
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 888 (C. 39)

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

**The Online Safety Act 2023
(Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - 17th July 2025

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 240(1) and (2) of the Online Safety Act 2023⁽¹⁾.

Citation and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Provisions coming into force on 25th July 2025

2. Section 210 of the Online Safety Act 2023 (repeal of Part 4B of the Communications Act 2003⁽²⁾) comes into force on 25th July 2025.

17th July 2025

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(1) [2023 c. 50](#). Section 240(3) of that Act prevents section 210 from being commenced before the end of the period of six months beginning with the date specified in regulations made under paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 3. Regulation 2 of [S.I. 2024/571](#) specified that date as 2nd September 2024.

(2) [2003 c. 21](#).

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are the sixth commencement regulations made under the Online Safety Act 2023 (c. 50) (“the 2023 Act”). They bring into force section 210 of the 2023 Act, which repeals the video-sharing platform regulatory regime under Part 4B of the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21) (“the 2003 Act”). Services known as “pre-existing Part 4B services” (defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 17 to the 2023 Act) have been regulated under both the 2003 Act and the 2023 Act since entering a transition period on 10th January 2024. Detailed transitional arrangements are provided for in Schedule 17 to the 2023 Act.

These Regulations mark the end of the transition period. From 25th July 2025, pre-existing Part 4B services will be regulated wholly under the 2023 Act and will be subject to each of the relevant duties of care specified in Part 3 of the 2023 Act.

A full impact assessment has been published in relation to the 2023 Act and copies can be obtained from the UK Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-enactment-impact-assessment> or from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology at 100 Parliament Street, London, SW1A 2BQ, United Kingdom.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Online Safety Act 2023 have been brought into force, or are being brought into force, by commencement Regulations made before the date of these Regulations. On the date these Regulations are made, the commencement date of provisions marked * has not been reached.

<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
Schedule 3	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 (remainder)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 49 to 51	10th January 2024	2023/1420

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section 52 (remainder)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 53 (remainder)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 54	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 65	10th January 2024	2023/1420
*section 66 (partially)	3rd November 2025	2025/371
sections 67 and 68	10th January 2024	2023/1420
*section 69 (partially)	3rd November 2025	2025/371
section 72 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 73	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 76	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 77 and 78 and Schedule 8 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
*Schedule 8 (partially)	3rd November 2025	2025/371
section 80 (partially) and Schedule 9	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 81	17th January 2025	2024/1333
sections 83 to 89 and Schedule 10	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 92	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 95 to 97	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 100 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 100 (partially)	17th January 2025	2024/1333
*section 100 (partially)	3rd November 2025	2025/371
section 101	1st April 2024	2023/1420
section 102 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 102 (remainder)	1st April 2024	2023/1420
section 103	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 104 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 104 (partially)	17th January 2025	2024/1333
*section 104 (partially)	3rd November 2025	2025/371
sections 105 to 108 and Schedule 12	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 109 to 113	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 114 (partially)	22nd November 2023	2023/1242
section 114 (remainder)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 118 and 119	10th January 2024	2023/1420

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section 120 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
*section 120 (partially)	3rd November 2025	2025/371
sections 121 to 128	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 130 to 135	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 136 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 136 (remainder)	17th January 2025	2024/1333
section 137	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 138 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 138 (remainder)	17th January 2025	2024/1333
sections 139 to 150	10th January 2024	2023/1420
Schedule 13	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 152 and 153	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 154 (remainder)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 155 to 159	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 161	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 162 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 163 to 168	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 171 to 178	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 179 to 191 and Schedule 14	31st January 2024	2024/31
section 192	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 195 to 198 and Schedule 15	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 199 to 203 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
*sections 199 to 203 (partially)	3rd November 2025	2025/371
section 204 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
*section 204 (partially)	3rd November 2025	2025/371
section 205 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
*section 205 (partially)	3rd November 2025	2025/371
section 206	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 208	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 209 and Schedule 16	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 211 and Schedule 17	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 213	10th January 2024	2023/1420
sections 215 to 218	10th January 2024	2023/1420

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section 220	10th January 2024	2023/1420