

Highways Act 1980 (c. 66)

10 The Highways Act 1980 is amended as follows.
11 In section 177(12) (restriction of construction over highways: application of...
12 (1) Section 334 (savings relating to electronic communications apparatus) is...

Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54)

13 The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 is amended as follows.
14 (1) Section 50 (planting of trees etc by roads authority)... 
15 (1) Section 75 (bridges over and tunnels under navigable waterways)...
16 (1) Section 132 (saving for operators of telecommunications code systems)...

Housing Act 1985 (c. 68)

17 Section 298 of the Housing Act 1985 (telecommunications apparatus) is...
18 For the heading substitute “ Electronic communications apparatus ”. 
19 In subsection (2) for “paragraph 21 of the electronic communications...
20 In subsection (3) for “paragraph 23” substitute “ Part 10...

Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (c. 48)

21 The Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 is amended as...
22 In section 8A (electronic communications apparatus: operations in tidal waters)... 
23 In section 9(8) (defence to operating without licence under Part...

Airports Act 1986 (c. 31)

24 The Airports Act 1986 is amended as follows.
25 (1) Section 62 (electronic communications apparatus) is amended as follows....

Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 (c. 31)

26 In section 4(2) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987...
Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989 (c. 22)
27 In paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic...

Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29)
28 In paragraph 1(6) of Schedule 16 to the Electricity Act...

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8)
29 (1) Section 256 of the Town and Country Planning Act...

Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56)
30 In paragraph 4 of Schedule 13 to the Water Industry...

Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57)
31 In Schedule 22 to the Water Resources Act 1991 (protection...

32 In paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 4 to the Electricity (Northern...

Cardiff Bay Barrage Act 1993 (c. 42)
33 In paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 to the Cardiff Bay...

Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/3160)
34 (1) Schedule 9 to the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993...

35 (1) Article 12 of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994...

Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Act 1995 (c. 30)
36 In section 5 of the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Act...

Gas Act 1995 (c. 45)
37 In paragraph 2(7) of Schedule 4 to the Gas Act...

Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act 1996 (c. 61)
38 (1) Part 4 of Schedule 15 to the Channel Tunnel...

Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/275)
39 (1) Schedule 3 to the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996...

Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (SI 1996/725 (NI 5))
40 In Article 4(1) of the Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order...

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8)
41 (1) Section 212 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland)...
Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40)

42 The Enterprise Act 2002 is amended as follows.
43 In section 128(5) (mergers: references to supply of services) for...
44 In section 234(5) (enforcement of consumer legislation: references to supply...  

Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)

45 The Communications Act 2003 is amended as follows.
46 (1) Section 394 (service of notifications and other documents) is...
47 (1) Section 402 (power of Secretary of State to make...
48 Schedule 3 is repealed.

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 2)

49 (1) Schedule 1 to the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003...

Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (c. 17)

50 The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 is amended as follows....
51 In section 2(3) (objects of the Homes and Communities Agency:...
52 In section 57(1) (interpretation of Part 1) omit the definition...
53 In the table in section 58 (index of defined expressions...

Crossrail Act 2008 (c. 18)

54 (1) Part 4 of Schedule 17 to the Crossrail Act...

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 5)

55 The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 is amended as follows.
56 In section 36(1) (electronic communications apparatus) for the words from...
57 (1) Section 41 (defence to offences: electronic communications: emergency works)...  

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2 The Secretary of State for Defence.
3 The Lord Chancellor.
4 The Secretary of State for Justice.
5 The Secretary of State for Education.
6 The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy....
7 The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.
8 The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government....
9 The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport....
10 Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
11 A county council in England.
12 A district council in England.
13 A London borough council.
14 A combined authority established under section 103 of the Local...
15 The Common Council of the City of London in its...
16 The Council of the Isles of Scilly.
17 The Greater London Authority.
18 A metropolitan county fire and rescue authority.
19 The London Fire Commissioner.
20 A fire and rescue authority in England constituted by a...
21 A fire and rescue authority created by a scheme under...
22 A chief officer of police for a police area in...
23 The proprietor of a school within the meaning of the...
24 The proprietor of an Academy within the meaning of that...
25 The responsible person in relation to an educational institution as...
26 The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.
27 The Chief Land Registrar.
28 A person providing services in connection with a specified objective...

PART 2 — WELSH BODIES
29 The Welsh Ministers.
30 The Counsel General to the Welsh Government.
31 The Welsh Revenue Authority.
32 A county council in Wales.
33 A county borough council in Wales.
34 A community council in Wales.
35 A Community Health Council in Wales.
36 A Local Health Board established under section 11 of the...
37 An NHS Trust established under section 18 of the National...
38 The Board of Community Health Councils in Wales.
39 A Special Health Authority established under section 22 of the...
40 A fire and rescue authority constituted by a scheme under...
41 Career Choices Dewis Gyrfa Ltd (company number 07442837, operating as...
42 The governing body of an educational establishment maintained by a...
43 The governing body of an institution in Wales within the...
44 The governing body of an institution in Wales within the...
45 A regulated institution within the meaning of the Higher Education...
46 The Natural Resources Body for Wales.
47 A registered social landlord being a body registered in the...
48 A person providing services in connection with a specified objective...

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PART 1 — UK AND ENGLISH BODIES
1 The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy....
2 The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.
3 The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government....
4 Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
5 A county council in England.
6 A district council in England.
7 A London borough council.
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13 The London Fire Commissioner.
14 A fire and rescue authority in England constituted by a...
15 A fire and rescue authority created by a scheme under...
16 The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.
17 The Chief Land Registrar.
18 A person providing services in connection with a fuel poverty...

