

Summary of proposed changes to the Digital Terrestrial Television Technical Performance Code

Existing document	Proposed new document
-	New paragraph 3.4: “Where programmes are scheduled to carry access services, Channel 3 licensees, the Channel 4 licensee and the Channel 5 licensee must ensure that the presence and reliability of those access services is given the same priority as ensuring the presence and reliability of those programmes’ vision and sound components”
Paragraph 4.4: “Multiplex licensees must submit an annual report on transmission performance each July. The report should include a summary of reliability performance results for distribution and transmission in an agreed format, an analysis of viewer complaints relating to poor reception and technical faults, and a brief description of any notable developments in the technical architecture of the service.”	Paragraph 4.4: “Multiplex licensees must submit an annual report on transmission performance each July. The report should include a summary of reliability performance results for distribution and transmission in an agreed format, an analysis of viewer complaints relating to poor reception and technical faults, and a brief description of any notable developments in the technical architecture of the service. The report should also provide a description of the steps licensees have taken during the year to enhance service continuity plans to be used in case of a major infrastructure failure, as well as details of exercises undertaken to test those plans. This description should include how licensees have built on the experiences of previous incidents affecting broadcast transmission infrastructure, as well as how they have addressed recommendations set out in any formal reviews of those incidents carried out by Ofcom.”
-	New Section 6: “Electromagnetic fields”
-	New paragraph 6.1: “All transmitter equipment operating at powers above 10 watts EIRP (effective isotropic radiated power) must – as a condition of the service’s Wireless Telegraphy Act licence – comply with international guidelines on electromagnetic field (EMF) emissions for the protection of the general public. These guidelines have been issued by ICNIRP (the International Commission on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection). More guidance on EMF requirements is available on the Ofcom website at https://www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/emf .”