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COMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE 2017

AN ORDINANCE To provide for the licensing of activities related to communication services; to provide for the establishment of a regulator responsible for the development, operation and regulation of communication services and to provide for connected matters.

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Falkland Islands —

PART 1 PRELIMINARY

1. Title

This Ordinance is the Communications Ordinance 2017.

2. Commencement

(1) This Ordinance comes into force on a day specified by the Governor by notice published in the Gazette.

(2) Different dates may be specified for different purposes.

3. Interpretation

(1) In this Ordinance —

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“**apparatus**” includes any equipment, machinery or device (including, in particular, wire and cable and the casing or coating of wire or cable);

“**audio-visual media service**” means a service for the communication of material to be displayed as a combination of sounds and pictures;

“**broadcasting station**” means an installation for making broadcasts;

“**carriage service**” for the purposes of the exclusive licence, means a service consisting wholly or partly of transmitting signals by means of a network and the expression —

(a) does not include a content service, and

(b) does include the provision of services ancillary to the conveyance of signals and conditional access or other services to enable customers to access a content service;

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“**class licence**” means the licence referred to in section 39;

“**content service**” means so much of any service as consists of one or both of the following—

(a) the provision of material with a view to it being comprised in signals conveyed by means of an electronic communications network;

(b) the exercise of editorial control over the contents of signals conveyed by means of such a network;

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“**domain name**” has the meaning given by section 85(3);

“**electronic communications apparatus**” means —

(a) any apparatus which is designed or adapted for use in connection with the provision of an electronic communications network;

(b) any apparatus that is designed or adapted for a use which consists of or includes the sending or receiving of communications or other signals that are transmitted by means of an electronic communications network;

(c) any line;

(d) any conduit, structure, pole or other thing in, on, by or from which any electronic communications apparatus is or may be installed, supported carried or suspended; and references to the installation of electronic communications apparatus are to be construed accordingly;

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“**electronic communications objectives**” means the objectives set out in section 4;

“**electronic communications data**” means data relating to electronic communications;

“electronic communications network” means —

- (a) a transmission system for the conveyance, by the use of electrical, magnetic or electromagnetic energy, of signals of any description; and
- (b) such of the following as are used, by the person providing the system and in association with it, for the conveyance of signals —
 - (i) apparatus comprised in the system;
 - (ii) apparatus used for the switching or routing of the signals including network elements which are not active; and
 - (iii) software and stored data;

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“electronic communications service” means a service consisting in, or having as its principal feature, the conveyance by means of an electronic communications network of signals, except insofar as it is a content service;

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“harmful interference” means interference which endangers the functioning of a radio navigation service or of other safety services or which otherwise seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunications service operating in accordance with international or Falkland Island regulations;

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“individual licence” has the meaning given by section 35;

“interfere”, in relation to a communication, includes fail to deliver, delay delivery, intercept, divert, monitor, and make personal use of the communication;

“ITU” means the International Telecommunications Union;

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“the licence requirement” has the meaning given by section 21(2);

“licensee” includes any subsidiary undertaking included within the scope of a licence in accordance with section 38(1);

“line” means any wire, cable, tube, pipe or similar thing (including its casing or coating) which is designed or adapted for use in connection with the provision of any electronic communications network or electronic communications service;

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“**message**” means any communication, whether oral, written, printed or displayed or conveyed by any means;

“**numbering plan**” means the plan made by the Regulator under section 84;

“**programme**” means a set of moving images with or without sound constituting an individual item within a schedule or a catalogue established by an audio-visual media service provider and whose form and content is comparable to the form and content of television broadcasting;

“**radiocommunication**” means the emitting or receiving over paths which are not provided by any material substance constructed or arranged for that purpose, of electromagnetic energy which either —

- (a) serves for the conveying of messages, sound or visual images (whether the messages, sound or images are actually received by any person or not) or for the actuation or control of machinery or apparatus; or
- (b) is used in connection with the determination of position, bearing or distance, or for the gaining of information as to the presence, absence, position or motion of any object or of any objects of any class;

and references to stations for radiocommunications and apparatus for radiocommunications or radiocommunications apparatus shall be construed as references to stations and apparatus for the emitting or receiving of such electromagnetic energy:

Provided that where —

- (i) a station or apparatus for radiocommunications cannot lawfully be used without a radiocommunications licence but for regulations under Part 6 of this Ordinance;
- (ii) any such electromagnetic energy which is received by that station or apparatus serves for the conveying of messages, sound or visual images; and
- (iii) any apparatus is coupled by wire, radio, optical or any electromagnetic means with that station or apparatus for the purpose of enabling any person to receive any such messages, sound or visual images;

the apparatus so coupled shall be deemed for the purposes of Part 6 of this Ordinance to be apparatus for radiocommunications;

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“**radiocommunications licence**” means a licence granted under section 55A.

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

“**the Regulator**” means the Communications Regulator appointed under section 6;

“**the regulatory principles**” means the principles specified in section 5;

“**signal**” includes —

- (a) anything comprising speech, music, sounds, visual images or communications or data of any description; and
- (b) signals serving for the communication of anything between persons, between a person and a thing or between things, or for the actuation or control of any apparatus;

“**state assets**” means any radio spectrum, national telephone numbers and domain names;

“**television broadcast**” means an audio-visual media service provided by an audio-visual media service provider for simultaneous viewing of programmes on the basis of a programme schedule;

“**universal service**” means those services specified pursuant to section 64; and

“**with lawful authority**” means —

- (a) in accordance with a provision of this Ordinance or any other enactment, in accordance with a provision of a licence issued under this Ordinance, in connection with or in the course of activities licensed under this Ordinance, in accordance with a warrant, notice or requirement issued under this Ordinance, or in accordance with an order of a court; or
- (b) where the issue concerns disclosure of information or documents, with the consent of the sender and recipient of the information or documents.

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(2) The reference in the definition of “**electronic communications network**” to a transmission system includes a reference to a transmission system consisting of no more than a transmitter used for the conveyance of signals.

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(3) In this section, references to the conveyance of signals include references to the transmission or routing of signals or parts of signals and to the broadcasting of signals for general reception.

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(4) Any reference in this Ordinance to the emission of electromagnetic energy, or to emission (as opposed to reception) is to be construed as including a reference to the deliberate reflection of electromagnetic energy by means of any apparatus designed or specially adapted for the purpose, whether the reflection is continuous or intermittent.

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(5) References in this Ordinance to apparatus on board a ship or vessel include references to apparatus on a kite, balloon or any other device flown from a ship or vessel.

[S.4/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

PART 2 OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES

4. Electronic communications objectives

The electronic communications objectives for the purposes of this Ordinance are —

- (a) to promote the public interest generally in relation to electronic communications;
- (b) to facilitate effective communication in the Falkland Islands and between the people of the Falkland Islands and the rest of the world;
- (c) to ensure effective regulation of the supply and operation of electronic communications services;
- (d) to enhance the efficiency of the Falkland Islands' commercial electronic communications sector;
- (e) to support the growth and development of the Falkland Islands' economy;
- (f) to promote investment and innovation in electronic communications networks and services;
- (g) to promote optimal use of radio spectrum;
- (h) to provide affordable access to high quality networks and carriage services in all regions of the Falkland Islands so far as reasonably practicable;
- (i) to maintain public safety and security;
- (j) to contribute to the protection of personal privacy;
- (k) to avoid public nuisance through electronic communications so far as reasonably practicable;
- (l) to limit adverse impact of networks and carriage services on the environment so far as reasonably practicable;
- (m) to ensure access to all key electronic communications services;
- (n) to encourage infrastructure investment into the Falkland Islands;

- (o) to provide continued growth in international capacity to support increasing usage levels, so far as economically feasible;
- (p) to support the delivery of public sector services (including education and healthcare);
- (q) to strengthen the regulatory environment that supports development of the Falkland Islands' electronic communications sector; and
- (r) to promote innovative services to support the needs of the people of the Falkland Islands; and
- (s) to promote and support the use of up to date technologies in providing electronic telecommunication services.

5. Regulatory principles

The regulatory principles for the purposes of this Ordinance are —

- (a) that public policy in relation to electronic communications should aim to pursue the electronic communications objectives;
- (b) that the needs of the people of the Falkland Islands are the paramount consideration in operating the licensing regimes under this Ordinance;
- (c) that additional regulatory or administrative measures should be introduced only —
 - (i) where the Regulator is satisfied that the existing licensing regimes are insufficient for the efficient and effective pursuit of the electronic communications objectives;
 - (ii) having regard to the costs and impact of those measures on affected parties (including consumers, licensees and other undertakings);
 - (iii) if the Regulator is satisfied that the measures are proportionate, transparent, accountable, fair and non-discriminatory.

PART 3 THE COMMUNICATIONS REGULATOR

Nature and status

6. Appointment

(1) The Governor must appoint a person as the Communications Regulator (“**the Regulator**”) to perform functions conferred by this Ordinance and any other enactment.

(2) In the event that —

(a) the office of the Regulator is vacant; or

(b) the Regulator is incapacitated;

the functions of the Regulator under this Ordinance will be performed by the Attorney General or another officer designated by the Governor.

7. Exercise of certain powers and annual report

(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), the Regulator, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it under this Ordinance must not be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority.

(2) The Regulator must have regard to the electronic communication objectives, the regulatory principles and any other policy objectives set by the Falkland Islands Government.

(3) The Governor may give policy directions to the Regulator in the exercise by the Regulator of the functions under section 10(b), (d) and (f).

(4) The Regulator must submit an annual written report to the Governor and to the Legislative Assembly about the exercise of the Regulator’s functions during each calendar year.

(5) An annual report must be made as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case not later than 3 months after the end of the calendar year to which it relates.

(6) The Regulator must include in the report information of any attempts by any person or authority to improperly direct or control the Regulator in the exercise of the powers specified in subsection (1).

8. Supplemental

The Governor may by regulations make provision for —

(a) the appointment of staff of the Regulator;

(b) remuneration and allowances; and

(c) the conduct of the Regulator’s proceedings (which may include provision for delegation).

Functions

9. General duties

- (1) In carrying out its functions the Regulator must —
 - (a) aim to pursue the electronic communications objectives,
 - (b) have regard to the regulatory principles; and
 - (c) have regard to any other principles which appear to the Regulator to represent best practice (having regard to all the circumstances of the Falkland Islands).
- (2) Where two or more electronic communications objectives or other principles conflict in relation to a matter or class of matters, the Regulator must aim to strike an appropriate balance.
- (3) In introducing or developing a regulatory or administrative measure the Regulator must publish a document —
 - (a) specifying the electronic communications objectives that are advanced by the measure; and
 - (b) demonstrating how the regulatory principles have been complied with.

10. Specific duties

The Regulator has the following functions —

- (a) to regulate the electronic communications sector by exercising powers under this Ordinance (in particular, to issue licences and exemption determinations);
- (b) to manage state assets in accordance with this Ordinance;
- (c) to administer the licence fee system under this Ordinance;
- (d) if requested by the Governor, to represent the Falkland Islands in relation to international organisations or obligations connected with electronic communications;
- (e) to exercise functions conferred on it by this Ordinance or any other enactment; and
- (f) to undertake other functions connected with electronic communications at the request of the Governor.

11. General powers

(1) The Regulator may do anything it considers necessary or desirable for the purpose of pursuing the electronic communications objectives in accordance with the regulatory principles.

(2) In particular, the Regulator may —

(a) exercise the powers given to it under this Ordinance;

(b) issue or approve codes of practice, directions, decisions, statements, instructions, notifications and technical rules and standards;

(c) publish and maintain registers or lists;

(d) institute civil proceedings;

(e) conduct inquiries, investigations under section 12 and hearings;

(f) conduct market investigations and reviews;

(g) require the provision of documents and information;

(h) publish the results of action taken under paragraph (e) or documents or information provided under paragraph (f); and

(i) make awards of compensation (in accordance with any relevant law) in respect of loss or damage suffered by consumers, and make provision for the enforcement of awards.

(3) Failure to have regard to or comply with codes of practice, directions, decisions, statements, instructions, notifications and technical rules and standards issued or approved by the Regulator does not of itself give rise to civil or criminal liability; but —

(a) a court or tribunal (including an arbitral tribunal) may have regard to any of those instruments issued or approved by the Regulator that appears to the court or tribunal to be relevant to a matter before it; and

(b) licences and other instruments under this Ordinance may require parties to have regard to, or comply with, a specified instrument or class of instrument issued or approved by the Regulator (which may include instruments issued or approved after the grant of the licence).

(4) The Governor may make regulations regarding the exercise of powers by the Regulator under this section.

