

Additional comments:

I had not realised that the proposed regulations listed specific companies within the regulation itself. This seems a rather odd way to legislate; it would seem more logical for the regulations to point to an authorised list, which could be added to - and, at least as importantly, subtracted from - without the need for re-legislation. Such a list would be maintained by OfCom (e. g. on a website and available as paper copy [dated] on demand, for a fee if necessary), with additions and removals being announced, and taking effect a specified time (e. g. 3 or 6 months) after the announcement. (The specified period could be different for additions and removals if thought necessary.)

Question 1: Do you have any comments on the Proposed Regulations?:

If the two (or as it may be three) companies have reached the required standard, then it seems reasonable to add them to the list of those permitted. See under "additional comments" above for other thoughts - in particular, I am concerned that, as the proposed regulation stands, further consultation would be required for every change, especially the removal of any company from the permitted list.