



**An Bille um Shábháilteacht ar Líne (Algartaim Moltaí),
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Online Safety (Recommender Algorithms) Bill 2026

Meabhrán Miniúcháin
Explanatory Memorandum



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Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Online Safety and Media Regulation Act 2022 to regulate the use of recommender algorithms/systems by video-sharing platform services, including by: prohibiting the use of recommender algorithms for users under 18, or whose age is unknown; prohibiting the use of recommender algorithms based on profiling or sensitive personal data for users over 18 unless the user has opted in to their use and been given alternative options.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1. Defines video-sharing platform services, recommender systems and profiling using the meanings assigned to them in the Online Safety and Media Regulation Act 2022, the EU Digital Services Act and the EU GDPR directive.

Section 2. Prohibits the use of recommender systems for users under 18, or whose age is unknown; prohibits the use of recommender systems based on profiling or sensitive personal data unless the user is over 18, has selected a recommender system based on profiling or sensitive personal data, and has been given plain and intelligible information on the main parameters of the recommender system and easy access to a functionality that allows the recommender system to be modified. Directs the Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport to instruct Coimisiún na Meán to amend the Online Safety Code in accordance with this section.

Section 3. Commencement is to occur within 90 days of promulgation by the President.

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