Enforcement powers

12. Compliance investigations

- (1) The Regulator may investigate an actual, alleged or suspected contravention of —
 - (a) a provision made by or by virtue of this Ordinance, or
 - (b) a licence issued under this Ordinance.
- (2) For the purposes of an investigation the Regulator may —
 - (a) require the provision of information or documents; or
 - (b) enter premises and inspect, copy and retain documents, in accordance with a warrant issued under section 96.
- (3) The Regulator may, with the approval of the Governor, appoint an agent —
 - (a) to conduct an investigation, and
 - (b) to exercise the Regulator's powers under this section in respect of that investigation.
- (4) The Governor may not approve the appointment of an agent under subsection (3) unless satisfied that —
 - (a) the agent has appropriate qualifications, experience and competence, and
 - (b) all necessary safeguards and mechanisms for transparency and accountability are in place.

13. Enforcement orders, penalties and compensation awards

- (1) This section applies where the Regulator considers that a person (whether a licensee or not) has failed to comply with —
 - (a) the provisions of this Ordinance;
 - (b) the provisions of a licence or other instrument issued under this Ordinance; or
 - (c) in the case of a licensee, fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the licence.
- (2) The Regulator may by order in writing require the person to —
 - (a) take action specified in the order, or
 - (b) refrain from taking any action specified in the order.
- (3) The Regulator may by order in writing require the person to pay a penalty or compensation awarded under the powers in section 11(2)(i).

(4) The Governor must make regulations for penalties or compensation awards under this section; and the regulations must, in particular, make provision —

(a) for notice to be given of intent to impose a penalty or compensation award;

(b) for an opportunity to make representations to be given before the imposition of a penalty or compensation award;

(c) for the form and content of orders;

(d) subject to subsections (5) and (6), setting a maximum penalty (or different maximums for different classes of cases);

(e) subject to subsections (5) and (6), for the calculation of the amount of penalty to be paid (which may include provision for the exercise of a discretion by reference to criteria specified in regulations, and may include provision for calculation by reference to a percentage of a business' turnover or in any other manner specified in the regulations);

(f) requiring notice of orders to be given to persons specified in the order;

(g) for the publication of orders.

(5) In the case of a licensee other than an exclusive licensee referred to in Part 7, the amount of the penalty may not exceed an amount equivalent to level 10 on the standard scale.

(6) In the case of an exclusive licensee, the amount of the penalty may not exceed level 12 on the standard scale or 10% of the licensee's annual turnover, whichever is the lower, and annual turnover is calculated as the licensee's annual turnover —

(a) for the year preceding that in which the penalty is imposed, and

(b) in respect of the licensee's business carried on in reliance on the licence.

(7) An order is enforceable as if it were an order of the Supreme Court.

(8) The Regulator must publish criteria to be applied in determining the amount of a penalty or compensation award.

(9) Failure to comply with an order under this section —

(a) is an offence; and

(b) may result in revocation of a licence in accordance with section 44.

(9A) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (9) is liable on conviction —

- (a) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months;
- (b) to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale; or
- (c) to both.

[S.5/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(9B) In addition to any penalty imposed under subsection (9A), the court may also order the person to comply with the enforcement order.

[S.5/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(10) A penalty imposed under this section is enforceable as a debt due to the Regulator.

(11) A compensation award imposed under this section is a debt due to the person in whose favour it was made.

(12) A penalty and a compensation award carry interest at such rate as the Governor may specify by notice in the Gazette.

14. Determinations of licence and other obligations

(1) The Regulator may make a determination about —

- (a) the nature and extent of an obligation imposed on a person by or by virtue of a provision of this Ordinance or of a licence or other instrument under this Ordinance;
- (b) the effect of any other provision of or by virtue of this Ordinance or of a licence or other instrument under this Ordinance.

(2) A determination may be made —

- (a) on an application by a person who appears to the Regulator to have a sufficient interest in the matter to be determined, or
- (b) on the Regulator's own motion.

(3) Before making a determination in respect of an obligation imposed on a person, the Regulator must consult that person and any other person who appears to the Regulator to have a legitimate interest.

(4) Before making any other determination the Regulator must consult such persons as appear to the Regulator to have a legitimate interest.

(5) The Regulator must issue a determination in writing giving its reasons.

(6) The Regulator must publish a determination on its website (unless the Regulator is satisfied that public interest in publication is outweighed by commercial or other reasons for confidentiality).

(7) Where the matter is urgent, the Regulator may issue an interim determination on such terms as it considers appropriate.

(8) The Governor may make regulations about the procedure to be followed in relation to the making of determinations.

(9) A determination shall be conclusive for all purposes as to the matters stated in it (subject to appeal under Part 14).

General procedure

15. Consultation

(1) Before taking regulatory or administrative action under this Ordinance the Regulator must consult any person directly affected by the action and any other person who appears to the Regulator to have a legitimate interest.

(2) This section is without prejudice to any specific procedures provided by or under a provision of this Ordinance.

(3) This section —

(a) does not apply in relation to determinations under section 14; and

(b) is subject to section 17.

16. Publication

(1) The Regulator must make arrangements for the publication of regulatory or other action taken under this Ordinance if the Regulator believes that —

(a) the action is of public significance, and

(b) publication is in accordance with the regulatory principles.

(2) In particular, the Regulator must —

(a) publish regulatory and other action on its website as soon as reasonably practicable;

(b) provide arrangements for persons to register through the website to receive notice of new action;

(c) maintain its website; and

(d) ensure that copies of documents are made available at its principal office for inspection by the public on request during normal business hours without charge.

(3) The Regulator must also consider whether to publish notice of action taken or to be taken in a newspaper.

(4) This section is subject to section 17.

(5) Action is of public significance for the purposes of this section if it is likely —

(a) to have a significant impact on the public;

(b) to have a significant impact on persons or activities in respect of which the Regulator exercises functions; or

(c) to result in a significant change in the Regulator's activities.

17. Confidentiality and personal data security

(1) A licensee must not produce any information that contains personal data to the Regulator or to any other person except —

(a) in accordance with an order or warrant issued under this Ordinance;

(b) in accordance with any other order of court; or

(c) with the consent of the person to whom the data relates.

(2) The Regulator must not publish or disclose information held under subsection (1) that identifies or could be used to identify the individual that it is about except —

(a) in accordance with an order of court; or

(b) with the consent of the licensee and the person to whom the data relates.

[S.6/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(3) Subject to this section, the Regulator must not publish or disclose information acquired in the course of the exercise of the Regulator's functions which it considers to be commercially confidential.

- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply to disclosure —
- (a) to, or in accordance with an order of, a court; or
 - (b) where the information is provided to a person or class of persons designated under subsection (5).
- (5) The Governor, by notice in the Gazette, may designate persons or a class of persons whom he or she considers reasonably necessary to receive the information referred to in subsection (4)—
- (a) for regulatory or other Government functions in connection with duties under this Ordinance; or
 - (b) to assist the Regulator or the Governor with the discharge of regulatory duties under this Ordinance.
- (6) Before the Regulator provides information to a person designated under subsection (5) —
- (a) the Regulator must be satisfied that the designated person requires the information for the proper performance of their functions or that they need the information to assist the Regulator in the proper performance of its functions under this Ordinance;
 - (b) the designated person signs a declaration that they will hold the information in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Regulator.
- (7) The Governor may make regulations in relation to the confidentiality of information supplied to the Regulator, the security of data held by the Regulator, conditions for designation of a person under subsection (5) and the term of the designation.

18. Divulging information and use of information for gain

- (1) A person who contravenes section 17 is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.
- (2) A person who uses for gain (whether by that person or another) information that is held by the Regulator but that is not available to the public is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to one or more of the following penalties —
- (a) forfeiture of the amount gained;
 - (b) a fine not exceeding level 6 on the standard scale;
 - (c) imprisonment for up to 1 year.

19. Alternative Dispute Resolution

- (1) The Regulator may —
 - (a) establish one or more alternative dispute resolution schemes (“**ADR schemes**”) for resolving disputes between licensees, and between licensees and consumers, or
 - (b) approve one or more ADR schemes proposed by licensees.
- (2) Before establishing an ADR scheme the Regulator must consult licensees.
- (3) An ADR scheme may involve —
 - (a) mediation (which may be conducted by the Regulator, a person appointed by the Regulator or a person appointed by the parties to a dispute or by a third party);
 - (b) arbitration of specified matters by an expert appointed by the Regulator, the parties or a third party;
 - (c) any other method of alternative dispute resolution which the Regulator is satisfied conforms to best practice in dispute resolution.
- (4) The Regulator may approve an ADR scheme proposed by licensees only if satisfied that it is—
 - (a) fair (including non-discriminatory) and transparent;
 - (b) to be administered by persons who are independent of any licensee to which it will apply;
 - (c) to be administered in accordance with the electronic communications objectives; and
 - (d) designed to ensure that individuals exercising functions under the scheme have appropriate qualifications and experience.
- (5) Where the Regulator approves an ADR scheme —
 - (a) the Regulator must require persons responsible for the management of the scheme to report to the Regulator at specified intervals (of not more than a year) about its operation; and
 - (b) if the Regulator is not satisfied that the scheme satisfies the conditions in subsection (4) it must withdraw its approval; and a withdrawal may include incidental and transitional provision.
- (6) An ADR scheme established or approved under this section —
 - (a) may provide for decisions (including interim and ancillary decisions) to be binding on the parties; and

(b) must specify whether participation in the scheme prejudices rights under any other provision of this Ordinance or any other enactment or law.

20. Procedural regulations

(1) The Governor may make regulations on the procedure to be followed by the Regulator in connection with the performance of its functions.

(2) The regulations may, in particular, make provision for —

(a) the preparation and promulgation of instruments under section 11(2)(b);

(b) the preparation of lists under section 11(2)(c);

(c) the conduct of inquiries, investigations, hearings and reviews under section 11(2)(e) and (f);

(d) the calculation and payment of compensation under section 11(2)(i).

(3) Before making regulations under this section the Governor must consult —

(a) any licensee affected, and

(b) such other persons as the Governor thinks appropriate.

PART 4 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS LICENCES

Requirement for licence

21. Activities requiring licence

(1) The following activities require a licence under this Part —

(a) owning an electronic communications network;

(b) operating an electronic communications network;

(c) providing electronic communications services;

(d) importing electronic communications apparatus.

(2) In this Ordinance “the licence requirement” means the requirement under subsection (1).

Exemptions

22. Exclusive licence

The licence requirement does not apply to anything —

- (a) done in reliance on and in accordance with an exclusive telecommunications licence granted under Part 7, or
- (b) exempted from a requirement for a licence under that Part.

23. Broadcasting

The licence requirement does not apply to anything —

- (a) done in reliance on and in accordance with a broadcasting station licence granted under Part 5, or
- (b) exempted from a requirement for a licence under that Part.

24. Crown and Government

(1) The licence requirement does not apply to anything done by or on behalf of the Government.

(2) The licence requirement does not apply to anything done by or on behalf of —

- (a) Her Majesty's Government;
- (b) Her Majesty's armed forces for operational purposes;
- (c) the providers of the British Forces Broadcasting Services;
- (d) the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

(3) An exemption under this section does not apply to the provision of electronic communications services to the public at a time when services of that kind are provided by a licensee.

25. Private facilities

(1) The licence requirement does not apply to private electronic communications facilities.

[S.7/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(2) For the purposes of this section “**private electronic communications facilities**” means electronic communications services which —

(a) are provided by a person by means of local land-based network facilities or local transport-based network facilities;

(b) are accessible only on that person’s property;

(c) are operated independently (in every sense) of electronic communications networks operated by any other person; and

(d) are not operated in the course of an electronic communications service business or otherwise for commercial gain (except as an indirect and incidental part of a person’s business that does not involve the provision of electronic communications services).

(3) In subsection (2)(a) —

(a) “**local land-based network facilities**” means network facilities which are situated on, and operated in, a single area of land in the Falkland Islands occupied by the person who is providing the electronic communications services; and

(b) “**local transport-based network facilities**” means network facilities which are situated on and operated in one or more vehicles, vessels, aircraft or hovercraft.

26. Transmission stations

Electronic communication networks are exempt from the licence requirement if they are used to receive sounds or visual images transmitted by radiocommunications —

(a) from a transmitting station for general reception direct from that station, or

(b) through the medium of a relay service licensed under this Ordinance.

[S.8/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

27. Foreign transport

(1) Electronic communications networks and electronic communications services are exempt from the licence requirement if they are operated on a foreign vessel or aircraft —

- (a) passing through Falkland Islands territorial waters or skies, or
- (b) berthing or landing in a Falkland Islands port or airport.

[S.9/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(2) Subsection (1) does not permit the making of a broadcast while in Falkland Islands territorial waters or skies or while at a Falkland Islands port or airport.

