

Press Recognition Panel Mappin House 4 Winsley Street London W1W 8HF

By Email

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Dear Lord Clement-Jones,

I am writing having noted your proposed amendment to the Data Protection Bill, number 88. It is unclear to the PRP why IPSO Editors' Code of Practice is listed as a separate category on the list of exceptions.

It is the PRP's view that 'Any standards code adopted by an approved regulator, as defined by the Crime and Courts Act 2013' should be added to the list. Excluding the recognition system from the Bill would undermine the system that was devised by Parliament to oversee press regulation.

It is disappointing that there continue to be attempts to prevent the recognition system from working, and it is frustrating that section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act has not been commenced.

Please let me know if you would find it useful to discuss these or any other matters further.

Yours sincerely,

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