PART 2 — WELSH BODIES
19 The Welsh Ministers.
20 The Counsel General to the Welsh Government.
21 The Welsh Revenue Authority.
22 A county council in Wales.
23 A county borough council in Wales.
24 A community council in Wales.
25 A fire and rescue authority constituted by a scheme under...
26 The Natural Resources Body for Wales.
27 A registered social landlord being a body registered in the...
28 The governing body of an educational establishment maintained by a...
29 The governing body of an institution in Wales within the...
30 The governing body of an institution in Wales within the...
31 A regulated institution within the meaning of the Higher Education...
32 A person providing services in connection with a fuel poverty...

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1 The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.
2 The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government....
3 Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
4 A county council in England.
5 A district council in England.
6 A London borough council.
7 A combined authority established under section 103 of the Local...
8 The Common Council of the City of London in its...
9 The Council of the Isles of Scilly.
10 The Greater London Authority.
11 The Chief Land Registrar.
12 A person providing services in connection with a water poverty...

PART 2 — WELSH BODIES
13 The Welsh Ministers.
14 The Counsel General to the Welsh Government.
15 The Welsh Revenue Authority.
16 A county council in Wales.
17 A county borough council in Wales.
18 A community council in Wales.
19 A registered social landlord being a body registered in the...
20 The Natural Resources Body for Wales.
21 The governing body of an educational establishment maintained by a...
22 The governing body of an institution in Wales within the...
23 The governing body of an institution in Wales within the...
24 A regulated institution within the meaning of the Higher Education...
25 A person providing services in connection with a water poverty...
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PART 1 — UK AND ENGLISH BODIES
1. The Secretary of State for the Home Department.
2. The Lord Chancellor.
3. The Secretary of State for Justice.
4. The Secretary of State for Education.
5. The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.
6. The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.
7. The Secretary of State for Transport.
8. Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
9. The Minister for the Cabinet Office.
13. The Common Council of the City of London in its...
15. The Greater London Authority.
16. The Student Loans Company.
17. A person providing services to a specified person who —...

PART 2 — WELSH BODIES
18. The Welsh Ministers.
20. The Welsh Revenue Authority.
22. A county borough council in Wales.
23. A community council in Wales.
24. A person providing services to a specified person who—

SCHEDULE 8 — Specified persons for the purposes of the fraud provisions

PART 1 — UK AND ENGLISH BODIES
1. The Secretary of State for the Home Department.
2. The Secretary of State for Defence.
3. The Lord Chancellor.
4. The Secretary of State for Justice.
5. The Secretary of State for Education.
7. The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.
8. The Secretary of State for Transport.
9. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.
10. The Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural...
11. The Secretary of State for International Development.
12. The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.
13. The Minister for the Cabinet Office.
14. Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
15. The Export Credits Guarantee Department.
18. A London borough council.
19. The Common Council of the City of London in its...
22. The Chief Land Registrar.
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**SCHEDULE 9 — Bank of England oversight of payment systems**

**PART 1 — EXTENSION OF BANK OF ENGLAND OVERSIGHT OF PAYMENT SYSTEMS**

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<td>In section 181 (overview) for “payments between financial institutions” substitute...</td>
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In section 188 (principles), in subsection (1) omit “inter-bank”.
11 In section 189 (codes of practice) omit “inter-bank”.
12 In section 190 (system rules), in subsection (1) omit “inter-bank”.
13 In section 191 (directions), in subsection (1) omit “inter-bank”.
14 In section 192 (role of FCA and PRA), in subsections...
15 In section 193 (inspection), in subsections (1) and (2), omit...
16 In section 194 (inspection: warrant), in subsection (1)(a) omit “inter-bank”.
17 In section 195 (independent report), in subsection (1) omit “inter-bank”.
18 In section 196 (compliance failure) omit “inter-bank”.
19 In section 197 (publication), in subsection (1) omit “inter-bank”.
20 In section 198 (penalty), in subsection (1) omit “inter-bank”.
21 In section 199 (closure), in subsection (2) omit “inter-bank”.
22 In section 200 (management disqualification), in subsections (1) and (2),...
23 In section 201 (warning), in subsection (1) for “an inter-bank”...
24 In section 202A (injunctions), in subsections (2)(a) and (3)(a), omit...
25 In section 203 (fees), in subsection (1) omit “inter-bank”.
26 In section 204 (information), in subsections (1A), (2) and (4)(c),...
27 In section 205 (pretending to be recognised), in subsection (1),...
28 In section 206A (services forming part of recognised inter-bank payment...
29 In section 259 (statutory instruments), in the Table in subsection...
30 In section 261 (index of defined terms), in the Table—

PART 2 — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Financial Services Act 2012

31 The Financial Services Act 2012 is amended as follows.
32 (1) Section 68 (cases in which Treasury may arrange independent...
33 In section 85 (relevant functions in relation to complaints scheme),...
34 In section 110 (payment to Treasury of penalties received by...

Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013

35 The Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 is amended as...
36 In section 45 (procedure), in subsection (1)(a) omit “inter-bank”.
37 In section 46 (amendment of designation order), in subsection (2)(a)...
38 In section 47 (revocation of designation orders), in subsection (3)(a)...
39 In section 98 (duty of regulators to ensure co-ordinated exercise...
40 In section 110 (interpretation), in subsection (1), in the definition...
41 In section 112 (interpretation: infrastructure companies), in subsections (2)(a), (4)(b)...
Changes to legislation:
Digital Economy Act 2017 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 31 July 2020. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.
View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to:
- s. 114 coming into force by S.I. 2020/70 reg. 2
- Sch. 4 para. 38 omitted by 2020 asc 1 Sch. 3 para. 15(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 35 words substituted by 2020 asc 1 Sch. 3 para. 15(a)