(3) In subsection (1) “**foreign**” means not registered in the Falkland Islands.

28. Emergency services

(1) The licence requirement does not apply to electronic communications networks which are designed and used only for the provision of any of the following services in accordance with an enactment —

- (a) police services;
- (b) ambulance services;
- (c) fire and rescue services;
- (d) other emergency services;
- (e) helplines designated by the Governor by Order; and
- (f) emergency and other services provided by the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

[S.10/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(2) Before making an Order under subsection (1)(e) the Governor must consult —

- (a) any licensee affected, and
- (b) such other persons as the Governor thinks appropriate.

29. Radio spectrum use

(1) The licence requirement does not apply to anything —

- (a) ...
- (b) exempted from a requirement for a licence under Part 6.

[S.11/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(1A) The Regulator may, by notice, provide that anything exempt from a licence under this Part because of subsection (1), is not exempt.

[S.11/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(2) ...

[S.11/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(3) A notice —

- (a) must be published by the Regulator;
- (b) must specify the period for which it applies;
- (c) may be varied or revoked by the Regulator.

30. Maritime and aviation satellite systems

(1) The licence requirement does not apply to anything done in the territorial sea in accordance with the provisions of any international convention or agreement relating to maritime satellite communications.

(2) The licence requirement does not apply to anything done on an aircraft in accordance with an enactment of the State in which it is registered relating to aviation satellite communications.

31. Broadcasting licences

The licence requirement does not apply to anything done —

- (a) by a person licensed to provide services under the Broadcasting Ordinance 2004 or a person holding a licence granted under Part 5 of this Ordinance, and
- (b) in accordance with that licence.

[S.12/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019] [Revision w.e.f. 5/12/19]

32. Power to confer additional exemptions

(1) The Governor may by regulations confer exemptions from the licence requirement.

(2) Regulations may confer exemption —

- (a) on a specified person or class of persons;
- (b) in relation to specified activities or classes of activity;
- (c) in relation to specified equipment or classes of equipment.

(3) Before conferring an exemption in accordance with this section the Governor must give the Regulator an opportunity to make representations.

(4) Before making representations the Regulator must consult as the Regulator thinks appropriate.

Grant of licences

33. Power to grant licences

(1) The Regulator may grant licences permitting persons to —

- (a) own an electronic communications network;
- (b) operate an electronic communications network;
- (c) provide electronic communications services;
- (d) import electronic communications apparatus.

(2) A licence issued by the Regulator may —

- (a) apply in relation to all or any specified part of Falkland Islands territory;
- (b) be non-exclusive; and
- (c) be granted on terms and conditions.

(3) The Regulator may vary the conditions attached to a licence granted by the Regulator.

(4) In attaching or varying conditions the Regulator must have regard to the electronic communications objectives.

(5) A licence may be granted under this section only in so far as it is compatible with an exclusive licence granted under Part 7.

(6) An exclusive licence for any of the matters listed in subsection (1) other than the exclusive licence referred to under Part 7, may be granted by the Governor and the Governor shall have the powers of the Regulator under this section, with the necessary changes.

34. Individual and class licences

A licence issued under section 33 must state that it is either —

- (a) an individual licence, or
- (b) a class licence.

Individual licences

35. Nature of individual licence

- (1) An individual licence is issued to a specified licensee.
- (2) An individual licence comes into force in accordance with its terms.

36. Conditions

- (1) The Regulator may attach conditions to an individual licence.
- (2) The Regulator may add to, remove or vary conditions attached to an individual licence.
- (3) When attaching, adding, removing or varying a condition the Regulator must —
 - (a) have regard to the electronic communications objectives,
 - (b) have regard to the regulatory principles, and
 - (c) in particular, ensure that conditions do not unfairly discriminate between licensees in respect of the same or similar networks or services.
- (4) Before attaching, adding, removing or varying a condition the Regulator must —

(a) consult the licensee, and

(b) allow a period of at least 28 days for the licensee to respond to the consultation.

37. Licensee's installations

(1) Each individual licence contains an implied provision requiring the licensee to permit any person authorised by the Regulator to enter any premises occupied or controlled by the licensee to inspect any apparatus used by the licensee in the carrying on of activities in reliance on the licence.

(2) A person acquiring information in the course of an inspection under this section may not disclose the information without the consent of the licensee.

(3) If the Regulator thinks that apparatus used by the licensee in the carrying on of activities in reliance on the licence is causing interference with any other apparatus, the Regulator may by notice require the licensee to take steps to prevent the interference.

(4) Each individual licence includes implied provision requiring the licensee to comply with a requirement under subsection (3) as soon as is reasonably practicable.

38. Subsidiary undertakings

(1) The licensee under an individual licence is —

(a) the person who applies for the licence (“**the principal licensee**”), and

(b) any subsidiary undertaking of the applicant listed in the application.

(2) The principal licensee may apply in writing to the Regulator —

(a) to add a subsidiary undertaking to the licence, or

(b) to remove a subsidiary undertaking from the licence.

(3) The Regulator must as soon as is reasonably practicable —

(a) determine an application under subsection (2);

(b) notify the principal licensee of the Regulator's determination; and

(c) take any action necessary as a result.

(4) The Regulator may remove a subsidiary undertaking from an individual licence without an application under subsection (2) if the subsidiary undertaking applies for an individual licence.

Class licences

39. Nature of class licence

- (1) A class licence is issued by means of a determination of the Regulator.
- (2) The determination must specify —
 - (a) the terms and conditions of the licence, and
 - (b) any qualification criteria required to be satisfied by a person relying on the licence.
- (3) A class licence may be relied upon by any person who —
 - (a) satisfies the qualification criteria (if any), and
 - (b) complies with the specified terms and conditions.
- (4) A class licence comes into force with respect to a person at whichever is the later of —
 - (a) the time when the person registers in accordance with section 40 (if registration is required),
 - (b) the time when the person satisfies any terms or conditions specified as requiring to be satisfied before reliance on the licence, and
 - (c) any commencement time specified in the licence.

40. Registration

- (1) When issuing a class licence the Regulator must specify whether —
 - (a) it requires persons to register for it (a “**registration licence**”), or
 - (b) it does not require persons to register for it (a “**non-registration licence**”).
- (2) A person who satisfies the specified qualification criteria for a non-registration licence may rely on the licence to provide the services specified in it, in accordance with its specified terms and conditions.
- (3) The Regulator must publish —

- (a) a standard registration form for registration licences, and
 - (b) guidance on registration and deregistration for registration licenses.
- (4) A person (“**the registration applicant**”) who satisfies the specified qualification criteria for a registration licence may send to the Regulator —
- (a) a completed registration form, and
 - (b) any prescribed registration fee.
- (5) A registration applicant becomes a registered person in respect of the registration licence at the end of the period of 45 days beginning with the date on which the Regulator receives the registration form (subject to subsection (6)).
- (6) A registration applicant does not become a registered person if during the period specified in subsection (5) the Regulator notifies the registration applicant in writing that —
- (a) the person does not satisfy relevant qualification criteria,
 - (b) the registration form is incomplete, incorrect or unsigned, or
 - (c) the prescribed fee has not been paid.
- (7) The Regulator may not restrict the number of persons that may register for a class licence.
- (8) A registered person remains registered for a registration licence unless and until the Regulator notifies the person in writing that —
- (a) the person has ceased to satisfy the specified qualification criteria, or
 - (b) any prescribed requirements for annual or other fees have not been complied with.

Implied condition

41. Licensee’s installations

- (1) A class licence is subject to an implied provision requiring each person relying on it (“**the licensee**”) to permit any person authorised by the Regulator to enter any premises occupied or controlled by the licensee to inspect any apparatus used by the licensee in the carrying on of activities in reliance on the licence.
- (2) A person acquiring information in the course of an inspection under this section may not disclose the information without the consent of the licensee.

(3) If the Regulator thinks that apparatus used by the licensee in the carrying on of activities in reliance on the licence is causing interference with any other apparatus, the Regulator may by notice require the licensee to take steps to prevent the interference.

(4) A class licence includes implied provision requiring the licensee to comply with a requirement under subsection (3) as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Duration

42. Duration of licence

An individual or class licence may be expressed —

- (a) to continue in force unless and until the Regulator gives at least 1 years' written notice of its termination; or
- (b) to continue in force for a specified period of not more than 10 years.

Procedure

43. Licensing procedure

The Governor may by regulations —

- (a) prescribe procedures to be followed in relation to applications for individual licences;
- (b) prescribe information to be provided in connection with applications for individual licences;
- (c) prescribe procedures to be followed in relation to registration for class licences;
- (d) prescribe information to be provided in connection with registration for class licences;
- (e) specify factors to be considered in determining whether a person satisfies specified qualification criteria;
- (f) in particular, specify factors to be considered in determining whether a person is fit and proper where that is a specified qualification criterion; and

(g) prescribe periods within which the Regulator must aim to determine applications in connection with individual or class licences.

Remedies for non-compliance

44. Variation or revocation of licence

(1) This section applies where a licensee fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the licence.

(2) The Regulator may —

(a) vary the terms or conditions of the licence (which may include adding or removing a term or condition);

(b) suspend the licence for a specified period; or

(c) revoke the licence.

(3) Before taking action under this section the Regulator must —

(a) give the licensee written notice that the Regulator is considering taking action, and

(b) give the licensee an opportunity to make representations (including a period of at least 28 days for the making of written representations).

(4) Before taking action under this section the Regulator must give the licensee an opportunity to avoid action under this section by remedying the failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the licence (subject to subsection (5)).

(5) The Regulator may take action under this section without complying with subsection (4) if—

(a) the Regulator gave notice to the licensee of intention to take action under this section in respect of one or more previous failures to comply with the terms and conditions of the licence, and

(b) the Regulator is satisfied that the licensee should not be given an opportunity to avoid action under this section, having regard to the previous failure or failures.

(6) Action under this section must —

(a) be taken by giving notice in writing to the licensee (at the address specified in the licence, if any);

(b) specify the failure of compliance in respect of which it is imposed;

(c) specify the date on which the action takes effect (which the regulator shall set having regard to all the circumstances, including the seriousness and urgency of the results of the failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the licence);

(d) give the Regulator's reasons for imposing the requirement; and

(e) be published on the Regulator's website (unless the Regulator is satisfied that public interest in publication is outweighed by commercial or other reasons for confidentiality).

(7) The application of this section to an exclusive licence under Part 7 is subject to the provisions of section 73.

Miscellaneous

44A. Electronic communications apparatus

(1) The Regulator may prohibit the connection of electronic communications apparatus to an electronic communications network if the Regulator considers the apparatus may cause harm to the network.

(2) The Governor may by regulations provide for an approvals regime for electronic communications apparatus.

[S.13/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

PART 5 BROADCASTING STATION LICENCES

Licences

45. Requirement for licence

It is unlawful to operate a broadcasting station except in accordance with a licence granted under—

(a) this Part;

(b) ...

(c) the Broadcasting Ordinance 2004.

[S.14/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

46. Grant of licence

- (1) The Governor may grant a broadcasting station licence to a person.
- (2) A licence may be granted on conditions.
- (3) A licence granted under this Part does not exempt a person from the requirement to hold a licence under Part 6 of this Ordinance for any activities falling within Part 6.

[S.15/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

- (4) Section 55E applies to broadcasting station licences as it does to radiocommunications licences, save that in respect of a broadcasting station licence, the powers set out in that section are exercisable by the Governor and not the Regulator.

[S.15/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

Exemptions

47. Exemption of Crown and Government

The Crown and the Government are exempted from the requirements of the provisions of this Part.

48. Amateurs

- (1) Section 45 does not apply to anything done by an amateur.
- (2) In this section “amateur” means a person who is interested in radio techniques solely for a personal aim, without any commercial or financial interest or motive.

Implied condition

49. Licensee’s installations

- (1) Each broadcasting station licence contains an implied provision requiring the licensee to permit any person authorised by the Regulator to enter any premises occupied or controlled by the licensee to inspect any apparatus used by the licensee in the carrying on of activities in reliance on the licence.
- (2) A person acquiring information in the course of an inspection under this section may not disclose the information without the consent of the licensee.

(3) If the Regulator thinks that apparatus used by the licensee in the carrying on of activities in reliance on the licence is causing interference with any other apparatus, the Regulator may by notice require the licensee to take steps to prevent the interference.

(4) Each broadcasting station licence includes implied provision requiring the licensee to comply with a requirement under subsection (3) as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Enforcement

50. Offence

(1) It is an offence to carry on an activity which requires a licence in accordance with section 45 otherwise than in accordance with a licence.

(2) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 8 on the standard scale.

51. Forfeiture

(1) Where a person is convicted of an offence under section 50 the court may order the forfeiture of any equipment which appears to the court likely to have been used in connection with the commission of the offence.

