



# Communications Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 21

### PART 2

#### NETWORKS, SERVICES AND THE RADIO SPECTRUM

### CHAPTER 1

#### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AND SERVICES

##### *General conditions: telephone numbers*

#### **60 Modification of documents referred to in numbering conditions**

- (1) This section applies where numbering conditions for the time being have effect by reference to provisions, as they have effect from time to time, of—
  - (a) the National Telephone Numbering Plan; or
  - (b) another document published by OFCOM.
- (2) OFCOM must not revise or otherwise modify the relevant provisions unless they are satisfied that the revision or modification is—
  - (a) objectively justifiable in relation to the matters to which it relates;
  - (b) not such as to discriminate unduly against particular persons or against a particular description of persons;
  - (c) proportionate to what the modification is intended to achieve; and
  - (d) in relation to what it is intended to achieve, transparent.
- (3) Before revising or otherwise modifying the relevant provisions, OFCOM must publish a notification—
  - (a) stating that they are proposing to do so;
  - (b) specifying the Plan or other document that they are proposing to revise or modify;
  - (c) setting out the effect of their proposed revisions or modifications;

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- (d) giving their reasons for making the proposal; and
  - (e) specifying the period within which representations may be made to OFCOM about their proposal.
- (4) That period must be one ending not less than [<sup>F1</sup>30 days] after the day of the publication of the notification.
- (5) OFCOM may give effect, with or without modifications, to a proposal with respect to which they have published a notification under subsection (3) only if—
- (a) they have considered every representation about the proposal that is made to them within the period specified in the notification; and
  - (b) they have had regard to every international obligation of the United Kingdom (if any) which has been notified to them for the purposes of this paragraph by the Secretary of State.
- (6) The publication of a notification under this section must be in such manner as appears to OFCOM to be appropriate for bringing the contents of the notification to the attention of such persons as OFCOM consider appropriate.
- (7) In this section—
- “numbering conditions” means—
    - (a) general conditions the making of which is authorised by section 57 or 58;
    - (b) conditions set under section 59;
  - “the relevant provisions”, in relation to the Plan or document, means the provisions of the Plan or document by reference to which (as they have effect from time to time) the numbering conditions in question have effect.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 60(4) substituted (21.12.2020) by [The Electronic Communications and Wireless Telegraphy \(Amendment\) \(European Electronic Communications Code and EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1419\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 20**

#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 60 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), art. 2(1), **Sch. 1** (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I2** S. 60 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force 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\(1\)](#)