



Communications Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 21

PART 3

TELEVISION AND RADIO SERVICES [F1ETC]

^{F1F1}CHAPTER 4

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

Sporting and other events of national interest

299 **Categorisation of listed events**

(1) For subsections (1) and (2) of section 97 of the 1996 Act (listed events), there shall be substituted—

“(1) The Secretary of State may, for the purposes of this Part, maintain a list of sporting and other events of national interest, and an event for the time being included in the list is referred to in this Part as a “listed event”.

(1A) A list maintained under subsection (1) must be divided into two categories, and those categories are referred to in this Part as “Group A” and “Group B”.

(1B) Each listed event must be allocated either to Group A or to Group B.

(2) Before drawing up such a list, or revising or ceasing to maintain it, the Secretary of State must consult—

- (a) OFCOM,
- (b) the BBC,
- (c) the Welsh Authority, and
- (d) in relation to a relevant event, the person from whom the rights to televise that event may be acquired.

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- (2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(d), a relevant event is an event which the Secretary of State proposes—
- (a) to include in a list maintained under subsection (1),
 - (b) to omit from such a list, or
 - (c) to move from one category in such a list to the other.”
- (2) In subsection (3)(b) of that section, the words “by the Commission” and “by them” shall be omitted.
- (3) In subsection (5) of that section—
- (a) for the words “addition of any relevant event to” there shall be substituted “inclusion of any event in”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (a), for “addition” there shall be substituted “inclusion”.
- (4) After that subsection, there shall be inserted—
- “(5A) The allocation or transfer of an event to group A does not affect the validity of a contract entered into before the day on which the Secretary of State consulted the persons mentioned in subsection (2) in relation to the proposed allocation or transfer.
- (5B) The Secretary of State may direct that, for the transitional purposes set out in the direction, the transfer of a Group B event to Group A is not to affect the application to that event of provisions of this Part relating to a Group B event.”

Commencement Information

II S. 299(2) 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 :

- s. 299(1)(3)(4) coming into force by [S.I. 2003/3142 art. 4\(3\)](#) (Art. 4(3) is omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of [S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2](#))
- 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\(1\)](#)