



# Online Safety Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 50

### PART 12

#### INTERPRETATION AND FINAL PROVISIONS

##### *Final provisions*

#### **238 Financial provisions**

There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament—

- (a) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by the Secretary of State, and
- (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.

#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 238 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(z5\)](#)

#### **239 Extent**

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, this Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) The following provisions extend to England and Wales and Northern Ireland—
  - (a) sections 179 to 183;
  - (b) section 189(1).
- (3) The following provisions extend to England and Wales only—
  - (a) section 187;
  - (b) section 188;
  - (c) section 189(2);

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- (d) section 190;
  - (e) section 213;
  - (f) section 214(1) to (3).
- (4) Section 214(4) to (6) extends to Scotland only.
- (5) The following provisions extend to Northern Ireland only—
- (a) section 189(3);
  - (b) section 214(7) to (9).
- (6) An amendment or repeal made by Schedule 14 has the same extent within the United Kingdom as the provision amended or repealed.
- (7) His Majesty may by Order in Council provide for any of the provisions of this Act to extend, with or without modifications, to the Bailiwick of Guernsey or to the Isle of Man.
- (8) Subsections (1) and (2) of section 224 apply to an Order in Council under subsection (7) as they apply to regulations under this Act.
- (9) The power conferred by section 411(6) of the Communications Act may be exercised so as to extend to the Bailiwick of Guernsey or the Isle of Man any amendment or repeal made by or under this Act of any part of that Act (with or without modifications).
- (10) The power conferred by section 338 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 may be exercised so as to extend to the Bailiwick of Guernsey or the Isle of Man the amendments of provisions of that Act made by paragraph 17 of Schedule 14.
- (11) The power conferred by section 60(6) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 may be exercised so as to extend to the Bailiwick of Guernsey or the Isle of Man the amendments of Schedule 4 to that Act made by paragraph 19 of Schedule 14.
- (12) The power conferred by section 415(1) of the Sentencing Act 2020 may be exercised so as to extend to the Bailiwick of Guernsey or the Isle of Man the amendments of Schedule 18 to that Act made by paragraph 20 of Schedule 14.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I2** S. 239 in force at Royal Assent, see s. 240(z5)

#### **240 Commencement and transitional provision**

- (1) Except as provided by subsection (4), this Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint.
- (2) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) includes power to appoint different days for different purposes.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may not bring section 210 into force before the end of the period of six months beginning with the date specified in regulations under paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 3.
- (4) The following provisions come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
  - (a) Parts 1 and 2;

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- (b) Chapter 1 of Part 3;
  - (c) section 41, except subsection (4) of that section;
  - (d) section 42 and Schedule 4;
  - (e) sections 43 to 48;
  - (f) section 52(3), (4) and (5);
  - (g) section 53, except subsection (2) of that section;
  - (h) Chapter 7 of Part 3 and Schedules 5, 6 and 7;
  - (i) section 70;
  - (j) section 74;
  - (k) section 79;
  - (l) section 80(4);
  - (m) section 82;
  - (n) sections 90 and 91;
  - (o) section 93;
  - (p) section 94 and Schedule 11;
  - (q) Chapter 3 of Part 7;
  - (r) sections 115 to 117;
  - (s) section 129;
  - (t) section 151;
  - (u) section 154 so far as relating to a duty imposed on OFCOM under Schedule 11;
  - (v) sections 169 and 170;
  - (w) section 193, except subsection (2)(b) of that section;
  - (x) section 194;
  - (y) section 204(1);
  - (z) section 207;
  - (z1) section 212;
  - (z2) section 214;
  - (z3) section 219;
  - (z4) sections 221 to 225;
  - (z5) this Part.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make transitional, transitory or saving provision in connection with the coming into force of any provision of this Act.
- (6) The power to make regulations under subsection (5) includes power to make different provision for different purposes.
- (7) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument.

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**Commencement Information**

**I3** S. 240 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(z5\)](#)

**241 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Online Safety Act 2023.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**I4** S. 241 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(z5\)](#)

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