

# A14. Notification of proposed modification to the National Telephone Numbering Plan

## Notification of Ofcom's proposal to modify the National Telephone Numbering Plan under section 60 of the Act

1. In accordance with section 60 of the Act, Ofcom proposes to modify the provisions of the Numbering Plan, the current version of which is available [here](#). The draft modifications to the Numbering Plan are set out in the Schedule to this Notification.
2. Ofcom's reasons for making these proposals, and the effect of the proposed modifications, are set out in section 15 of the document accompanying this Notification.
3. Ofcom considers that the proposed modifications comply with the requirements of section 60(2) of the Act.
4. In making these proposals, Ofcom has considered and acted in accordance with its general duty as to telephone numbering functions under section 63 of the Act and its duties under sections 3 and 4 of the Act.
5. Representations may be made to Ofcom about the proposed modifications until 5pm on **30 November 2020**.
6. If implemented, the proposed modifications:
  - a) set out in Part 1 of the Schedule shall enter into force on IP completion day; and
  - b) set out in Part 2 of the Schedule shall enter into force on the date/s specified in the final Notification relating to these proposals.
7. In this Notification:
  - a) "**the Act**" means the Communications Act 2003;
  - b) "**IP completion day**" has the meaning specified in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020;
  - c) "**Ofcom**" means the Office of Communications; and
  - d) "**Numbering Plan**" means the National Telephone Numbering Plan published by Ofcom pursuant to section 56(1) of the Act, and amended from time to time.
8. Words or expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them in this Notification, and otherwise any word or expression shall have the same meaning as it has in the Act.
9. For the purposes of interpreting this Notification: (i) headings and titles shall be disregarded; and (ii) the Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply as if this Notification were an Act of Parliament.
10. The Schedules to this Notification shall form part of this Notification.

Signed by

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Selina Chadha

Director of Connectivity

A person authorized by Ofcom under paragraph 18 of the Schedule to the Office of Communications Act 2002.

**27 October 2020**

## Schedule: Proposed modifications to the National Telephone Numbering Plan

The modifications that Ofcom proposes to make to the Numbering Plan are set out below highlighted and marked in strikethrough and highlighted underlined text.

### PART 1

In paragraph 1 of the “Definitions and Interpretation” section, the following amendment marked in strikethrough and highlighted underlined text shall be made to the definition of “Harmonised number for harmonised services of social value (116XXX numbers)”:

“**Harmonised number for harmonised services of social value (116XXX numbers)**” means a Type B Access Code used to provide a service meeting a common description on the same 116XXX number throughout European Union Member States and the United Kingdom;

### PART 2

In paragraph 1 of the “Definitions and Interpretation” section, the following amendments marked in strikethrough and highlighted underlined text shall be made to the following definitions:

(i) The definition of “Carrier Pre-Selection”:

“**Carrier Pre-Selection**’ means a facility which allows a Subscriber to whom a ~~Publicly Available Telephone Service~~ Voice Communications Service is provided by means of a Public Communications Network to select which Pre-selected Provider of such Services provided wholly or partly by means of that Network is the Pre-selected Provider he wishes to use to carry his calls by designating in advance the selection that is to apply on every occasion when there has been no selection of Provider by use of a Telephone Number;”

(ii) The definition of “Consumer”:

“**Consumer**’ means any natural person who uses or requests a Public Electronic Communications Service for purposes which are outside his or her trade, business, craft or profession;”

(iii) The definition of “Indirect Access”; and

“**Indirect Access**’ means a facility which allows a Subscriber to whom a ~~Publicly Available Telephone Service~~ Voice Communications Service is provided by means of a Public Communications Network to select which such Service provided wholly or partly by means of that Network is the service he wishes to use by the use of a Telephone Number on each separate occasion on which a selection is made;”

(iv) The definition of “Pre-selected Provider”:

“**Pre-selected Provider**’ means a provider of a Public Communications Network who has notified the Dominant Provider that it is able and willing to provide Carrier Pre-Selection to Subscribers to whom the Dominant Provider provides Publicly Available Telephone Services **Voice Communications Services**”.