

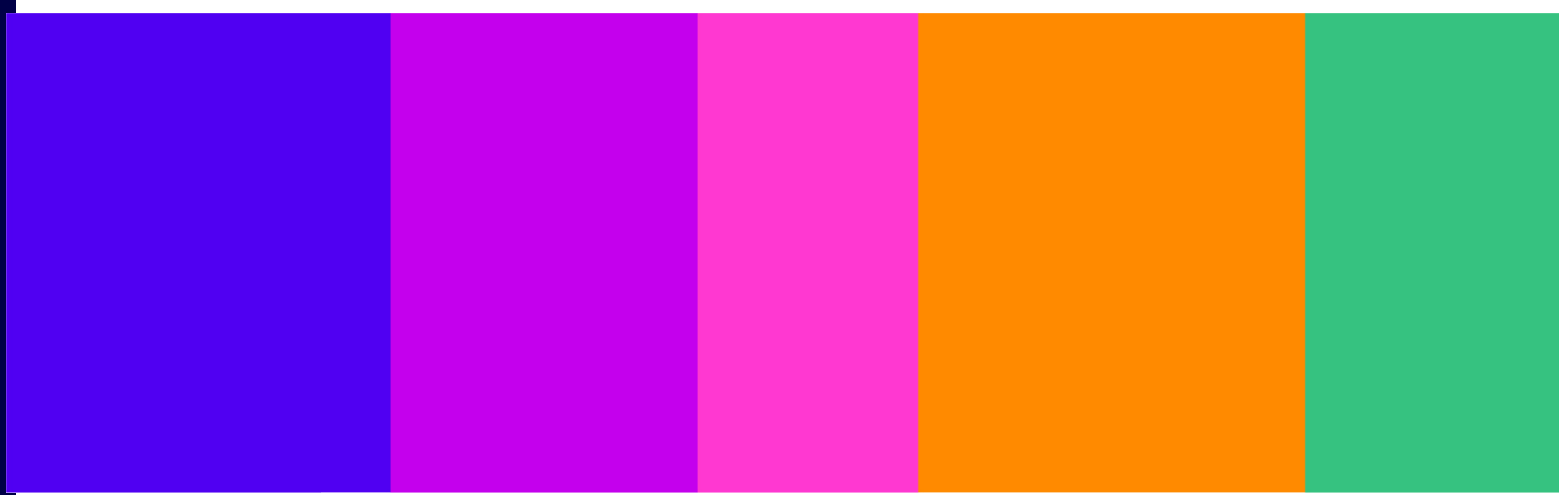
Reviews of Call Termination Markets and End-to-End Connectivity Condition

Annex A3e - Legal instrument for revoking the access-related condition requiring BT to provide end-to-end connectivity

Statement

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Access-related condition requiring BT to provide end-to-end connectivity

NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTIONS 48 AND 74B OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003 (“Notification”)

Notification under section 48 of the Communications Act 2003 for revoking an access-relating condition applying to BT under section 73(2)

1. On 13 September 2006, Ofcom published a statement entitled [“End-to-end Connectivity”](#) (the **“2006 Statement”**).
2. The 2006 Statement set out Ofcom’s decisions to set an access-related condition under sections 73 and 74 of the Act applying to BT as a provider of end-to-end connectivity. That condition (the **“End-to-end connectivity condition”**) is set out in the notification annexed to the 2006 Statement.¹
3. In accordance with section 74B of the Act, Ofcom has reviewed the results of imposing the End-to-end connectivity condition and considered whether the condition should be modified or revoked.
4. On 18 July 2025, Ofcom published a consultation document entitled [“Reviews of Call Termination Markets and End-to-End Connectivity Condition”](#) (the **“2025 Consultation”**). In the 2025 Consultation, Ofcom set out its provisional report on the results of imposing the End-to-end connectivity condition and consulted on the proposed revocation of this condition.
5. Copies of the 2025 Consultation and the notification setting out Ofcom’s proposal to revoke the End-to-end connectivity condition were sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 48C(1) of the Act.
6. The 2025 Consultation closed on 10 October 2025. Ofcom received several responses to its proposals set out in the 2025 Consultation and it has considered every such representation. The Secretary of State has not notified Ofcom of any international obligation of the United Kingdom for the purposes of those proposals.
7. Today, Ofcom is publishing its statement entitled [“Reviews of Call Termination Markets and End-to-End Connectivity Condition”](#) (the **“2026 Statement”**), which accompanies this Notification.

