
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 765

**The Digital Economy Act 2017
(Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2017**

Provisions coming into force on 31st July 2017

2. The following provisions of the 2017 Act come into force on 31st July 2017—
- (a) section 5 (power to make transitional provision in connection with the code);
 - (b) section 6 (power to make consequential provision etc in connection with the code);
 - (c) section 8 (regulation of dynamic spectrum access services);
 - (d) section 14 (internet pornography: requirement to prevent access by persons under 18) but only for the purpose of making regulations under subsection (2);
 - (e) section 15 (meaning of “pornographic material”) so far as it relates to the purpose specified in paragraph (d) and to the provisions specified in paragraphs (h), (j) and (l);
 - (f) section 16 (the age-verification regulator: designation and funding);
 - (g) section 17 (parliamentary procedure for designation of age-verification regulator);
 - (h) section 21(5) (meaning of “ancillary service provider”) so far as it relates to the provision specified in paragraph (l);
 - (i) section 22 (meaning of “extreme pornographic material”) so far as it relates to the provisions specified in paragraphs (e), (h) and (j);
 - (j) section 25 (guidance to be published by regulator);
 - (k) section 26(2) (exercise of functions by regulator);
 - (l) section 27 (guidance by Secretary of State to regulator);
 - (m) section 30(1) and (2) (interpretation and general provisions relating to this Part) so far as it relates to the provisions specified in paragraphs (d) to (l);
 - (n) section 34 (copyright etc where broadcast retransmitted by cable);
 - (o) section 46 (disclosure of information by civil registration officials), but only for the purpose of issuing the code of practice under section 19AC of the Registration Service Act 1953⁽¹⁾;
 - (p) section 47 (consequential provision: civil registration) so far as it relates to the purpose specified in paragraph (o);
 - (q) section 74 (disclosure of non-identifying information by the Revenue and Customs);
 - (r) section 76 (disclosure of non-identifying information by Revenue Scotland);
 - (s) section 77 (disclosure of employer reference information by the Revenue and Customs);
 - (t) section 78 (disclosure of information by the Revenue and Customs to the Statistics Board);
 - (u) section 79 (disclosure of information by public authorities to the Statistics Board), except for subsection (3), and in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;

(1) 1953 c. 37.

- (v) section 81 (disclosure by the Statistics Board to devolved administrations), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (w) section 87 (appeals from decisions of OFCOM and others: standard of review);
- (x) section 92 (digital additional services: seriously harmful extrinsic material);
- (y) section 93 (on-demand programme services: accessibility for people with disabilities), except subsection (3);
- (z) section 95 (electronic programme guides and public service channels);
- (aa) section 98 (strategic priorities and provision of information);
- (bb) section 100 (retention by OFCOM of amounts paid under Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006);
- (cc) section 101 (international recognition of satellite frequency assignments: power of OFCOM to charge fees);
- (dd) section 104 (internet filters);
- (ee) section 106 (power to create offence of breaching limits on internet and other ticket sales), in relation to England and Wales and Scotland only;
- (ff) section 108 (regulations about charges payable to the Information Commissioner);
- (gg) section 109 (functions relating to regulations under section 108);
- (hh) section 110 (supplementary provision relating to section 108);
- (ii) Schedule 1 (the electronic communications code), but only for the purpose of making regulations under paragraph 95 (power to confer jurisdiction on other tribunals) of Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003⁽²⁾, and section 4 (the electronic communications code) so far as is necessary for that purpose;
- (jj) paragraph 47 of Schedule 3 (electronic communications code: consequential amendments), and section 4 (the electronic communications code) so far as it relates to that paragraph.