(2) A forfeiture order may include provision about the treatment and disposal of the equipment forfeited.

52. Penalties for non-compliance with licence

Sections 13 and 44 apply in relation to a licence under this Part as they apply in relation to a licence under Part 4.

PART 6

ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM AND RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS LICENCES

[S.16/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

53. ...

[S.17/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

Electromagnetic spectrum and the Regulator's duties

53A. Responsibility for the electromagnetic spectrum

(1) The ownership of the electromagnetic spectrum in the Falkland Islands is, by virtue of this Ordinance, vested exclusively in the Government.

(2) The Regulator is responsible for the management and control of the electromagnetic spectrum.

[S.18/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

53B. Duties of the Regulator when carrying out spectrum functions

(1) The Regulator must have regard to the following matters when carrying out functions under this Part —

- (a) the electronic communications objectives and the regulatory principles;
- (b) the extent to which the electromagnetic spectrum is available for use, or further use, for radiocommunications;
- (c) the demand for use of the electromagnetic spectrum for radiocommunications; and
- (d) the demand that is likely to arise in future for use of the electromagnetic spectrum for radiocommunications.

(2) The Regulator must also have regard to the desirability of promoting —

- (a) the efficient management and use of the part of the electromagnetic spectrum available for radiocommunications;
- (b) the economic and other benefits that may arise from use of radiocommunications;
- (c) the development of innovative services; and
- (d) subject to the provisions of the exclusive licence, competition in the provision of electronic communications services.

(3) Where it appears to the Regulator that any of the Regulator's duties under this section conflicts with another in a particular case, the Regulator must resolve the conflict in the way they think best in the public interest.

[S.18/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

53C. Conflict between the Regulator's duties under Part 6 and under Parts 4 and 7

Where it appears to the Regulator that any of the Regulator's duties under this Part conflict with any of the Regulator's duties under Parts 4 or 7 of this Ordinance, the Regulator must give priority to their duties under Parts 4 and 7.

[S.18/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

54. Falkland Islands Frequency Allocation Table

- (1) The Regulator must publish a table (“**The Falkland Islands Frequency Allocation Table**”).
- (2) The Table must set out —
 - (a) in relation to the Falkland Islands, the frequencies that —
 - (i) have been allocated for particular radiocommunications purposes; and
 - (ii) are available for allocation;
 - (b) the purposes for which the different frequencies have been allocated; and
 - (c) identify any frequency bands that are premium spectrum bands.
- (3) The Regulator must —
 - (a) review the Falkland Islands Frequency Allocation Table from time to time and at least after every ITU World Radio Conference;
 - (b) make any revision to the Table that the Regulator considers appropriate as a result of the review; and
 - (c) publish the revised Table.

[S.19/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

54A. Allocation and assignment of frequencies

- (1) The Regulator may allocate bands of frequencies for such purposes as the Regulator considers appropriate.
- (2) The Regulator must ensure that frequencies for electronic communications services are allocated and assigned under procedures which —
 - (a) are objective, non-discriminatory, transparent and proportionate;
 - (b) respect relevant international agreements, including ITU Radio Regulations, applicable to the Falkland Islands; and
 - (c) do not prevent the Regulator from taking public policy considerations into account.

[S.20/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

54B. Regulator’s ability to impose restrictions relating to electronic communications services

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (5), the Regulator must ensure that, in the radio frequency bands declared available for electronic communications services in the Falkland Islands Frequency Allocation Table —
 - (a) all types of technology used for electronic communications services may be used; and

(b) all types of electronic communications services may be provided.

(2) The Regulator may provide for proportionate and non-discriminatory restrictions to the types of radio network or wireless access technology used for electronic communications services where this is necessary to —

- (a) avoid harmful interference;
- (b) protect public health against electromagnetic fields;
- (c) ensure technical quality of service;
- (d) ensure maximisation of radio frequency sharing;
- (e) safeguard efficient use of the electromagnetic spectrum; or
- (f) ensure the fulfilment of a general interest objective in accordance with subsections (3) to (5).

(3) The Regulator may provide for proportionate and non-discriminatory restrictions to the types of electronic communications services to be provided, including, where necessary, to fulfil a requirement under the ITU Radio Regulations.

(4) The Regulator may only impose measures that require an electronic communications service to be provided in a specific band available for electronic communications services if these are justified in order to fulfil a general interest objective such as, but not limited to —

- (a) safety of life;
- (b) the promotion of social, regional or territorial cohesion;
- (c) the avoidance of inefficient use of radio frequencies; or
- (d) the promotion of cultural and linguistic diversity and media pluralism, for example by the provision of radio and television broadcasting services.

(5) The Regulator may only impose a measure that prohibits the provision of any other electronic communications service in a specified band where this is justified by the need to protect safety of life services.

(6) The Regulator must regularly review the necessity of any restrictions imposed under this section and must make the results of the Regulator's reviews public.

[S.20/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

General prohibition and licensing

[S.21/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

55. General prohibition on radiocommunications activities

No person in the Falkland Islands may, without a licence —

- (a) use the electromagnetic spectrum;
- (b) establish or use any station for radiocommunications; or
- (c) keep, install, or use any apparatus for radiocommunications.

[S.22/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

55A. Radiocommunications licence

(1) A licence to do any of the things mentioned in section 55 may be granted by the Regulator.

(2) The Regulator may issue a licence subject to any terms, conditions, provisions or limitations that the Regulator considers appropriate.

(3) Licence terms, conditions, provisions, or limitations may include, but are not limited to—

- (a) in the case of a licence to establish a radiocommunications station, limitations as to the position and nature of the station, the purposes for which, the circumstances in which and the persons by whom the station may be used, and the apparatus that may be installed;
- (b) in the case of any other licence, limitations as to the radiocommunications apparatus which may be kept, installed or used, and the places where, the purposes for which, the circumstances in which and the persons by whom the apparatus may be kept or used;
- (c) the strength or type of signal, times of use and sharing of frequencies;
- (d) prohibitions on transmission or broadcasting of particular matters by the holder of the licence; and
- (e) requirements on the holder of the licence to transmit or broadcast particular matters.

(4) A licence under this section may be granted either —

- (a) in relation to a particular radiocommunications station or particular radiocommunications apparatus; or
- (b) in relation to any radiocommunications station or radiocommunications apparatus falling within a description specified in the licence.

[S.23/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

55B. Power to delegate issuing of radiocommunications licences

- (1) The Regulator may, with the approval of the Governor, delegate the issuing of any category of radiocommunications licence.
- (2) The Governor may not approve a delegation under subsection (1) unless satisfied that —
 - (a) the person to whom authority is to be delegated has the appropriate qualifications, experience and competence; and
 - (b) all necessary safeguards and mechanisms for transparency and accountability are in place.
- (3) A delegation under subsection (1) —
 - (a) may be for any period not exceeding 5 years; and
 - (b) is renewable.
- (4) A person to whom authority is delegated under subsection (1) must —
 - (a) comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, any regulations made under this Ordinance and the terms of the delegation; and
 - (b) comply with any directions given to them by the Regulator.
- (5) A licence issued by a person with delegated authority to issue a licence is issued on behalf of the Regulator and any appeal under Part 14 in relation to the grant or refusal of a licence is to be made against the Regulator.

[S.23/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

55C. Conditions to be included in all radiocommunications licences

- (1) A radiocommunications licence must include the following conditions —
 - (a) a requirement that the licensee must comply with directions given by the Regulator in relation to use of the frequency;
 - (b) a requirement that the licensee must permit any person authorised by the Regulator to enter any premises occupied or controlled by the licensee to inspect any apparatus used by the licensee in the carrying on of activities in reliance on the licence; and
 - (c) a requirement that the licensee must take reasonable steps to avoid their actions or apparatus causing harmful interference and must comply with any direction from the Regulator requiring the licensee to take steps to prevent interference as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (2) The Governor may by regulations specify further conditions to be included in all radiocommunications licences.

(3) Regulations made by the Governor under this section may provide for the new conditions to be included in existing licences as well as new licences.

[S.23/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

55D. Application for, grant and refusal of a radiocommunications licence

- (1) An application for a radiocommunications licence must be made to the Regulator.
- (2) The Governor may by regulations provide for the procedures to be followed in connection with licences and applications for licences.
- (3) The Regulator may refuse to grant an application for a licence if —
 - (a) the Regulator considers that the applicant does not meet the threshold conditions for the category of licence applied for;
 - (b) the Regulator considers that the applicant is unable to comply with the terms, provisions, limitations or conditions of the licence;
 - (c) the applicant fails to provide any information which the Regulator reasonably requires as part of the application process in order to satisfy the Regulator that the applicant is able to comply; or
 - (d) the Regulator considers that granting the licence applied for would be contrary to any of the electronic communications objectives.
- (4) A refusal to grant a licence is subject to an appeal under Part 14.

[S.23/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

55E. Variation and revocation of a radiocommunications licence

- (1) The Regulator may vary any of the terms, conditions, provisions or limitations in a radiocommunications licence, or revoke the licence either —
 - (a) on the Regulator's own initiative; or
 - (b) on the application of the licensee.
- (2) The Regulator may exercise its power to vary or revoke the licence in any of the following circumstances —
 - (a) the licensee has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the licence;
 - (b) a change in Falkland Islands or international law necessitates the variation or revocation; or
 - (c) it is necessary or desirable for the purposes of pursuing the electronic communications objectives in accordance with the regulatory principles.

(3) Where the Regulator proposes to exercise its power to vary or revoke a licence, it must give the licensee written notice stating —

- (a) the details of the proposed variation or revocation;
- (b) the regulator's reasons for the variation or revocation;
- (c) the licensee's right to make representations to the Regulator and the deadline for doing so, which must not be less than 7 days; and
- (d) the proposed date on which the variation or revocation will take effect.

(4) The Regulator must consider any representations made by the licensee and after doing so must give the licensee a notice stating either —

- (a) that the Regulator is varying or revoking the licence as proposed;
- (b) that the Regulator intends to vary the licence in a different way, or revoke the licence if this had not been proposed; or
- (c) that the Regulator does not intend to vary or revoke the licence in the way proposed.

[Revision w.e.f. 5/12/19]

(5) The Regulator's notice under subsection (4)(a) must include details of the licensee's right to appeal under Part 14.

(6) If the Regulator issues a notice under subsection (4)(b), this must include the matters set out in subsection (3) and the Regulator may not vary or revoke the licence until the licensee has had a further opportunity to make representations.

[S.23/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019] [Revision w.e.f. 5/12/19]

55F. Register of radiocommunications licences

The Regulator must maintain a register of all radiocommunications licences granted under this Part.

[S.23/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

56. ...

[S.24/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

57. Exemptions

(1) The following are exempt from the requirement for a radiocommunications licence—

- (a) receive-only radiocommunications; and

- (b) the use of any radiocommunications station or the keeping, installation or use of any radiocommunications apparatus on board any vessel or aircraft which is registered outside the Falkland Islands.

(2) The Regulator may, by notice, exempt the keeping, establishment, installation or use of stations for radiocommunications or radiocommunications apparatus if the Regulator is satisfied that —

- (a) the use of the station or apparatus is not likely to involve any harmful interference; and
- (b) the risk of harm or inconvenience to other users is outweighed by the benefits to the public of permitting usage on an unlicensed basis.

(3) A notice of exemption under subsection (2) extends only to the classes of radiocommunications stations or radiocommunications apparatus or descriptions of radiocommunications stations or radiocommunications apparatus specified in the notice.

[S.25/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

57A. Transfer or lease of rights to the electromagnetic spectrum

(1) A licensee is prohibited from transferring or leasing any of the licensee's rights to use frequencies.

(2) Any purported attempt to transfer or lease rights to use frequencies whether in whole or in part is void and the Regulator may —

- (a) take action under section 13 against either or both of the licensee or the person to whom the rights were purportedly transferred or leased;
- (b) in addition to, or instead of, any action under sub-paragraph (a), vary or revoke the licensee's licence under section 55E.

(3) This section is subject to any regulations made under section 59.

[S.26/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

58. Vacation of radio spectrum

(1) If the Regulator is satisfied that a radio spectrum that has been assigned by licence to a person under section 55 should be un-assigned, the Regulator may —

- (a) declare the spectrum vacant;
- (b) pay such compensation (if any) as it thinks should be paid to the previous licensee, or any other person who is affected by the declaration;
- (c) make any other arrangements it thinks necessary or desirable.

(2) In taking action under subsection (1), or determining whether to take action, the Regulator must have regard to the Regulator’s duties under section 53B and the electronic communications objectives.

