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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2024 No. 31 (C. 1)**

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The Online Safety Act 2023  
(Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2024

Made - - - - 10th January 2024

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 240(1) of the Online Safety Act 2023<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2024.

**Provisions coming into force on 31st January 2024**

2. Part 10 of the Online Safety Act 2023 comes into force on 31st January 2024.

10th January 2024

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are the third commencement regulations under the Online Safety Act 2023 (c. 50) (“the 2023 Act”). They bring into force Part 10 (which includes Schedule 14) of the 2023 Act. This Part of the Act sets out new and updated communications offences. Schedule 14 sets out amendments consequential on Part 10.

A full impact assessment has been published in relation the Act and copies can be obtained from the UK Parliament website at <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137> or from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology at 100 Parliament Street, London, SW1A 2BQ, United Kingdom.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

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The following provisions of the Online Safety Act 2023 have been brought into force by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
section 7 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 8 to 17	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 19	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 20 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 21 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 22	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 23 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 24 to 33	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 34 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 35 to 40	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 41 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 49 to 51	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 52 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 53 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 54	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 65	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 67 and 68	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 72 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 73	10th January 2024	2023/1420

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section 76	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 77 and 78 and Schedule 8 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 80 (partially) and Schedule 9	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 83 to 89 and Schedule 10	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 92	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 95 to 97	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 100 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 101	1st April 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 102 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 102 (remainder)	1st April 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 103	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 104 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 105 to 108 and Schedule 12	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 109 to 113	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 114 (partially)	22nd November 2023	<a href="#">2023/1242</a>
section 114 (remainder)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 118 and 119	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 120 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 121 to 128	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 130 to 135	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 136 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 137	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 138 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 139 to 150 and Schedule 13	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 152 and 153	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 154 (remainder)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 155 to 161	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 162 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 163 to 168	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 171 to 178	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 192	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>

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sections 195 to 198 and Schedule 15	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 199 to 203	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 204 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 205 (partially)	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 206	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 208	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 209 and Schedule 16	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 211 and Schedule 17	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 213	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
sections 215 to 218	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
section 220	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>
Schedule 3	10th January 2024	<a href="#">2023/1420</a>