STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# [2026] No. [***]

# ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

## The Wireless Telegraphy (Limitation of Number of Licences) Order [2026]

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| *Coming into force* | *** |

The Office of Communications ("OFCOM") makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29(1) to (3) and section 122(7) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006(**a**) (the "Act").

Before making this Order, OFCOM gave and published notice of its proposal to do so, and considered representations made to it before the time specified in the notice, as required by section 122(4) to (6) of the Act.

**Citation, commencement and extent**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Limitation of Number of Licences) Order [2026] and comes into force on ***.

(2) This Order does not extend to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

**Limitation of licences**

**2.**—(1) The Office of Communications ("OFCOM") shall grant a limited number of wireless telegraphy licences for the use of frequencies in the 1492-1517 megahertz frequency band.

(2) In determining the number of licences to be granted for the use of frequencies in this frequency band and the persons to whom the licences will be granted, OFCOM shall apply the procedure set out in the Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Award) Regulations 2026(**b**).

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For and on behalf of the Office of Communications

[date]

(**a**) 2006 c.36.
(**b**) S.I. [2026]/*** *[A final draft of these Regulations was published on 30 October 2026 and is available at: https://www.ofcom.org.uk/spectrum/innovative-use-of-spectrum/1.4-ghz-band-available-for-mobile]*

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

This Order specifies frequencies for which the Office of Communications ("OFCOM") will grant a wireless telegraphy licence.

Article 2(1) provides that a limited number of licences will be granted for the use of frequencies in the 1492-1517 megahertz frequency band. Article 2(2) sets out the criteria that OFCOM will apply in determining the limit on the number of licences and the persons to whom the licences will be granted.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect of these Regulations is available on OFCOM's website at www.ofcom.org.uk. Hard copies of this assessment can be obtained free of charge by writing to OFCOM at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1 9HA (tel. 020 7981 3000). Copies of this assessment have also been placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament.