



# Digital Economy Act 2010

## CHAPTER 24

### DIGITAL ECONOMY ACT 2010

#### *OFCOM reports*

- 1 OFCOM reports on infrastructure, internet domain names etc
- 2 OFCOM reports on media content

#### *Online infringement of copyright*

- 3 Obligation to notify subscribers of reported infringements
- 4 Obligation to provide infringement lists to copyright owners
- 5 Approval of code about the initial obligations
- 6 Initial obligations code by OFCOM in the absence of an approved code
- 7 Contents of initial obligations code
- 8 Progress reports
- 9 Obligations to limit internet access: assessment and preparation
- 10 Obligations to limit internet access
- 11 Code by OFCOM about obligations to limit internet access
- 12 Contents of code about obligations to limit internet access
- 13 Subscriber appeals
- 14 Enforcement of obligations
- 15 Sharing of costs
- 16 Interpretation and consequential provision
- 17 Power to make provision about injunctions preventing access to locations on the internet
- 18 Consultation and Parliamentary scrutiny

#### *Powers in relation to internet domain registries*

- 19 Powers in relation to internet domain registries
- 20 Appointment of manager of internet domain registry

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- 21 Application to court to alter constitution of internet domain registry

*Channel Four Television Corporation*

- 22 Functions of C4C in relation to media content  
23 Monitoring and enforcing C4C's media content duties

*Independent television services*

- 24 Determination of Channel 3 licence areas  
25 Initial expiry date for Channel 3 and 5 and public teletext licences  
26 Initial expiry date: consequential provision  
27 Report by OFCOM on public teletext service  
28 Power to remove OFCOM's duty to secure provision of public teletext service  
29 Broadcasting of programmes in Gaelic

*Independent radio services*

- 30 Digital switchover  
31 Renewal of national radio licences  
32 Renewal and variation of local radio licences  
33 Variation of licence period following renewal  
34 Content and character of local sound broadcasting services  
35 Radio multiplex services: frequency and licensed area  
36 Renewal of radio multiplex licences

*Regulation of television and radio services*

- 37 Application of regulatory regimes to broadcasters

*Access to electromagnetic spectrum*

- 38 Payment for licences  
39 Enforcement of licence terms etc

*Video recordings*

- 40 Classification of video games etc  
41 Designated authority for video games etc

*Copyright and performers' property rights: penalties*

- 42 Increase of penalties relating to infringing articles or illicit recordings

*Public lending right*

- 43 Public lending right

*General*

- 44 Power to make consequential provision etc  
45 Repeals  
46 Extent  
47 Commencement  
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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1 — Classification of video games etc: supplementary provision

- 1 The Video Recordings Act 1984 is amended as follows.
- 2 (1) Section 4 (authority to determine suitability of video works...
- 3 In section 7 (classification certificates), at the end insert—
- 4 After that section insert— Classification certificates for particular video recordings...
- 5 In section 8 (requirements as to labelling etc), omit subsections...
- 6 (1) Section 11 (supplying video recording of classified work in...
- 7 (1) Section 12 (certain video recordings only to be supplied...
- 8 (1) Section 13 (supplying video recording not complying with requirements...
- 9 (1) Section 14 (supplying video recording containing false indication as...
- 10 (1) Section 22 (other interpretation) is amended as follows.
- 11 After section 22 insert— Regulations (1) Regulations under this Act are to be made by...
- 12 Until such time as section 2A of the Video Recordings...

### SCHEDULE 2 — Repeals

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 19 coming into force by [S.I. 2023/792 art. 3\(a\)](#)
- s. 20 coming into force by [S.I. 2023/792 art. 3\(b\)](#)
- s. 21 coming into force by [S.I. 2023/792 art. 3\(c\)](#)