

Ofcom Update: Communications Monthly Update: December 09

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Office of the Telecommunications Adjudicator Update

The independent Office of the Telecommunications Adjudicator (OTA2) today published its update for November 2009. This shows that at the end of November there were 6.26 million unbundled lines and 6.13 million Wholesale Line Rental lines. The number of telephone numbers using Carrier Pre-Select was 3.80 million.

The update can be found here: <http://www.offta.org.uk/>

Updated version of Reference Parameters for Digital Terrestrial Television Transmissions in the UK

Ofcom has published an updated version of the Reference Parameters for Digital Terrestrial Television Transmissions in the United Kingdom which sets out the technical parameters that digital terrestrial television services are permitted to use. The document has been revised to include specifications for high definition television services in advance of their launch later this year.

Consultation: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv/ifi/tech/codes_guidance/dttt_uk.pdf

Conserving geographic numbers

Ofcom published a consultation on conserving geographic telephone numbers by proposing to reduce the size of number blocks allocated from 10,000 to 1,000 in an additional 336 areas of the UK. This is to ensure the best use is made of the UK's telephone numbers.

The consultation can be found here: <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/conserve/>

BT exemption request - supply of BT Basic in Ebbsfleet

This month Ofcom published a statement giving consent to BT to discount calls and connection charges to 300 BT Basic customers in Ebbsfleet, Kent where BT is piloting fixed telephone services using fibre-based technology. This will be permitted from 31 December 2009 to 31 December 2011.

The statement can be found at:

http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/bt_exemption_ebbsfleet/statement/

Media Literacy e-Bulletin

This month's Media Literacy e-Bulletin features news on the Get Safe Online Summit and NIACE's conference on digital participation. It also includes information on anti-bullying

resources and safety advice for online shoppers. The media literacy e-Bulletin can be found here:

http://www.ofcom.org.uk/advice/media_literacy/medlitpub/bulletins/issue27/

Radio licensing update

The Monthly Update provides information about Ofcom's broadcast radio licensing activity, including details of commercial radio licence re-advertisements, changes to the formats of stations, and community radio licence awards.

<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/rbupdates/update1109/>

TV licensing update

The latest information about Ofcom's broadcast TV licensing activity, including details of new licences issued and changes to existing licences, can be found here:

<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv/ifi/tvlicensing/tvupdates/monthly/200911>

CRR – Office of the Adjudicator

The Office of the Adjudicator (CRR) Periodic Report is now available on the website:

<http://www.adjudicator-crr.org.uk>

Exemption to BT Undertakings – flooding in Cumbria

This month Ofcom published letters in relation to exempting BT from certain aspects of the BT Undertakings. This follows the emergency work carried out by BT after the floods in Cumbria.

<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/telecoms/btundertakings/exemptionsandvariations/ofcomresponse271109.pdf>

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Corrections to Charge controls for Wholesale Line Rental and related services statement and consultation

Ofcom published details of small corrections to the statement and consultation Charge controls for Wholesale Line Rental and related services published on 26 October 2009.

Details of the corrections can be found at:

<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/wlr/>