



Withdrawal of guidance: Annex 14 to the Statement entitled 'Review of the wholesale fixed narrowband markets' published by Ofcom on 15 September 2009

1. On 15 September 2009, Ofcom published its decisions following its review of the wholesale fixed narrowband markets. Ofcom found that BT and KCOM had significant market power in relevant markets and imposed various conditions on them including cost orientation / basis of charges obligations (AAA3, AAB3, BA3 and BB3). At the same time Ofcom issued guidance (Annex 14) on its approach to interpreting those conditions.
2. We provided this guidance in the Statement in response to stakeholder comments received during the consultation process requesting clarity on the application of cost orientation obligations. However, since publication we have received representations in relation to the guidance which suggests there would be benefits from consulting on our approach to interpreting these cost orientation obligations.
3. We are therefore withdrawing Annex 14 and intend to issue a consultation on the approach to interpreting cost orientation obligations in due course.