

# Postal Services Act 2000

## **2000 CHAPTER 26**

## PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

### Other

### 116 The Postcode Address File.

- (1) The owner for the time being of the Postcode Address File shall—
  - (a) maintain the File, and
  - (b) make the File available to any person who wishes to use it on such terms as are reasonable.
- (2) Compliance with subsection (1) shall be enforceable by civil proceedings brought by [<sup>F1</sup>OFCOM] for an injunction or for interdict or for any other appropriate relief or remedy.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(2A) OFCOM may give a direction to the owner for the time being of the Postcode Address File requiring the owner—
  - (a) to issue, and comply with, a code of practice dealing with the making of revisions to the File, or
  - (b) to make such modifications of the code as are specified in the direction.
  - (2B) A direction under subsection (2A) is enforceable under Schedule 7 to the Postal Services Act 2011; but, where it is given to a person who is not providing a postal service, that Schedule has effect with the omission of paragraphs 7(2) and (3), 8(4) and 11.]
    - (3) In this section—

"the Postcode Address File" means-

- (a) the collection of relevant information which, immediately before the coming into force of this section, was owned by the Post Office, or
- (b) that collection as it is from time to time revised, and

"relevant information" means postcodes in the United Kingdom which may be used to facilitate the identification of delivery points for the purpose of providing postal services.

- (4) The terms which may be imposed under subsection (1)(b) include terms as to the payment of such fee (if any) as the owner considers appropriate.
- [<sup>F3</sup>(5) OFCOM may give a direction to the owner of the Postcode Address File as to the terms that may be imposed under subsection (1)(b).
  - (6) If it does so, no term that contravenes the direction may be imposed under that provision.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 Word in s. 116(2) substituted (1.10.2011) by Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), s. 93(2)(3), Sch. 12 para. 42(2); S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3
- F2 S. 116(2A)(2B) inserted (1.10.2011) by Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), s. 93(2)(3), Sch. 12 para.
  42(3); S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3
- **F3** S. 116(5)(6) inserted (1.10.2011) by Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), s. 93(2)(3), **Sch. 12 para. 42(4)**; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3

#### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Postal Services Act 2000, Section 116.