

2025 No. 371 (C. 13)

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

**The Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations
2025**

Made - - - -

19th March 2025

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 240(1) and (2) of the Online Safety Act 2023(a).

Citation and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Provisions coming into force on 3rd November 2025

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the following provisions of the Online Safety Act 2023 come into force on 3rd November 2025—

- (a) section 66(1) and (2) (requirement to report CSEA content to the NCA);
- (b) section 66(7) to (10);
- (c) section 69 (offence in relation to CSEA reporting);
- (d) section 100(6)(a)(iii) (power to require information) in respect of section 66(1), (2) and (7) to (10);
- (e) section 104(13)(a)(xii) (reports by skilled persons) in respect of section 66(1), (2) and (7) to (10);
- (f) section 120(2)(a) (admissibility of statements);
- (g) sections 199 to 203, 204(2) to (4) and 205 (information offences: supplementary and general) in respect of section 69;
- (h) paragraph 12 of Schedule 8 (transparency reports).

(2) The provisions referred to in sub-paragraphs (b) to (h) of paragraph 1 come into force only so far as they relate to regulated user-to-user services.

19th March 2025

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Home Office

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are the fifth commencement regulations made under the Online Safety Act 2023 (c. 50) (“the Act”). They bring into force duties on providers of regulated user-to-user services to report Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (“CSEA”) content to the National Crime Agency (“NCA”) and other provisions, such as the offence relating to CSEA reporting and provisions relating to the Office of Communications’ (“OFCOM”) enforcement powers and the information offences, as they relate to the CSEA reporting requirement.

A full impact assessment has been published in relation to the Act and copies can be obtained from the UK Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-enactment-impact-assessment> or from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology at 100 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2BQ, United Kingdom.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Online Safety Act 2023 have been brought into force by commencement Regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

| <i>Provision</i> | <i>Date of Commencement</i> | <i>S.I. No.</i> |
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| section 72 (partially) | 10th January 2024 | 2023/1420 |
| section 73 | 10th January 2024 | 2023/1420 |
| section 76 | 10th January 2024 | 2023/1420 |

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| sections 77 and 78 and Schedule 8 (partially) | 10th January 2024 | 2023/1420 |
| section 80 (partially) and Schedule 9 | 10th January 2024 | 2023/1420 |
| section 81 | 17th January 2025 | 2024/1333 |
| sections 83 to 89 and Schedule 10 | 10th January 2024 | 2023/1420 |
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| sections 95 to 97 | 10th January 2024 | 2023/1420 |
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| section 100 (partially) | 17th January 2025 | 2024/1333 |
| section 101 | 1st April 2024 | 2023/1420 |
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| section 102 (remainder) | 1st April 2024 | 2023/1420 |
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| section 104 (partially) | 10th January 2024 | 2023/1420 |
| section 104 (partially) | 17th January 2025 | 2024/1333 |
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| section 138 (remainder) | 17th January 2025 | 2024/1333 |
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| section 205 (partially) | 10th January 2024 | 2023/1420 |
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