



# Online Safety Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 50

### PART 10

#### COMMUNICATIONS OFFENCES

##### *False and threatening communications offences*

#### **180 Exemptions from offence under section 179**

- (1) A recognised news publisher cannot commit an offence under section 179.
- (2) An offence under section 179 cannot be committed by the holder of a licence under the Broadcasting Act 1990 or 1996 in connection with anything done under the authority of the licence.
- (3) An offence under section 179 cannot be committed by the holder of a multiplex licence in connection with anything done under the authority of the licence.
- (4) An offence under section 179 cannot be committed by the provider of an on-demand programme service in connection with anything done in the course of providing such a service.
- (5) An offence under section 179 cannot be committed in connection with the showing of a film made for cinema to members of the public.

#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 180 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(1\)](#)  
**I2** S. 180 in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/31, reg. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Online Safety Act 2023, Section 180.