EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for sections 272 and 273 of the Communications Act 2003 to come into force on 31st January 2010.

Section 272 requires OFCOM to include in the licences for every licensed public service channel, the public teletext service and every licensed television service added to the list of must-carry services under section 64 conditions which it considers appropriate for securing the three objectives set out in subsections (2) to (4) of section 272.

Section 273 requires OFCOM to include in the licences for every licensed public service channel, the public teletext service and every other licensed television service specified by the Secretary of State conditions which it considers appropriate for securing the three objectives set out at subsections (2) to (4) of section 273.