[S.27/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(3) A declaration under subsection (1)(a) must specify that the Regulator believes the radio spectrum should no longer be assigned to the previous licensee either —

(a) because the previous licensee has made insufficient use of the radio spectrum, or

(b) for another specified reason.

59. Spectrum trading

(1) The Governor may make regulations for the transfer of radio spectrum rights by a licensee to another person.

(2) The regulations may make provision for permanent or temporary transfers (or both).

(3) ...

[S.28/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

60. Saving for existing licences

(1) In this section “**pre-commencement licence**” means a licence for the operation of radio spectrum issued before the commencement of this section by —

(a) the person discharging maritime regulatory responsibilities in the Falkland Islands, or

(b) the Civil Aviation Department.

(2) A pre-commencement licence continues to have effect until it —

(a) is cancelled by the authority that issued it, or

(b) lapses or expires in accordance with its terms.

(3) Nothing in this Ordinance renders unlawful activity that was carried on in reliance on and in accordance with a pre-commencement licence.

Enforcement

61. Carrying on radiocommunications activities without a licence

- (1) It is an offence to carry on an activity which requires a licence in accordance with section 55 otherwise than in accordance with a licence.
- (2) It is an offence to make a radiocommunications station or radiocommunications apparatus available to a person where the person making it available knows, or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person intends to use it in contravention of section 55.
- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under either subsection (1) or subsection (2) is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 10 on the standard scale.

[S.29/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

61A. Causing damage or obstruction

- (1) It is an offence to unlawfully —
 - (a) damage, remove or destroy any radiocommunications apparatus or installation for radiocommunications or any part of any such apparatus or installation; or
 - (b) obstruct or prevent in any way the sending, conveyance, delivery or receipt of any message or signal by radiocommunications.
- (2) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on conviction to imprisonment for 10 years, or a fine, or both.

[S.30/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

Regulations and equipment standards

61B. Regulations under Part 6

- (1) In addition to any specific powers conferred on the Governor under this Part, the Governor may make regulations on any of the following matters —
 - (a) prescribing things which are to be done or are not to be done in connection with the use of any radiocommunications stations or radiocommunications apparatus, and in particular requiring the use of any such station or apparatus to cease by demand of the Regulator or a person prescribed by the Regulator;
 - (b) imposing on any person holding a licence under this Part obligations as to —
 - (i) permitting and facilitating the inspection of stations and apparatus;
 - (ii) the condition in which the station and apparatus are to be kept; and

- (iii) production of the licence or other evidence of the licensing of the station or apparatus;
- (c) the conditions under which radiocommunications apparatus may be worked in the Falkland Islands and on ships and aircraft;
- (d) the periods during which radiocommunications apparatus may or may not be worked;
- (e) the control of electrical interference by or in relation to the working of radiocommunications apparatus;
- (f) the forms of radiocommunications licences;
- (g) the register of radiocommunications licences to be kept by the Regulator;
- (h) exemptions from the requirement to hold a radiocommunications licence;
- (i) the duties of the Regulator under this Part.

(2) It is an offence to contravene any regulations made under paragraphs (a), (c), (d) or (e) of this section.

(3) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (2) is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 8 on the standard scale.

[S.30/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

61C. Regulations as to radiation of electromagnetic energy

(1) The Governor may make regulations specifying —

- (a) the standards for apparatus used for accessing the electromagnetic spectrum;
- (b) conditions to be satisfied in using apparatus to access the electromagnetic spectrum;
- (c) conditions or standards for the manufacture or import of apparatus designed to be used to access the electromagnetic spectrum.

(2) The standards and conditions to be specified in the regulations are any that are considered necessary or desirable for the purposes of —

- (a) preventing or limiting damage to electronic communications networks or electronic communications services provided in accordance with this Ordinance;
- (b) protecting public health and safety;
- (c) protecting the environment; or
- (d) ensuring that the use of apparatus does not cause harmful interference with radiocommunications.

- (3) The standards and conditions specified may include in particular —
- (a) requirements as to the maximum intensity of electromagnetic energy of any specified frequencies which may be radiated in any direction from the apparatus whilst it is being used; and
 - (b) in the case of an apparatus, the power for which is supplied from electric lines, requirements as to the maximum electromagnetic energy of any specified frequencies which may be injected into those lines by the apparatus.

[S.30/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

PART 7
EXCLUSIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENCE

Nature of licence

62. Grant of exclusive licence

(1) The Governor may grant an exclusive licence to a telecommunications operator (“**the exclusive licensee**”) to —

- (a) operate an electronic communications network in the Falkland Islands,
- (b) provide electronic communications services in the Falkland Islands, and
- (c) do anything else for which a licence is required under section 21(1).

(2) The Governor may enter into an agreement in writing with the exclusive licensee providing obligations to be observed by it in connection with the provision of telecommunications services and the provisions of an agreement under this subsection (whenever concluded) shall be treated as terms of the exclusive licence.

(3) No more than one licence under this section may have effect at any time and a reference in this Part to the exclusive licence is to a licence granted under this section.

(4) Section 73 makes provision for revocation of the exclusive licence, and other remedies, for non-compliance.

[Revision w.e.f. 5/12/19]

(5) Before taking action under this section the Governor must have regard to the electronic communications objectives and the regulatory principles.

(6) A licence under this section —

- (a) may provide for specified activities to be capable of being licensed under other provisions of this Ordinance, subject to any conditions or modifications specified in the licence;
- (b) may be combined with one or more licences under this Ordinance (and provisions of this Ordinance referring to the exclusive licence do not refer to the non-exclusive components of the licence).

(7) A licence under this section may be issued for an initial fixed term of not more than 10 years and may continue after that until the Governor gives at least 2 years written notice of termination provided that the licence does not continue beyond 20 years from the date that it was issued.

63. Terms and conditions

- (1) The exclusive licence must include terms and conditions —
 - (a) requiring the submission of accounts in accordance with subsection (2);
 - (b) subject to section 62(7), for the duration of the licence;
 - (c) providing for cost recovery by the exclusive licensee;
 - (d) imposing, or providing for the imposition of, price controls;
 - (e) imposing universal service obligations in accordance with section 64;
 - (f) for the transfer of data on termination of the licence.
- (2) The accounts specified in subsection (1)(a) are the following in respect of the licensed activities —
 - (a) a profit and loss statement;
 - (b) a breakdown for principal lines of business (including, for domestic services, line access, fixed international, mobile, broadband, enterprise data and other matters);
 - (c) a balance sheet showing the book value of capital assets used in the delivery of the licensed activities and the level of depreciation applied.
- (3) The exclusive licence may include terms and conditions —
 - (a) requiring or allowing the licensee to share infrastructure, facilities and networks for the provision of electronic communications services on specified terms or conditions;
 - (b) specifying criteria for technical compatibility of and access to conditional access networks used in the provision of content;
 - (c) dealing with any other matters that the Governor thinks necessary or desirable.
- (4) Before setting the terms and conditions of the exclusive licence the Governor must —
 - (a) review the market in which the licensee operates or proposes to operate;
 - (b) consider the electronic communications objectives; and
 - (c) consider the regulatory principles.

(5) In particular, the Governor —

(a) must ensure that any cost recovery mechanism or pricing methodology imposed by way of terms or conditions is designed to promote efficiency and to maximise consumer benefits;

(b) must take account of the investment made by the licensee and aim to allow the licensee a reasonable rate of return on capital efficiently employed, having regard to the risks involved and to the desirability of sharing the benefits of efficiency;

(c) must ensure that, where implementation of a cost accounting system is required by terms or conditions in order to support price controls, a determination of the cost accounting system is published, showing at least the main categories under which costs are grouped and, where appropriate having regard to the scale of services provided, the rules used for the allocation of costs; and

(d) may take account of prices available in comparable markets where the Governor is satisfied, having consulted the prospective exclusive licensee, that comparison is relevant.

(6) The exclusive licence must include provision requiring the exclusive licensee —

(a) not to discriminate against any person or classes of person in the provision of or in connection with electronic communications services offered by the licensee;

(b) to provide technical specifications or other technical information on request by a person who reasonably requires the information for the purpose of the lawful provision of electronic communications and who cannot reasonably easily obtain the information from other sources; and

(c) to ensure that the technical specifications of any network operated by the licensee is not incompatible with networks operated by other persons licensed under, or operating in accordance with the provisions of, this Ordinance.

(7) The provisions of the exclusive licence relating to price control (whether by price cap or otherwise) —

(a) may include provision allowing the Regulator to direct the exclusive licensee to employ specific cost accounting methods, or to apply the Regulator's preferred cost accounting methods;

(b) must include provision allowing the Regulator to require the exclusive licensee to provide justification for its prices in accordance with criteria specified by the Regulator (but where the price control provisions take the form of a price cap, the justification for prices required in accordance with this paragraph is limited to demonstrating compliance with the cap);

(c) may include provision allowing the Regulator to direct a price adjustment for the purpose of compliance with the price control provisions of the licence, at such times and intervals as may be specified in the exclusive licence;

(d) may operate by imposing a ceiling on the average change in prices for regulated services over a specified period of time;

(e) may include provision for a review of the operation of any price cap from time to time, with the results of the review determining the continuing operation of the price control by reference to specified criteria; and

(f) may include provision limiting a weighted average of the changes in retail prices for services to which any price cap applies by reference to a specified controlling percentage.

(8) In determining the provisions of the exclusive licence about price control the Governor must aim (without prejudice to the generality of subsection (4)) —

(a) to protect consumers from monopoly excess;

(b) to encourage the exclusive licensee to invest in services that benefit consumers;

(c) to allow the exclusive licensee a reasonable rate of return on capital efficiently employed, having regard to the risks involved; and

(d) to share the benefits of innovation and efficiency.

Performance

64. Universal service obligation

(1) The exclusive licence must include provision requiring the exclusive licensee to comply with any obligations under regulations made by the Governor under this section (“**Universal Service Regulations**”).

(2) Universal Service Regulations must —

(a) specify services which are to be provided;

(b) specify the classes of user by whom the services must be accessible (and classes may be specified by reference to geographical area, possession of equipment, or otherwise).

(3) The Regulator must —

(a) publish on its website a description of services to be provided under Universal Service Regulations;

(b) monitor the provision of services in accordance with the Universal Service Regulations; and

- (c) publish information on its website about the results of monitoring under paragraph (b).
- (4) In making and amending Universal Service Regulations the Governor must have regard to—
 - (a) the electronic communications objectives;
 - (b) the regulatory principles;
 - (c) any representations made by a person who is, or may become, an exclusive licensee.

65. Obligations to subscribers

- (1) The exclusive licence must include provision setting out the obligations of the licensee to persons who use or wish to use the services provided in accordance with the licence.
- (2) In particular, the licence must —
 - (a) provide for applications for the provision of a service under the licence;
 - (b) permit the licensee to require the provision of information and undertakings in connection with the provision of a service under the licence;
 - (c) prohibit the licensee from refusing to provide a service except in specified circumstances or on specified grounds;
 - (d) provide for the payment of specified costs by persons applying for the provision of a service;
 - (e) impose obligations on the licensee in respect of service provision;
 - (f) impose obligations on the licensee in respect of the maintenance of equipment;
 - (g) provide for liability of the licensee to persons in respect of loss or damage incurred in connection with the provision of services under the licence or otherwise (which may include provision dealing with failures in service, and provision limiting liability or permitting the licensee to limit its liability);
 - (h) require the licensee to offer equipment for sale, hire or use;
 - (i) require the licensee to permit service-users to use specified classes of equipment provided by the service-users in specified circumstances or subject to specified conditions;
 - (j) allow the licensee to require service-users to provide power and other installations and facilities;

- (k) allow the licensee to impose obligations on service users in respect of the protection or use of equipment or otherwise;
- (l) allow the licensee to discontinue, or impose conditions on, the provision of services in specified circumstances;
- (m) provide for notice periods for discontinuance of service at the option of the service-user;
- (n) provide for assignment or transfer of service contracts;
- (o) allow the licensee to require service-users to accept liability for use made irrespective of the identity of the user, or in other specified circumstances;
- (p) allow the licensee to require or permit service-users to pay deposits, to pay charges in instalments, to make payments in advance or on account, and to accept the installation of metering or charging apparatus;
- (q) provide for access to service-users' premises;
- (r) provide for user directories; and
- (s) exclude liability in cases of force majeure (as defined by the licence).

66. Key performance indicators

- (1) The exclusive licence must require the exclusive licensee to monitor its performance in the provision of services in accordance with the licence against —
 - (a) any key performance indicators specified in the licence, and
 - (b) any key performance indicators specified by the Regulator.
- (2) The exclusive licence must include provision requiring the exclusive licensee to comply with any request by the Regulator to —
 - (a) publish its performance against any of the key performance indicators referred to in subsection (1) in the manner required by the Regulator;
 - (b) provide details of its performance against those key performance indicators in the manner required by the Regulator.

