



Online Safety Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 50

PART 10

COMMUNICATIONS OFFENCES

Repeals and amendments in connection with offences

189 Repeals in connection with offences under sections 179 and 181

- (1) Section 127(2)(a) and (b) of the Communications Act (false messages) is repealed so far as it extends to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.
- (2) The following provisions of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 are repealed—
 - (a) section 1(1)(a)(ii),
 - (b) section 1(1)(a)(iii), and
 - (c) section 1(2).
- (3) The following provisions of the Malicious Communications (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/1849 (N.I. 18)) are repealed—
 - (a) Article 3(1)(a)(ii),
 - (b) Article 3(1)(a)(iii), and
 - (c) Article 3(2).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 189 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(1\)](#)
- I2** S. 189 in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/31, reg. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Online Safety Act 2023, Section 189.