



# Digital Economy Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 24

### *Independent television services*

#### **25 Initial expiry date for Channel 3 and 5 and public teletext licences**

- (1) Section 224 of the Communications Act 2003 (initial expiry date for licences) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (1) (meaning of “initial expiry date”) substitute—
  - “(1) Subject to any postponement under this section, for the purposes of this Part the initial expiry date for the following types of licence is 31 December 2014—
    - (a) a licence to provide a Channel 3 service;
    - (b) a licence to provide Channel 5;
    - (c) the licence to provide the public teletext service.”
- (3) In subsection (2) (power to postpone initial expiry date), at the end insert “for one or more of the types of licence mentioned in subsection (1)”.
- (4) Omit subsection (3) (no postponement if digital switchover is to occur before 1 July 2013).