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**The Code of Practice for Electronic Programme Guides
(Addition of Programme Services) Order 2011**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>12th December 2011</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>15th December 2011</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st January 2012</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by sections 310(5) and 402 of the Communications Act 2003(a).

In accordance with section 310(6) of that Act the Secretary of State has consulted OFCOM.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Code of Practice for Electronic Programme Guides (Addition of Programme Services) Order 2011 and comes into force on 31st January 2012.

Addition of local television

2. In section 310 of the Communications Act 2003 (code of practice for electronic programme guides)—

(a) after subsection (4)(f) insert—

“(g) a local digital television programme service;

(h) a simulcast local service.”.

(b) after subsection (8) insert—

“(9) In this section “local digital television programme service” means any service which falls within a description of service in relation to which provision is for the time being made under section 244 (local digital television services).

(10) In this section “simulcast local service” means a service provided in digital form and corresponding to a local digital television programme service.

(11) For the purposes of subsection (10), a service corresponds to a local digital television programme service (“the relevant service”) if all of the programmes included in the relevant service are provided at the same time on both services.”.

Jeremy Hunt
Secretary of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends section 310 of the Communications Act 2003 by adding two types of programme service to the services specified in subsection (4) as public services channels.

Article 2(a) inserts a “local digital television programme service” and a “simulcast local service” into section 310(4) whilst article (2)(b) adds the relevant definitions at subsections (9) to (11).

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the website of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (www.culture.gov.uk/images/consultations/Impact-Assessment_Local-TV_July2011) and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.

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