

### **Additional comments:**

Questions 3, 4 and 5 may be regarded as redundant if, by regulation, the CP is required to provide suitable mobile telephony equipment for emergency use at the ONT.

Such a requirement will need an inbuilt charging facility and the availability of a suitable mobile telephony service signal at the EU's location.

As written, your first bullet point to 1.7 is mischievous, as it will allow the CP to say to the EU "It's your responsibility to possess a mobile telephone."

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1.7 Ofcom proposes to reduce the requirement on communications providers to provide battery back-up from 4 hours to 1 hour for the following reasons:

- The majority of power cuts that take place in the UK last for much less than an hour with longer outages increasingly unlikely, hence 1-hour of back-up will provide protection for most of the time during power cuts. In addition, the widespread adoption of mobile phones increases the protection available to consumers;

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**Question 1: Do you agree that Ofcom's guidance on battery back-up lifetime needs to be reviewed at this time:**

Yes.

**Question 2: Do you agree with the scope of this consultation as set out in Section 4:**

Yes.

**Question 3: Do you agree that a battery backup facility should always be provided:**

Yes.

**Question 4: Do you agree that the proposed minimum battery longevity of 1 hour is appropriate:**

No.

**Question 5: Do you agree with our proposed approach to address the needs of individual customers requiring additional protection:**

Yes.