



# Online Safety Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 50

### PART 3

#### PROVIDERS OF REGULATED USER-TO-USER SERVICES AND REGULATED SEARCH SERVICES: DUTIES OF CARE

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*Search services: which duties apply, and scope of duties*

## 25 Scope of duties of care

- (1) A duty set out in this Chapter which must be complied with in relation to a search service extends only to—
  - (a) the search content of the service,
  - (b) the design, operation and use of the search engine in the United Kingdom, and
  - (c) in the case of a duty that is expressed to apply in relation to users of a service, the design, operation and use of the search engine as it affects United Kingdom users of the service.
- (2) For the purposes of the application of this Chapter in relation to the search engine of a combined service (see section 7(6))—
  - (a) a duty set out in this Chapter which requires a matter to be included in a publicly available statement may be satisfied by including the matter in the terms of service;
  - (b) references in this Chapter (except in section 24) to a search service are to be read as references to the search engine;
  - (c) references in this Chapter (except in section 24) to the provider of a search service are to be read as references to the provider of the combined service.

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#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 25 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(1\)](#)
- I2** [S. 25](#) in force at 10.1.2024 by [S.I. 2023/1420](#), [reg. 2\(j\)](#)

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