STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 445

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Electronic Communications (Universal Service) (Broadband) Order 2018

Made - - - -	*28th March 2018*
Laid before Parliament	*28th March 2018*
Coming into force - -	*23rd April 2018*

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 65 of the Communications Act 2003(**1**).

The Secretary of State has consulted OFCOM and such other persons as he considers appropriate in accordance with section 65(4).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Electronic Communications (Universal Service) (Broadband) Order 2018 and comes into force on 23rd April 2018.

Broadband universal service

2. Schedule 1 sets out the broadband connections and services that must be provided throughout the United Kingdom.

Guidance about matters relating to broadband universal service

3. Schedule 2 sets out guidance about matters relating to the broadband connections and services that must be provided.

Amendment of the Electronic Communications (Universal Service) Order 2003

4.—(1) The Schedule to the Electronic Communications (Universal Service) Order 2003(**2**) is amended as follows.

(**1**) 2003 c. 21. Section 65 was amended by the Electronic Communications and Wireless Telegraphy Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2010), the Treaty of Lisbon (Changes in Terminology) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1043) and section 1 of the Digital Economy Act 2017 (c. 30).

(**2**) S.I. 2003/1904. The Schedule was amended by the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2426) and the Electronic Communications (Universal Service) (Amendment) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1209).

(2) In paragraph 1 (publicly available telephone services), in sub-paragraph (2) for the words ", facsimile" to the end substitute "and facsimile".

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