67. Complaint handling and dispute resolution

- (1) The exclusive licence must include provision requiring the licensee to —

(a) establish and maintain a Code of Practice about complaint handling and dispute resolution;

(b) obtain the Regulator's approval of the form and content of the Code (and if necessary vary the Code until the Regulator approves); and

(c) include in all contracts for the provision of services in accordance with the licence a provision requiring customers to follow any applicable procedures set out in the Code before taking legal proceedings.

(2) A court must enforce subsection (1)(c) by staying or dismissing proceedings, except if and in so far as the court thinks that the proceedings should not be stayed or dismissed having regard to special circumstances of the case.

68. Interception and data retention capability

(1) The exclusive licensee must maintain capability to retain subscriber details and call and data records (including records for mobile services and fixed line services, broadband user authentication records and mobile short message content).

(2) The Governor may by Order amend subsection (1) to require the exclusive licensee to maintain specified capability to intercept, retain or otherwise interfere with electronic communications data.

(3) Before making an Order under subsection (2) the Governor must consult the exclusive licensee.

(4) Anything done in reliance on capability maintained in accordance with subsection (1) is done with lawful authority for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(5) A requirement imposed under this Ordinance (by warrant, notice or otherwise) to do anything in reliance on the capability mentioned in subsection (1) is subject to agreement between the exclusive licensee and the Governor as to —

(a) costs, and

(b) timing.

(6) Any question arising in relation to the effect of subsections (1), (4) or (5) may be referred by the Governor or the exclusive licensee to the Magistrate's Court, whose decision shall be final; and the Regulator has no jurisdiction to determine a question to which this subsection applies.

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(7) The exclusive licence must include provision requiring the licensee to take all reasonable steps to ensure that its staff are aware of the rules of secrecy relating to telecommunications set out in the International Convention of Nairobi 1982 and any later Convention amending or replacing the same to which the United Kingdom or the Falkland Islands is a party (including any General and Administrative Regulations from time to time in force under the Convention that extend to the Falkland Islands).

(8) Nothing done under Part 13 may (explicitly or impliedly) require the exclusive licensee to maintain a capability not required by this section.

Information and inspections

69. Regulator's requests for information

(1) The exclusive licence must include provision requiring the exclusive licensee to comply with any request of the Regulator for the provision of information or documents reasonably required by the Regulator in connection with the performance of its functions, subject to any exemptions or qualifications specified in the licence.

(2) A request under this section must specify —

- (a) the information or documents required;
- (b) that the request is made in accordance with this section;
- (c) the purpose for which the information or documents are required;
- (d) the time by which the information or documents are to be provided;
- (e) the consequences of failure to comply with the request.

(3) If the exclusive licensee considers that the burden of complying with a request in accordance with this section would be disproportionate to the public benefit of compliance —

- (a) the licensee may, within 20 working days from the date of receipt of the request, send a notice to the Regulator explaining the reasons for, and extent of, the licensee's wish not to comply with the request;
- (b) the Regulator must respond to the notice within 20 working days from the date of receipt of the licensee's request;
- (c) the request is suspended until the Regulator responds;

(d) the Regulator must modify the request if and to the extent that the Regulator accepts the licensee's representations, in which case the Regulator must issue a new request under this section (and subsections (1) and (2) apply).

70. Failure to provide information

(1) This section applies if an exclusive licensee fails without reasonable excuse to comply with the condition required by section 69.

(2) The Regulator may —

(a) require the licensee to pay a penalty not exceeding an amount equivalent to level 10 on the standard scale;

(b) revoke the exclusive licence in accordance with section 73; or

(c) take action under both paragraph (a) and paragraph (b).

(3) Before taking action under subsection (2) the Regulator must —

(a) serve a warning notice on the licensee; and

(b) give the licensee a reasonable opportunity to make representations.

(4) A penalty under this section may be enforced as a debt due to the Regulator.

(5) ...

[[S.31/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

71. Licensee's installations

(1) The exclusive licence must include provision requiring the exclusive licensee to permit any person authorised by the Regulator to enter any premises occupied or controlled by the licensee to inspect any apparatus used by the licensee in the provision of services in accordance with the licence.

(2) A person acquiring information in the course of an inspection under this section may not disclose the information without the consent of the licensee.

(3) If the Regulator thinks that apparatus used by the licensee in the provision of services in accordance with the licence is causing interference with any other apparatus, the Regulator may by notice require the licensee to take steps to prevent the interference.

(4) The exclusive licence must include provision requiring the exclusive licensee to comply with a requirement under subsection (3) as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Change of control of licensee

72. Approval for change of control

(1) The exclusive licence must include provision requiring the exclusive licensee to comply with the provisions of this section.

(2) A change of control may not be implemented without prior written approval of the Governor.

(3) The Governor may by regulations make provision about procedure in connection with applications for approval for change of control; and the regulations may include, in particular —

(a) information to be provided;

(b) timing;

(c) the conduct of an investigation into a proposed change of control.

(4) The Governor must be notified in writing before the end of the period of 7 days beginning with —

(a) the licensee's entering into an agreement that would result in a change of control, or

(b) the announcement of a public bid for control of the licensee.

(5) Any request made by the Governor for information about an event specified in subsection (3) or any other event likely to result in a change of control must be complied with —

(a) in the manner specified by the Governor, and

(b) in accordance with any requirements as to timing specified by the Governor.

(6) For the purposes of this section a reference to change in control includes a reference to any person —

(a) acquiring control over the affairs of the licensee;

(b) acquiring control of more than 30% of the voting shares in the licensee; or

(c) taking other action of a kind specified by the Governor by regulations.

Enforcement

73. Penalties for non-compliance with licence

- (1) Sections 13 and 44 apply in relation to an exclusive licence under this Part as they apply in relation to a licence under Part 4 subject to subsection (2).
- (2) An exclusive licence under this Part may not be revoked unless the Regulator has obtained the leave of the Supreme Court to revoke the licence.
- (3) Before applying to the Supreme Court for permission the Regulator must give at least 6 weeks' notice of the intention to apply for permission.
- (4) The decision of the Supreme Court on an application for permission is final.

PART 8 FEES

General fees

74. Fees Regulations

- (1) The Governor may by regulations ("**Fees Regulations**") —
 - (a) require the payment of fees in respect of —
 - (i) the application for, or the issue, renewal or maintenance of, or otherwise in connection with, a licence under this Ordinance;
 - (ii) the performance of a function under this Ordinance or under a licence issued under this Ordinance; and
 - (iii) the performance of any service offered by the Regulator, including the supply of information or of documents.
- (2) Fees Regulations must, in particular, make provision —
 - (a) for fees to be charged for or in connection with licences under Parts 4 to 7;
 - (b) for fees to be charged in respect of the performance of the Governor's functions in relation to change of control of an exclusive licensee under Part 7.
- (3) Fees Regulations may —

- (a) make provision for exemptions, waivers and reductions;
 - (b) confer a discretion on the Governor, the Regulator or another specified person;
 - (c) make provision that applies generally or only for specified purposes;
 - (d) make different provision for different purposes.
- (4) Fees to be charged by the Regulator in accordance with the Fees Regulations together with any criteria for determining their amounts and any rules as to timing of payment, must be published —
- (a) on the Regulator’s website, and
 - (b) in other ways that the Regulator considers appropriate.

Enforcement and administration

75. Collection and destination

Fees under this Part must —

- (a) be collected and administered by the Regulator, and
- (b) be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

76. Recovery

A fee under this Part which is due and unpaid is recoverable as a debt due to the Regulator.

77. Interest

- (1) Interest accrues on overdue fees and is to be calculated by the Regulator on a daily basis.
- (2) Interest is recoverable in the same manner as the principal.
- (3) The rate of interest is the Bank of England base rate from time to time plus 2%.

78. Offences

- (1) It is an offence to do anything in respect of which a fee is payable under this Ordinance without paying the fee.
- (2) The offence in subsection (1) may be charged in addition to any other offence committed by the same activity.
- (3) A person who takes any action for the purpose of evading all or part of a fee under this Part, or who assists another for that purpose, commits an offence.
- (4) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction —
 - (a) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months,
 - (b) to a fine not exceeding level 10 on the standard scale, or
 - (c) to both.

PART 9 CONSUMER STANDARDS AND PROTECTION

Consumer protection

79. Regulator to enforce consumer protection provisions

The Regulator must monitor compliance with any provision of a licence under this Ordinance —

- (a) which is described in the licence as a consumer protection provision, or
- (b) which in the Regulator’s opinion is designed (wholly or partly) to protect interests of the users or potential users of electronic communications services.

80. Consumer Protection Regulations

- (1) The Governor may make regulations for the purposes of protecting users and potential users of electronic communications services (“Consumer Protection Regulations”).
- (2) Consumer Protection Regulations may include provision about, in particular —
 - (a) standards of service;
 - (b) quality of service;
 - (c) safety;

(d) handling of complaints;

(e) the use of a network or service to make unsolicited communications;

(f) confidentiality of user information;

(g) telephone directories and similar publications (which may include provision requiring the publication of directories, and provision about the disclosure or use of information for the purpose of directories).

(3) A licence under this Ordinance may make provision by reference to Consumer Protection Regulations, including references to those Regulations as they may have effect from time to time.

(4) Consumer Protection Regulations may not, except in accordance with subsection (3) —

(a) impose obligations on licensees, or

(b) change the effect of a provision of a licence.

(5) Before making Consumer Protection Regulations the Governor must consult —

(a) all relevant licensees, and

(b) such other persons as the Governor thinks appropriate.

81. Programme content

(1) The Regulator may issue codes of practice about the content of media services under the control of licensees under this Ordinance.

(2) A code may, in particular, include provision designed —

(a) to protect young persons from exposure to harmful material;

(b) to protect users from offensive material;

(c) to promote accuracy and impartiality in news and current affairs material;

(d) to avoid misleading or alarming service users.

(3) Provision made in pursuance of subsection (2)(a) or (b) may, in particular, include provision about material which includes —

(a) physical or psychological violence;

(b) sexual activity or nudity;

(c) the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs;

(d) anything likely to incite hatred or discrimination on grounds of race, religion, disability, age, gender or sexual orientation;

(e) offensive language;

(f) anything of an indecent, obscene, offensive or defamatory nature.

(4) A code may include provision about procedure to be followed in making, handling and determining complaints about matters in subsection (2) and (3).

(5) A code relating to broadcasting services may, in particular, include provision about —

(a) the amount of time devoted to advertising;

(b) the presentation of advertising material;

(c) sponsorship announcements;

(d) the use of captions and sub-titles;

(e) teletext and other ancillary services;

(f) party political broadcasts;

(g) broadcasting of sporting and national events;

(h) broadcasting in relation to national emergencies; and

(i) public service announcements.

(6) A licence under this Ordinance may make provision by reference to codes under this section, including references to those codes as they may have effect from time to time.

(7) A code of practice may not, except in accordance with subsection (6) —

(a) impose obligations on licensees, or

(b) change the effect of a provision of a licence.

(8) Nothing in this Ordinance or in a licence under this Ordinance obliges a licensee to accept for transmission material of a kind described in subsection (3)(d) to (f).

Equipment on service users' premises

82. Service users' premises

- (1) A licence under this Ordinance must include provision that applies where the licensee has sited equipment on property belonging to a user or prospective user of the licensee's services.
- (2) The licence must include provision requiring the licensee to maintain the equipment (subject to subsection (4)).
- (3) The licence must (subject to subsection (4)) include provision allowing the licensee to authorise persons to enter the property for the purpose of monitoring or maintaining the equipment —
 - (a) at reasonable times,
 - (b) after giving reasonable notice, and
 - (c) on presentation of appropriate identification.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) may be varied by any specific provision of —
 - (a) the licence;
 - (b) any agreement between the licensee and the owner of the property.
- (5) A licensee who is refused access under a provision specified in subsection (3) or (4)(a) or (b) may apply to a court for a warrant authorising access and the court may grant a warrant on such terms and conditions as it thinks appropriate.
- (6) A licence under this Ordinance must include provision enabling the licensee, so far as reasonable, to make the provision of any service under the licence conditional on the provision of power, in such form and to such specifications as the licence may specify, by an actual or prospective user of the service.

83. ...

[S.32/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

Telephone numbers and domain names

84. Numbering plan

- (1) The Regulator must publish a numbering plan for telephone numbers or other similar designations.

