

*These notes refer to the Digital Economy Act 2010
(c.24) which received Royal Assent on 8 April 2010*

DIGITAL ECONOMY ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENCEMENT

217. [Section 47](#) provides that most provisions of the Act will come into force at the end of two months after the Act is passed.
218. The following sections come into force on the day which the Act is passed:
- Sections 5, 6, 7, 15 and 16(1): relating to online infringement of copyright;
 - Sections 30 to 32: relating to independent radio services; and
 - Sections 46, 47 and 48: general sections.
219. The following provisions come into force on such a day as the Secretary of State may appoint by statutory instrument:
- Sections 19 to 21: relating to powers in relation to internet domain names;
 - Amendments made by section 28: relating to the power to remove OFCOM's duty to secure provision of the public teletext service;
 - Section 29: relating to the repeal of provisions enabling obligations to be imposed on Channel 3 providers to make and broadcast programmes in Gaelic;
 - Sections 40(2), (3), (5) and (6) and 41(1) and specified paragraphs of Schedule 1: relating to video recordings; and
 - Section 43: relating to public lending right.