STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 1015 (C. 83)

DATA PROTECTION

The Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2026

Made - - - - 10th September 2026

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 142(1) and 143(1) of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025(**a**).

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2026.

Provisions coming into force on 30th September 2026

2. The following provisions of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 come into force on 30th September 2026—

(a) section 117(4)(a) (the Information Commission: omission of section 205(2)(l) of the Data Protection Act 2018);

(b) section 118 (abolition of the office of Information Commissioner);

(c) section 119 (transfer of functions to the Information Commission).

Transitional provision: general continuity

3. Any—

(a) act or omission, or

(b) other thing (including legal proceedings)—

(i) done, or

(ii) which, immediately before 30th September 2026, is in the process of being done,

by or in relation to the Information Commissioner, is to be treated as an act, omission or thing done or in the process of being done, and capable of being continued, by or in relation to the Information Commission.

(**a**) 2025 c. 18.

Transitional and saving provision relating to the accounts of the Information Commissioner

4. Notwithstanding the commencement of section 118 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 by regulation 2(b), in respect of the financial year ending with 31st March 2027, paragraph 11 of Schedule 12 to the Data Protection Act 2018(**a**) continues to apply in relation to the accounts of the Information Commissioner except that the duties imposed by that paragraph on the Information Commissioner are to be discharged by the Information Commission.

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10th September 2026 Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These are the ninth commencement Regulations made under the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (c. 18) ("the 2025 Act").

Regulation 2 brings into force various provisions (namely sections 117(4)(a), 118 and 119 of the 2025 Act) which relate to the replacement of the Information Commissioner with the Information Commission.

Section 118 of the 2025 Act abolishes the office of the Information Commissioner, and as part of that, omits Schedule 12 to the Data Protection Act 2018 ("the 2018 Act"). Section 117(4)(a) makes a related amendment to remove an internal cross reference to Schedule 12 of the 2018 Act which is no longer required as a result of the changes made by section 118.

Section 119 of the 2025 Act transfers the functions of the Information Commissioner to the Information Commission.

Regulations 3 and 4 make appropriate transitional and saving provision to ensure continuity in respect of any act, omission or other thing done or being done by or in relation to the Information Commissioner, and also to ensure that there are no accounting gaps whilst functions are transferred from the Information Commissioner to the Information Commission.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (c. 18) have been brought into force, so far as they were not already in force (see section 142(2)(h) of that Act), by commencement Regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.I. No.*
Part 1	20th August 2025	2025/904
Sections 27 to 44	1st December 2025	2025/1213
Sections 49 to 55	1st December 2025	2025/1213
Sections 67 and 68	5th February 2026	2026/82
Sections 70 and 71	5th February 2026	2026/82

(**a**) 2018 c. 12.

Section 72 (partially)	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 72 (remaining purposes)	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 73	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 74	20th August 2025	2025/904
Sections 75 to 77	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 79	5th September 2025	2025/996
Section 80 and 81	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 83	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 84	20th August 2025	2025/904
Sections 85 to 87	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 88	5th September 2025	2025/996
Sections 89 and 90	17th November 2025	2025/996
Sections 91 to 93	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 94	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 95	20th August 2025	2025/904
Sections 98 to 101	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 102	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 103	19th June 2026	2026/82
Section 104	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 105	5th February 2026	2026/82
Sections 106 to 109	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 110 (partially)	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 110 (remaining purposes)	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 111	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 112	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 113	20th August 2025	2025/904
Sections 114 to 116	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 117 (partially)	20th August 2025	2025/904
Sections 120 and 121	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 123	12th February 2026	2026/126
Section 124	30th September 2025	2025/982
Section 125	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 129	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 130	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 132	5th February 2026	2026/82
Section 133 (partially)	5th February 2026	2026/82
Sections 134 to 137	20th August 2025	2025/904
Section 138	6th February 2026	2026/31
Schedules 4 to 9	5th February 2026	2026/82
Schedule 10	19th June 2026	2026/82
Schedule 11 (partially)	20th August 2025	2025/904
Schedule 11 (further purposes)	5th February 2026	2026/82
Schedule 11 paragraph 32	31st March 2026	2026/317
Schedules 12 and 13	5th February 2026	2026/82
Schedule 14	20th August 2025	2025/904
Schedule 15	5th February 2026	2026/82

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