

**2020 No. 125**

**BROADCASTING**

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**The Office of Communications (Provision of Information)  
Regulations 2020**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>4th February 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>13th February 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2020</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24A(4) and 402(3) of the Communications Act 2003(a), makes the following Regulations.

In accordance with section 24A(5) of that Act, the Secretary of State has consulted OFCOM(b).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Office of Communications (Provision of Information) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 1st April 2020.

(2) In these Regulations, “the 2003 Act” means the Communications Act 2003.

**Exempt descriptions of information**

**2.**—(1) The duty in section 24A(1) of the 2003 Act(c) does not apply to the descriptions of information specified in paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) Information relating to the exercise of the functions of OFCOM concerning—

- (a) programme and fairness standards for television and radio;
- (b) unjust or unfair treatment or unwarranted infringement of privacy in connection with programmes;
- (c) the broadcasting of local items during an election period;
- (d) party political broadcasts.

(3) Information relating to the exercise of the functions of OFCOM concerning the enforcement of licences to provide television and radio services.

(4) Information relating to—

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(a) 2003 c.21. Section 24A was inserted by section 98 of the Digital Economy Act 2017 (c.30).

(b) Section 405(1) of the 2003 Act defines ‘OFCOM’ as the Office of Communications.

(c) The duty in section 24A(1) is for OFCOM to provide the Secretary of State, at least 24 hours before publication, with any information that they propose to publish.