

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

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Clause 20

LORD LANSLEY

Clause 20 page 12, line 32, at end insert –

- “(ca) imposing fees or charges on users or potential users, whether in relation to the relevant digital activity or other activities, which are unjustified by their costs or which unfairly penalise the user's access to the relevant digital activity.”

LORD LANSLEY

Clause 20, page 12, line 43 at end insert –

- “(i) seeking directly or indirectly to prevent or restrict users or potential users of the relevant digital activity from raising issues of non-compliance with any conduct requirements with any public authority.”

Clause 27

LORD LANSLEY

Clause 27 page 15, line 30 at end insert –

- “(2) Representations made by an undertaking under subsection (1) may include evidence relating to any benefits attributable to the behaviour to which the conduct investigation relates.
- (3) If in the context of these representations, an undertaking to which the conduct investigation relates proposes to make a commitment to the CMA as to its behaviour in relation to the conduct under investigation, the CMA may close a conduct investigation without making a finding, subject to the provisions of section 36.”

Clause 29

LORD LANSLEY

Leave out Clause 29

Clause 114

LORD LANSLEY

Clause 114, page 71, line 17, at end insert –

- “(5) When the CMA seek the approval of the Secretary of State for guidance, the Secretary of State must within 40 days either –
- (a) approve the guidance; or
 - (b) refer the proposed guidance back to the CMA with a statement of reasons why the guidance should not be published in that form.”

After Clause 146

BARONESS STOWELL OF BEESTON
LORD ANDERSON OF IPSWICH
LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN
LORD ROBERTSON OF PORT ELLEN

Revised version of Baroness Stowell of Beeston’s amendment printed on amendment sheet HL Bill 47(d)

After Clause 146, insert the following new Clause –

“Foreign power acquisition of news media organisations

- (1) A foreign power (as defined in section 32 of the National Security Act 2023) may not acquire a news media organisation or publisher of news in any form ("a publisher") where the publisher's primary place of business is in the United Kingdom, unless the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) are met.
- (2) Investigations by the CMA under sections 44 and 45 of the EA 2002 and by OFCOM under section 44A of the EA 2002 have been completed.
- (3) The Secretary of State has made and published their decision under section 54 of the EA 2002 stating that there are no competition-related or consumer-related concerns.
- (4) Where the conditions in subsections (2) and (3) are met, the Secretary of State must by regulations approve the acquisition.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would prevent the acquisition of a UK news media organisation by a foreign power without the approval of both Houses of Parliament, where competition or consumer-related concerns have been raised.

Clause 338

BARONESS STOWELL OF BEESTON
LORD ANDERSON OF IPSWICH
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Clause 338, page 236, line 8, at end insert –

“(ab) section (*Foreign power acquisition of news media organisations*);”

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