



# Communications Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 21

### PART 3

#### TELEVISION AND RADIO SERVICES [F1ETC]

#### <sup>F1</sup>CHAPTER 2

#### REGULATORY STRUCTURE FOR INDEPENDENT TELEVISION SERVICES

##### *Television licensable content services*

### 233 Services that are not television licensable content services

- (1) A service [F1, or dissociable section of a service,] is not a television licensable content service to the extent that it is provided with a view to its being broadcast by means of a [F2television multiplex service or a general multiplex service] .
- (2) A service [F3, or dissociable section of a service,] is not a television licensable content service to the extent that it consists of a service the provision of which is authorised by—
  - (a) a licence to provide a television broadcasting service;
  - (b) the licence to provide the public teletext service; or
  - (c) a licence to provide additional television services.

<sup>F4</sup>(3) .....

- (4) A service [F5, or dissociable section of a service,] is not a television licensable content service if it is a two-way service (within the meaning of section 232).
- (5) A service [F6, or dissociable section of a service,] is not a television licensable content service if—
  - (a) it is distributed by means of an electronic communications network only to persons all of whom are on a single set of premises; and

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- (b) that network is wholly within those premises and is not connected to an electronic communications network any part of which is outside those premises.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5)—
  - (a) a set of premises is a single set of premises if, and only if, the same person is the occupier of all the premises; and
  - (b) two or more vehicles are capable of constituting a single set of premises if, and only if, they are coupled together.
- (7) A service [<sup>F7</sup>, or dissociable section of a service,] is not a television licensable content service if it is provided for the purpose only of being received by persons who have qualified as users of the service by reason of being—
  - (a) persons who have a business interest in the programmes included in the service; or
  - (b) persons who are to receive the programmes for the purpose only of showing them to persons falling within sub-paragraph (a) or to persons all of whom are on the business premises of the person receiving them.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7) a person has a business interest in programmes if he has an interest in receiving or watching them—
  - (a) for the purposes of a business carried on by him; or
  - (b) for the purposes of his employment.
- (9) In this section—
  - “business premises”, in relation to a person, means premises at or from which any business of that person is carried on;
  - <sup>F8</sup> ...
  - “premises” includes a vehicle;
  - “vehicle” includes a vessel, aircraft or hovercraft.
- (10) References in this section, in relation to a person, to a business include references to—
  - (a) any business or other activities carried on by a body of which he is a member and the affairs of which are managed by its members; and
  - (b) the carrying out of any functions conferred on that person, or on any such body, by or under any enactment.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 233(1) inserted (1.11.2020) by [The Audiovisual Media Services Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1062\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6** (with Pt. 7)
- F2** Words in s. 233(1) substituted (25.7.2006) by [Television Licensable Content Services Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2131\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(2)(a)**
- F3** Words in s. 233(2) inserted (1.11.2020) by [The Audiovisual Media Services Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1062\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6** (with Pt. 7)
- F4** S. 233(3) omitted (19.12.2009) by virtue of [Audiovisual Media Services Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2979\)](#), regs. 1(1), **6(2)**
- F5** Words in s. 233(4) inserted (1.11.2020) by [The Audiovisual Media Services Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1062\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6** (with Pt. 7)
- F6** Words in s. 233(5) inserted (1.11.2020) by [The Audiovisual Media Services Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1062\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6** (with Pt. 7)

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- F7** Words in s. 233(7) inserted (1.11.2020) by [The Audiovisual Media Services Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1062\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6** (with Pt. 7)
- F8** Words in s. 233(9) omitted (25.7.2006) by virtue of [Television Licensable Content Services Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2131\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(2)(b)**

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 233 in force at 29.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), **Sch. 1** (with art. 11)

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

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1900, art. 3(2) by [S.I. 2003/3142 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 by [S.I. 2004/1492 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 by [S.I. 2004/697 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 art. 4 Sch. 2 by [S.I. 2004/545 art. 2](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 124Q(7)(a) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 52](#)
- s. 148A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 73\(2\)](#)
- s. 368E(5)(d)(e) inserted by [2017 c. 30 s. 94\(3\)](#)
- s. 402(2A)(za)(zb) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 2](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 21(6) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 37(3)(aza) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(9\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 84(1)(aza) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 103(1)(ca) inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 70](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 119A inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 72](#)
- Sch. 3A Pt. 4ZA inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 67\(1\)](#)