## DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2013 No.

## **DEFAMATION, ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Defamation (Operators of Websites) Regulations 2013

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(1)

## THE DEFAMATION (OPERATORS OF WEBSITES) REGULATIONS 2013

- 1. Citation, commencement and interpretation
- 2. Notice of complaint: specified information
- 3. Actions of operator in response to notice of complaint
- 4. Defective notices to be treated as notice of complaint
- 5. Time limits: court discretion Signature

SCHEDULE — Actions to be taken by operator in response to notice of complaint in order to maintain section 5(2) defence

- 1. Removal of statements from website
- 2. Response to notice of complaint: initial steps
- 3. (1) Where the operator has no means of contacting the...
- 4. (1) Unless paragraph 9 applies, the operator must, within 48...
- 5. Response to notice of complaint: poster fails to respond
- 6. Response to notice of complaint: response does not include all required information
- 7. Response to notice of complaint: poster wishes statement to be removed from website locations
- 8. Response to notice of complaint: poster does not wish statement to be removed from website locations
- 9. Response to notice of complaint: persistent re-posting of same or substantially the same material

**Explanatory Note**