¹ Annex 1 to the 2006 Statement.

Decisions to revoke the End-to-end connectivity condition

8. Ofcom is revoking the End-to-end connectivity condition, which applies to BT, with effect from 1 April 2026.
9. In accordance with section 48(1)(b) of the Act, Ofcom has considered consultation responses and is revoking the End-to-end connectivity condition by publishing this Notification stating that the condition is revoked.
10. In accordance with Section 48(2)(b) of the Act, Ofcom has complied with the applicable requirements under section 48A (as section 48A applied) before making this revocation.
11. The effect of, and Ofcom's reasons for, revoking the End-to-end connectivity condition are set out in the 2026 Statement, which accompanies this Notification.
12. Section 16 of the Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply as if this revocation was a repeal of an enactment by an Act of Parliament.

Ofcom's duties and legal tests

13. As mentioned above, the effect of, and Ofcom's reasons for, the revocation of the End-to-end connectivity condition are set out in the 2026 Statement.
14. In considering whether the End-to-end connectivity condition should be modified or revoked and in making the decision to revoke this condition, Ofcom has acted in accordance with section 74B of the Act.
15. Ofcom has also considered and acted in accordance with its general duties set out in section 3 of the Act and the six requirements in section 4 of the Act.
16. As required by section 2B(2) of the Act, Ofcom has also had regard to the Statement of Strategic Priorities in making the decision referred to in this Notification.
17. In accordance with the "growth duty" set out in section 108 of the Deregulation Act 2015, Ofcom has also considered the importance for the promotion of economic growth of carrying out this review in a way which ensures that regulatory action is taken only when it is needed, and any action is taken only when it is needed, and any action taken is proportionate, having had regard to the "[Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance](#)".

Notification to the Secretary of State

18. Copies of this Notification and the 2026 Statement have been sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 48C(1) of the Act.

Interpretation

19. For the purpose of interpreting this Notification:
 - (a) except in so far as the context otherwise requires, words or expressions have the meaning assigned to them in paragraph 20 below, and otherwise any word or expression has the same meaning as it has in the Act;
 - (b) headings and titles shall be disregarded;

- (c) expressions cognate with those referred to in this Notification shall be construed accordingly; and
- (d) the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) shall apply as if this Notification were an Act of Parliament.

20. In this Notification:

- (a) **“2006 Statement”** means the statement described in paragraph 1 of this Notification;
- (b) **“2025 Consultation”** has the meaning given in paragraph 4 of this Notification;
- (c) **“2026 Statement”** has the meaning given in paragraph 7 of this Notification;
- (d) **“Act”** means the Communications Act 2003 (c.21);
- (e) **“BT”** means British Telecommunications Public Limited Company, whose registered company number is 1800000, and any of its subsidiaries or holding companies, or any subsidiary of such holding companies, all as defined by section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (f) **“End-to-end connectivity condition”** means the condition described in paragraph 2 of this Notification;
- (g) **“Ofcom”** means the Office of Communications as established pursuant to section 1(1) of the Office of Communications Act 2002; and
- (h) **“Statement of Strategic Priorities”** means the [Statement of Strategic Priorities](#) for telecommunications, the management of radio spectrum, and postal services designated by the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport for the purposes of section 2A of the Communications Act 2003 on 29 October 2019.

Signed:



Ben Harries

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A person duly authorised in accordance with paragraph 18 of the Schedule to the Office of Communications Act 2002

26 March 2026