- (2) The numbering plan must set out rules for the —
- (a) allocation of numbers or series of numbers to licensee;
 - (b) assignment of numbers to service users.
- (3) A licence under this Ordinance must include a requirement to comply with any relevant requirements of the numbering plan.
- (4) In preparing the numbering plan the Regulator shall aim —
- (a) to comply with any relevant international standards;
 - (b) to ensure a sufficient supply of numbers for expected usage; and
 - (c) to promote the efficient use of numbering.
- (5) The numbering plan may require licensees to provide specified kinds of number for emergency purposes.

85. Domain names

- (1) It is the responsibility of the Regulator to manage, allocate and assign domain names.
- (2) A licence under this Ordinance must include provision requiring the licensee to comply with any rules or direction made or given by the Regulator in respect of the use of domain names.
- (3) In this Ordinance “**domain name**” —
- (a) means a name allocated under the global name system assigned to the Falkland Islands according to the two-letter code in the International Standard ISO 3166-1 (Codes for Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivision), and
 - (b) includes any second or subsequent level domain name.

Public bodies

86. Access by public bodies

Nothing in this Ordinance, Consumer Protection Regulations or a licence under this Ordinance affects any right of a public body to access information.

PART 10
PUBLIC CONTROL OF SERVICES

87. Interception

(1) A licence under this Ordinance must include provision requiring the licensee to maintain the capability required by section 68 (to be used in accordance with an authorisation issued by the Governor under Part 13).

(2) The Governor may issue a written exemption from the requirements of subsection (1) to a specified licensee in respect of a specified network, subject to any specified terms and conditions.

(3) Before issuing an exemption the Governor must consult —

(a) the Attorney General, and

(b) the Chief Police Officer.

88. War and emergencies

(1) If the Governor acting in his or her discretion, considers it necessary in the interests of defence, public safety or public order, the Governor may —

(a) take any steps the Governor considers appropriate to assume control over any electronic communications network or electronic communications services provided under or in accordance with this Ordinance (by licence or otherwise);

(aa) take any steps the Governor considers appropriate with respect to the possession, sale, purchase, construction and use of radiocommunications apparatus in the Falkland Islands, or on board any vessel or aircraft in the territorial waters or airspace;

(b) issue directions —

(i) to a licensee or any other person who controls an electronic communications network or electronic communications services; and

(ii) to any person in respect of any matter falling within paragraph (aa);

(c) appoint staff to act for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (aa).

[S.33/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019] [Revision w.e.f. 5/12/19]

(2) The Governor may pay compensation in respect of action taken under subsection (1).

(3) This section does not apply to radiocommunications apparatus —

- (a) for use in the service of Her Majesty; and
- (b) on board foreign warships or service aircraft.

[S.33/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

89. Other public service acquisition of control

(1) This section applies where —

- (a) an exclusive licence under Part 7 has been revoked and another exclusive licence for the same services has not yet been granted;
- (b) an exclusive licensee ceases to operate or in the opinion of the Governor is about to cease to operate; or
- (c) for any other reason the Governor considers that it is necessary in the public interest to acquire control of the provision of telecommunications services.

(2) The Governor may —

- (a) take any steps the Governor considers appropriate to assume control over any network or services provided under or in accordance with this Ordinance (by licence or otherwise);
- (b) by order provide for specified assets to vest in the Governor for the purposes of use in pursuance of paragraph (a);
- (c) appoint staff to act for the purposes of paragraph (a).

(3) Compensation is payable in respect of assets to which an order under subsection (2)(b) applies and the Governor must make regulations about the determination of compensation under this subsection.

(4) Compensation due and payable under this section must be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

PART 11 OFFENCES

Specific offences

90. False statements

(1) A person who makes a statement or provides information or documents to the Regulator or any other public body in pursuance of a provision of this Ordinance commits an offence if —

(a) the person knows that the statement, information or documents are false in a material respect;

(b) is reckless as to whether the statement, information or documents are false in a material respect.

(2) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 12 on the standard scale.

91. Obstructing Regulator

(1) It is an offence to obstruct the Regulator or a person authorised by the Regulator in the exercise of a function under this Ordinance or under a licence issued under this Ordinance.

(2) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 7 on the standard scale.

92. Misleading messages

(1) It is an offence to use radiocommunications or electronic communications services to send or attempt to send a message which the person knows or is reckless as to whether it is false or misleading and knows or is reckless as to whether it is likely to threaten the efficiency or safety of any person, vehicle, vessel or aircraft (whether by issuing a false distress call or otherwise).

[S.34/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(2) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 10 on the standard scale.

93. Improperly obtaining and disclosing information and interfering with communications

(1) It is an offence to —

(a) do anything designed to obtain from the operator of a electronic communications network information about the content, sender or addressee of an electronic communication, or

(b) disclose that information.

[S.35/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(1A) It is an offence to —

(a) use any radiocommunications apparatus with intent to obtain information as to the contents, sender or addressee of any message (whether sent by means of radiocommunications or not); or

(b) disclose any information obtained.

[S.35/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(1B) A person does not commit an offence under subsections (1) or (1A) if —

(a) the person, or any person on whose behalf they were acting, was authorised to receive the message; or

(b) the person had lawful authority.

[S.35/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(2) It is an offence for the operator of a public electronic communications network to —

(a) intentionally or negligently omit, delay or prevent the transmission or delivery of any message; or

(b) without lawful authority disclose the existence, nature or content (including sender or addressee) of any message.

[S.35/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to anything done —

(a) as a necessary part of maintaining a public electronic communications network, or ensuring the security of a public electronic communications network.

(b) with lawful authority.

[S.35/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(4) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to —

(a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years,

(b) a fine not exceeding level 12 on the standard scale, or

(c) both.

(5) Where the Falkland Islands is party to an international agreement relating to the provision of mutual assistance in relation to interference with electronic communications, a request for assistance may not be made by any person in or on behalf of the Falkland Islands except with the authority of the Attorney General or Governor acting in his or her discretion.

(6) For the purposes of this section, “**operator of a public electronic communications network**” includes any person who, at the time the offence was committed, was employed by the operator, or was acting or holding themselves out as being an agent for the operator.

[S.35/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

94. Deliberate interference

(1) A person who uses any apparatus for the purpose of interfering with electronic communications networks, electronic communications services or radiocommunications commits an offence.

[S.36/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to anything done —

(a) ...

(b) with lawful authority.

[S.36/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

(3) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on conviction to —

(a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months,

(b) a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, or

(c) both.

95. Damage to infrastructure

(1) A person who damages any part of the infrastructure of an electronic communications network must report the damage to a police officer as soon as is reasonably practicable.

(2) Failure to comply with subsection (1) is an offence.

(3) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (2) is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Enforcement powers

96. Power of entry

(1) If a court is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that evidence of the commission of an offence under this Ordinance is to be found on premises, the court may issue a warrant authorising a person authorised by the Regulator —

(a) to enter the premises;

(b) to require the provision of a copy of any information or documents stored on the premises (including information stored electronically);

(c) to test equipment;

(d) to remove any article that may be or provide evidence of the commission of the offence.

(2) Subsection (1) applies to a vehicle, vessel or aircraft as it applies to premises.

(3) It is an offence —

(a) to obstruct a person exercising powers under a warrant under this section, or

(b) to fail to provide reasonable assistance on request to a person exercising powers under a warrant under this section.

(4) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (3) is liable on conviction to —

(a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months,

(b) a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, or

(c) both.

Supplementary

97. Jurisdiction

The Magistrate's Court has jurisdiction for the purposes of this Ordinance (subject to any provision to the contrary).

97A. Forfeiture of radiocommunications apparatus

- (1) This section applies where a person has —
 - (a) been convicted of any offence under this Ordinance; and either
 - (b) the person used radiocommunications apparatus when committing the offence; or
 - (c) the offence was committed in relation to radiocommunications.
- (2) In addition to any penalty imposed by a court for committing the offence, the court may make an order for forfeiture of any of the following that the court considers appropriate —
 - (a) any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other structure or object which was used in connection with the commission of the offence;
 - (b) any radiocommunications apparatus or other apparatus in relation to which the offence was committed, or which was used in connection with the commission of the offence; and
 - (c) any radiocommunications apparatus or other apparatus not falling within paragraph (b), which was, at the time of commission of the offence, in the possession, or under the control of the person convicted of the offence and was intended to be used (whether or not by that person) in the commission of the offence.
- (3) References in subsection (2)(b) and (c) to apparatus other than radiocommunications apparatus include references to —
 - (a) recordings;
 - (b) equipment designed or adapted for use —
 - (i) in making recordings; or
 - (ii) in reproducing from recordings any sounds or visual images; and
 - (c) equipment not falling within paragraphs (a) or (b) but connected, directly or indirectly, to radiocommunications apparatus.
- (4) The court may order radiocommunications apparatus to be forfeited whether or not it is the property of the person convicted of the offence.
- (5) Where the court orders any apparatus to be forfeited under this section, the court may also include an order that —
 - (a) forfeiture is to take place within 48 hours of the Regulator giving the person who committed the offence notice requiring them to deliver the apparatus; and

(b) the person who committed the offence is not to take any steps to destroy or otherwise dispose of the apparatus except in compliance with the order under paragraph (a).

(6) It is an offence to contravene an order made under subsection (5), or to fail to deliver up apparatus to the Regulator as required.

(7) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (6) is liable on conviction to—

(a) imprisonment for 3 months; or

(b) a fine not exceeding level 8 on the standard scale; or

(c) both.

[S.37/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

98. Maritime and Aviation

(1) This section applies where an offence under this Part is committed —

(a) by, using or in relation to equipment on board a ship or aircraft, or

(b) by anything done on a ship or aircraft.

(2) The captain or other person for the time being in charge of the ship or aircraft is guilty of the offence (whether or not anyone else is also guilty of the offence).

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply where the captain or other person in charge can show that the offence was committed only by reason of action —

(a) which was taken by a passenger, and

(b) which the captain or other person in charge could not reasonably have been expected to take action to prevent.

PART 12 LAND

99. Compulsory acquisition of land

For the purposes of any law relating to compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes —

(a) the functions of an exclusive licensee under the licence are public purposes; and

(b) the licensee may request the Governor to exercise powers under that law for a purpose in connection with the performance of those functions.

100. Entering land for construction and operational purposes

(1) A person authorised by an exclusive licensee may enter land for the purposes of constructing, installing, operating, monitoring or removing apparatus required in connection with functions under the licence.

(2) The Governor must by regulations make provision —

(a) prescribing procedure to be followed in the exercise of the power under subsection (1);

(b) specifying conditions to be satisfied in relation to the exercise of the power under subsection (1);

(c) imposing limitations on the exercise of the power under subsection (1).

(3) The regulations may, in particular —

(a) make different provision in respect of land owned and occupied by a public body and land owned or occupied by a private person;

(b) require the service of notices;

(c) require consultation;

(d) make provision for the payment of compensation;

(e) require the approval of a specified public body in specified circumstances;

(f) confer a discretion on a specified person;

(g) make exercise of a power under subsection (1) dependent on obtaining a court order in specified circumstances;

(h) make provision for ancillary activities that may be carried out in the exercise of the power under subsection (1) (including, in particular, cutting down trees and similar activity);

(i) make provision for the laying of equipment underneath streets or other places;

(j) make provision for obtaining or creating a licence or easement in specified circumstances and for specified purposes in relation to maintenance of equipment or otherwise;

(k) make provision for varying or overriding a licence or easement in specified circumstances and for specified purposes;

(l) impose duties designed to protect the property or safety of persons, or to protect the environment;

(m) provide for a right of challenge or appeal to a court in specified circumstances.

(4) The regulations must make separate provision in respect of works carried out on the shore or seabed.

PART 13 DATA

Interpretation

101. Public interest grounds

For the purposes of this Part the “**public interest grounds**” are —

(a) the interests of national security;

(b) prevention or detection of crime;

(c) prevention of disorder;

(d) national security in relation to economic well-being;

(e) public safety;

(f) public health;

(g) collection or administration of taxes and other money payable to the Government;

(h) preventing or reducing deaths or injuries as a result of a public emergency;

(i) any other matter specified for the purposes of this section by the Governor by regulations.

Retention of data

102. Retention notices

(1) The Governor acting in his or her discretion may by notice (a “retention notice”) require the exclusive licensee under an exclusive licence issued under Part 7 to retain electronic communications data.

(2) The Governor acting in his or her discretion may give a retention notice if satisfied that —

- (a) it is necessary on public interest grounds, and
- (b) it is proportionate to the purpose for which it is required.

(3) A retention notice —

- (a) must specify the classes of data to be retained;
- (b) must specify the period for which data is to be retained;
- (c) may specify the form in which it is to be retained;
- (d) may include other provision as to the retention of the data;
- (e) may make provision for data whether or not in existence at the time when the notice is given;
- (f) may make provision which applies generally or only for specified purposes;
- (g) may make different provision for different purposes.

