

Digital Economy Bill

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After Clause 30

LORD STEVENSON OF BALMACARA
BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Insert the following new Clause –

“Code of practice on search engines and copyright infringement

- (1) The Secretary of State may impose by order a code of practice (“the code”) for search engine providers with the purpose of minimising the availability and promotion of copyright infringing services, including those which facilitate copyright infringement by their users.
- (2) Any order made under subsection (1) must include appropriate provisions to ensure compliance with the code by the providers.
- (3) Before imposing the code under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall publish a draft of the code and consider any representations made to him or her by –
 - (a) search engine providers,
 - (b) rights-holders and their representatives, and
 - (c) any other interested parties.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall regularly review the code to ensure that it provides the most appropriate mechanism to satisfy the purposes set out in subsection (1).”

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