

Please find the MCF response to the PCOP question in the Regulatory Review.

Question 1: *Do you agree with our proposal to retain the PCOP Code of Practice and the PCOP Agreement and the proposed drafting of the revised condition, as set out at Annex 10? Please provide a written response to Ofcom by 3 April 2017 setting out your reasons.*

The MCF fully supports the proposals on PCOP.

Those MCF members affected by the proposals are pleased that their representations against changing the current arrangements have been noted, and appreciate the opportunity provided by the Ofcom team to discuss the proposals in detail with other industry stakeholders.

To summarise, we find that the current arrangements work without problem and are not burdensome.

The current framework also gives our members a degree of reassurance that this key operational requirement will continue to be in place in its current form for at least the foreseeable future.

In addition the proposal to maintain the current framework will allay concerns that our members had about their ability to secure fair and reasonable terms from Royal Mail in any re-negotiation as envisaged under the original proposals.