

Reference: 01667259

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# Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning ICNIRP guidelines. This request was received on 5 September 2023 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

## Your request

The UK Health Security Agency has stated, regarding protection measures, that: "Industry has voluntarily committed to comply with the ICNIRP guidelines and to provide certificates of compliance with planning applications for base stations" (<u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phone-base-stations-radio-waves-and-health/mobile-phone-base-stations-radio-waves-and-health/</u>

Does OFCOM hold any information on:

1. When this commitment was made? I realise there may have been a series of meetings or correspondence, rather than a single date. If so, please provid e details.

2. Who (which companies and people specifically) made this commitment and who did they make it too?

Please supply, any letters, emails, meeting minutes or copies of other documents which evidence this.

If OFCOM does not hold this information, could you please explain who does and/or where this information can be found.

### Our response

Ofcom does not hold this information. Please contact the UK Health Security Agency.

If you have any further queries, then please send them to <u>information.requests@ofcom.org.uk</u> quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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The following outcomes are possible:

the original decision is upheld; or

• the original decision is reversed or modified.

#### Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact <u>information.requests@ofcom.org.uk</u>

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office <u>here</u>. Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF