STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 262 (C. 20)

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2026

Made - - - - 9th March 2026

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(**a**).

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2026.

Provisions coming into force on 7th April 2026

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the following provisions of the Online Safety Act 2023 come into force on 7th April 2026—

(a) section 66(1) and (2) (requirement to report CSEA content: regulated user-to-user services);

(b) section 66(7) to (10) (requirement to report CSEA content: supplementary);

(c) section 69 (offence in relation to CSEA reporting);

(d) section 100(6)(a)(iii) (power to require information);

(e) section 104(13)(a)(xii) (reports by skilled persons);

(f) section 120(2)(a) (admissibility of statements);

(g) sections 199 to 203 (offences: supplementary and general) in respect of section 69;

(h) section 204(2) to (4) (extra-territorial application) in respect of section 69;

(i) section 205 (offences: extra-territorial application and jurisdiction) in respect of section 69;

(j) paragraph 12 of Schedule 8 (transparency reports: matters about which information may be required).

(2) The provisions referred to in sub-paragraphs (b) to (i) of paragraph (1) come into force only so far as they relate to regulated user-to-user services.

(**a**) 2023 c. 50.

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9th March 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are the seventh commencement regulations made under the Online Safety Act 2023 (c. 50) ("the Act"). They bring into force the duty on providers of regulated user-to-user services to report Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse ("CSEA") content to the National Crime Agency and the offence in relation to CSEA reporting under this duty. They also bring into force other provisions in relation to the duty and the offence, including provision conferring functions on the Office of Communications in relation to obtaining information and supplementary provision about offences under the Act.

A full impact assessment has been published in relation to the 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 22-26 Whitehall, London SW1A 2EG.

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 by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations(**a**).

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.I. No.*
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
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
sections 67 and 68	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 72 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420

(**a**) The Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/371 (C. 13)) ("the Regulations") were revoked by the Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 5) (Revocation) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/1064 (C. 51)) before the date on which provisions to be commenced by the Regulations would have been so commenced.

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
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 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
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
section 120 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
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 and 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
section 204 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
section 205 (partially)	10th January 2024	2023/1420
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 210	25th July 2025	2025/888
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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