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Information Requests

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## Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about 5G compliance.

We received this request on 27 March 2026 and we have considered it under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (the "EIR").

### Your request and our response

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*Whether the "Big Four" (EE, Vodafone, O2, Three) telecoms companies have complied with each stage of the Huawei Designated Vendor Direction*  
*([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6345347e8fa8f52a5a0d98f9/Final\\_Huawei\\_Designated\\_Vendor\\_Direction.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6345347e8fa8f52a5a0d98f9/Final_Huawei_Designated_Vendor_Direction.pdf))*

*Please provide a list of any breaches of this directive, broken down by telecoms company and which clause(s) of the directive were breached.*

We confirm that we have investigated your enquiry and do not hold the information requested. This information would be held by the Department of Science Innovation and Technology (DSIT). However, we do collect some information related to your request. We do this in accordance with the Monitoring Direction we received from the DSIT Secretary of State under section 105Z12 of the Communications Act 2003 (the Act), a copy of which can be found on our website:

[Monitoring direction under s.105Z12](#)

Under this Monitoring Direction, we collect the information specified and use it to prepare a series of reports for the Secretary of State. The information we collect relates to a number of the restrictions imposed by the Designated Vendor Directions which were sent by the Secretary of State to 35 public communications providers under s.105Z1 of the Act, and the progress of the Relevant Providers to which each restriction applies in meeting their requirements. Our reports summarise this information, for the purpose of assisting the Secretary of State in determining whether the Relevant Providers have complied with their requirements.

Please note that exceptions under EIR as s12(5)(a) "international relations, defence, national security or public safety" may apply to future requests about this information.

We hope you find this information helpful and you may wish to contact DSIT directly.

Yours sincerely,

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### **Request an internal review**

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress. Please email the Information Requests team ([information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk)) to request an internal review.

### **Taking it further**

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).