(4) The Governor may by regulations make further provision for the retention of electronic communications data and the regulations may, in particular, make provision for—

- (a) the process to be followed before giving a retention notice;
- (b) the maximum period for which data is to be retained under a retention notice;
- (c) the content, giving, commencement, review, variation and revocation of a retention notice;
- (d) the storage of data in accordance with a retention notice;
- (e) access to and disclosure of data retained in accordance with a retention notice;
- (f) destruction of data retained in accordance with a retention notice;
- (g) monitoring and enforcement of compliance with a retention notice;
- (h) payments by the Governor acting in his or her discretion in respect of expenses of complying with a retention notice.

- (5) A retention notice may not require data to be retained for more than 24 months.
- (6) The exclusive licensee may disclose data retained in accordance with a retention notice only—
 - (a) in accordance with regulations under this section,
 - (b) in accordance with a provision of this Ordinance, or
 - (c) pursuant to, or in accordance with an order of, a court.
- (7) When an exclusive licence comes to an end (for whatever reason) —
 - (a) a retention notice issued to the licensee continues to have effect in accordance with its terms; but
 - (b) if provision is made for the transfer of data to a new exclusive licensee, the Governor acting in his or her discretion may vary or revoke the retention notice.

Disclosure

103. Disclosure requirements

- (1) The Governor acting in his or her discretion or a court may grant an authorisation allowing a specified person or class of person to require the exclusive licensee to disclose electronic communications data.
- (2) The Governor acting in his or her discretion or a court may require the exclusive licensee —
 - (a) to obtain electronic communications data;
 - (b) to disclose electronic communications data.
- (3) The Governor acting in his or her discretion or a court may grant an authorisation under subsection (1) or impose a requirement under subsection (2) only if satisfied that —
 - (a) it is necessary on public interest grounds, and
 - (b) it is proportionate to the purpose for which it is required.
- (4) The exclusive licensee must comply with a requirement imposed under or by virtue of this section.
- (5) A requirement imposed under or by virtue of this section is enforceable as if it were an order of the Supreme Court.

(6) The Governor may make regulations for authorisations and requirements under this section and the regulations may, in particular, make provision for —

- (a) form;
- (b) content;
- (c) procedure;
- (d) conditions and limitations;
- (e) timing;
- (f) variation and revocation;
- (g) appeal; and
- (h) other ancillary matters.

Interception and surveillance

104. Interception warrants

(1) The Governor acting in his or her discretion or a court may issue a warrant authorising or requiring a person to take specified steps to —

- (a) intercept an electronic communication or class of communications;
- (b) disclose the intercepted material.

(2) The Governor acting in his or her discretion or a court may grant a warrant only if satisfied that —

- (a) it is necessary on public interest grounds, and
- (b) it is proportionate to the purpose for which it is required.

(3) The Governor may make regulations for —

- (a) the form and content of warrants;
- (b) procedure for application for and issue of warrants;
- (c) procedure to be followed in implementing a warrant;

(d) terms and conditions;

(e) duration, renewal, variation and revocation;

(f) a record to be kept specifying the information to be contained in the record in respect of the warrants granted or refused by the courts under this section and that this information be reported to an appropriate person or body every 6 months;

(g) any other ancillary matters.

(4) A warrant under this section is enforceable as if it were an order of the Supreme Court.

(5) It is an offence for a person to fail without reasonable excuse to comply with a provision of a warrant under this section.

(6) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to —

(a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years,

(b) a fine not exceeding level 12 on the standard scale, or

(c) both.

105. Directed surveillance

(1) In this section “**directed surveillance**” means electronic surveillance which —

(a) is covert and non-intrusive, and

(b) is intended to support an investigation by obtaining private information about a person (whether or not one specifically identified for the purposes of the investigation or operation).

(2) The Governor acting in his or her discretion or a court may grant a warrant for directed surveillance.

(3) The Governor acting in his or her discretion or a court may grant a warrant only if satisfied that —

(a) it is necessary on public interest grounds, and

(b) it is proportionate to the purpose for which it is required.

(4) The Governor may make regulations for —

(a) the form and content of warrants;

- (b) procedure for application for and issue of warrants;
- (c) procedure to be followed in implementing a warrant;
- (d) terms and conditions;
- (e) duration, renewal, variation and revocation; and
- (f) any other ancillary matters.

(5) A warrant under this section is enforceable as if it were an order of the Supreme Court.

(6) It is an offence for a person to fail without reasonable excuse to comply with a provision of a warrant under this section.

(7) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to —

- (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years,
- (b) a fine not exceeding level 12 on the standard scale, or
- (c) both.

106. Intrusive surveillance

(1) For the purposes of this section “**intrusive surveillance**” means covert electronic surveillance of activity on residential premises or in a private vehicle (and does not include the use of devices to provide information only about the location of a vehicle).

(2) The Governor acting in his or her discretion or a court may grant a warrant for intrusive surveillance.

(3) The Governor acting in his or her discretion or a court may grant a warrant only if satisfied that —

- (a) it is necessary on public interest grounds, and
- (b) it is proportionate to the purpose for which it is required.

(4) The Governor may make regulations for —

- (a) the form and content of warrants;
- (b) procedure for application for and issue of warrants;

- (c) procedure to be followed in implementing a warrant;
 - (d) terms and conditions;
 - (e) duration, renewal, variation and revocation; and
 - (f) any other ancillary matters.
- (5) A warrant under this section is enforceable as if it were an order of the Supreme Court.
- (6) It is an offence for a person to fail without reasonable excuse to comply with a provision of a warrant under this section.
- (7) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to —
- (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years,
 - (b) a fine not exceeding level 12 on the standard scale, or
 - (c) both.
- (8) In this section a reference to a vehicle includes a reference to a vessel, hovercraft or aircraft.
- Encrypted data*

107. Requirement to disclose

- (1) This section applies where data is encrypted or protected by a password or other secure means and the data has come into the possession of a public body —
- (a) in the exercise of a function under this Ordinance, or
 - (b) in the exercise of a function under another enactment.
- (2) A public body who believes that a person is likely to possess the key to the encryption (“key to the encryption” includes a password or other access code) may require that person to disclose the key to the public body.
- (3) A requirement may be imposed only if the public body is satisfied that —
- (a) it is necessary on public interest grounds, and
 - (b) it is proportionate to the purpose for which it is imposed.
- (4) The Governor may make regulations for —

- (a) the form and content of requirements;
 - (b) procedure for application for and issue of requirements;
 - (c) terms and conditions; and
 - (d) any other ancillary matters.
- (5) A requirement under this section is enforceable as if it were an order of the Supreme Court.
- (6) A requirement under this section may not require the disclosure of a key which is designed to be used, and has been used, only for generating electronic signatures.
- (7) A requirement under this section may include a provision prohibiting any person from communicating the fact or nature of the requirement to any other person (except for the purposes of complying with the requirement).
- (8) It is an offence for a person to fail without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement under this section.
- (9) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to —
- (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years,
 - (b) a fine not exceeding level 12 on the standard scale, or
 - (c) both.

108. General

- (1) Nothing in this Part, or done under this Part, requires the exclusive licensee under Part 7 or any other person to do anything that is not practicable for the licensee or other person, having regard to all the circumstances.
- (2) Where a person on whom a warrant, notice or requirement under this Part is served or proposed to be served is of the opinion that the warrant, notice or requirement requires the person to do something that is not practicable —
- (a) the person may refer the question to the Magistrate's Court,
 - (b) the decision of the Magistrate's Court shall be final to determine the question, and
 - (c) the Magistrate's Court may make any ancillary order it thinks fit (including modifying or imposing a condition to or limitation on the warrant, notice or requirement).
- (3) In the case of a warrant, notice or requirement served on a person by the Governor —

(a) the person may not refer the question to the Magistrate’s Court without giving the Governor such notice as is reasonably practicable, and

(b) the warrant, notice or requirement has no effect until the question has been determined by (or withdrawn from) the Magistrate’s Court (and then has effect subject to the determination).

(4) Nothing in this Ordinance prohibits the doing of anything in accordance with lawful authority.

(5) Where a warrant, notice or requirement under this Part is served on a person —

(a) the person may comply with the warrant, notice or requirement wholly or partly by arranging for another person to take the required action; and

(b) the person may disclose the warrant, notice or requirement for that purpose.

[Revision w.e.f. 31/07/2017]

PART 14 – APPEALS

[S.38/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

109. Appeals against decisions of the Regulator

(1) In this Part, “**decision**” means any of the following actions of the Regulator under this Ordinance —

(a) issuing a direction or decision under section 11(2)(b);

(b) issuing an enforcement order under section 13(2);

(c) requiring the payment of a penalty or awarding compensation under section 13(3);

(d) granting, varying, revoking or renewing an electronic communications licence under Part 4 (or refusing to grant, vary, revoke or renew such a licence);

(e) granting, varying, revoking or renewing a radiocommunications licence under Part 6 (or refusing to grant, vary revoke or renew such a licence);

(f) issuing a determination under section 14;

(g) requiring the exclusive licensee to pay a penalty under section 70(2);

(h) issuing a notice to the exclusive licensee to take steps to prevent interference under section 71(3).

(2) Any person affected by a decision may appeal to the Magistrate’s Court sitting in its civil jurisdiction.

[S.38/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

110. Time limit for making an appeal

An appeal must be brought no later than 21 days after —

- (a) the date on which the person received notice of the decision they are appealing if the decision is in response to an application or is otherwise addressed to a particular person; or
- (b) in all other cases, the date on which the decision is published by the Regulator.

[S.38/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

111. Disposal of appeals against determinations and licensing decisions

- (1) This section applies to an appeal against a decision referred to in section 109(1)(d), (e) or (f).
- (2) The Magistrate's Court must decide the appeal, by reference to the grounds of appeal set out in the notice of appeal, by applying the same principles as would be applied by a court on an application for judicial review.
- (3) The Magistrate's Court may —
 - (a) dismiss the appeal;
 - (b) set aside the whole or part of the decision to which it relates; or
 - (c) remit the matter to the Regulator to dispose of in accordance with the directions of the Court.
- (4) The Regulator must comply with any directions issued under subsection (3)(c).

[S.38/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

112. Disposal of all other appeals

- (1) This section applies to appeals against a decision referred to in section 109(1)(a), (b), (c), (g) or (h).
- (2) The Magistrate's Court must decide the appeal on the merits and by reference to the grounds of appeal set out in the notice of appeal.
- (3) The Magistrate's Court may —
 - (a) substitute its own view for that of the Regulator;
 - (b) make any order, direction, or decision that the Regulator has the power to make;
 - (c) make a compensation or penalty award, or increase or decrease the amount of any compensation or penalty award, provided that any penalty awarded does not exceed the

statutory limits in section 13, or in the case of an appeal against a section 70 penalty, the limit in section 70(2)(a);

- (d) remit the matter to the Regulator to dispose of in accordance with the directions of the Court; and
- (e) issue any other directions the Court considers appropriate for giving effect to its decision.

[S.38/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

112A. Costs

The Magistrate's Court may make any order for costs that it considers appropriate.

[S.39/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

112B. Effect of notice of appeal

- (1) The filing of a notice of appeal against any of the decisions listed in subsection (2) automatically suspends the effects of the decision being appealed against.
- (2) The decisions referred to in subsection (1) are —
 - (a) a decision to issue an enforcement order under section 13(2);
 - (b) a decision to require payment of a penalty or award compensation;
 - (c) a decision to revoke or refuse to renew a licence granted under Part 4 or Part 6.
- (3) The filing of a notice of appeal against any other decision does not automatically suspend the effects of the decision being appealed against.
- (4) The Magistrate's Court may, either on its own motion, or on application from the appellant, suspend the effects of any decision that is not automatically suspended under subsection (1).

[S.39/Ord. 18/2019/w.e.f. 15/11/2019]

PART 15

REPEAL, SAVINGS, TRANSITIONAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS

113. Repeal of Telecommunications Ordinance

- (1) Subject to this Part, the Telecommunications Ordinance 1988 (in this Part referred to as the repealed Ordinance) is repealed.
- (2) Section 61 of the repealed Ordinance continues to apply until a date determined by the Governor by Order in the Gazette.

(3) The Governor must provide for the disapplication in the Falkland Islands of the Marine, &c. Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967 and the Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Act 2002, in the Order under subsection (2).

(4) The Regulator and the Telecommunications Appeal Panel referred to in the repealed Ordinance cease to exist with effect from the date of commencement of this Ordinance.

114. Saving of licence

A licence issued in terms of Part II of the repealed Ordinance continues to exist on the same terms and conditions as provided in the repealed Ordinance until the date of expiry of the licence or until a new licence is issued under this Ordinance.

115. ...

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