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RETAINED EU LAW REFORM

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The Authorisation of Frequency Use for the Provision of Mobile Satellite Services (European Union) (Revocation etc.) Regulations 2026

Sift requirements satisfied	*4th February 2026*
Made - - - -	*25th February 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*2nd March 2026*
Coming into force - -	*14th May 2027*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(1) and 20(1)(b) of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 ("the 2023 Act")(**a**).

The Secretary of State is a relevant national authority for the purposes of section 14(1) of the 2023 Act(**b**).

The requirements of paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 5 to the 2023 Act (relating to the appropriate parliamentary procedure for these Regulations) have been satisfied.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Authorisation of Frequency Use for the Provision of Mobile Satellite Services (European Union) (Revocation etc.) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 14th May 2027.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Revocation

2. The Authorisation of Frequency Use for the Provision of Mobile Satellite Services (European Union) Regulations 2010 are revoked in their entirety(**c**).

(**a**) 2023 c. 28.
(**b**) The term "relevant national authority" is defined in section 21(1) of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023.
(**c**) S.I. 2010/672 as amended by S.I. 2013/174 and S.I. 2018/1385.

Consequential Provisions

3.—(1) The Authorisation of Frequency Use for the Provision of Mobile Satellite Services (European Union)(Amendment) Regulations 2013 are revoked in their entirety(**a**).

(2) The Radio Spectrum (EU Exit) Regulations 2018(**b**) are amended by the omission of regulation 3 (Amendment of the Authorisation of Frequency Use for the Provision of Mobile Satellite Services (European Union) Regulations 2010).

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25th February 2026 Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

(**a**) S.I. 2013/174 that implemented Commission Decision 2011/667/EU of 10 October 2011 on modalities for coordinated application of the rules on enforcement with regard to mobile satellite services (MSS) pursuant to Article 9(3) of Decision No 626/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (*OJ L 265, 11.10.11, pp. 25-27*).
(**b**) S.I. 2018/1385.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the power in section 14(1) of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28) ("the 2023 Act"). This is the power to revoke secondary assimilated EU law without replacing it. These Regulations revoke the Authorisation of Frequency Use for the Provision of Mobile Satellite Services (European Union) Regulations 2010 ("the 2010 Regulations") in their entirety. The 2010 Regulations are secondary assimilated law within the UK within the meaning of section 21(2) of the 2023 Act.

Regulation 1 provides for citation, commencement and extent.

Regulation 2 revokes the 2010 Regulations. The 2010 Regulations implemented two EU measures: Decision No 626/2008/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 30 June 2008 on the selection and authorisation of systems providing mobile satellite services (MSS) (OJ L 172, 2.7.2008, pp. 15-24) ("EU Decision"), and Decision 2009/449/EC of the Commission of 13 May 2009 on the selection of operators of pan-European systems providing mobile satellite services (MSS) (notified under document number C(2009) 3746) (OJ L 149, 12.06.2009, pp. 65-68) ("EU Commission Decision"), which established a coordinated EU-wide process for the selection and authorisation of MSS in the 2 GHz band. This resulted in the authorisation of selected applicants to use radio spectrum within the 2 GHz band for the operation of MSS in the European Union for a period of eighteen years. It also made provision incidental to the authorisations, for example, to ensure the monitoring of compliance of the selected applicants with the conditions of the authorisations. The EU Decision and the EU Commission Decision were revoked in domestic law by the Radio Spectrum (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1385) ("the 2018 Regulations") (which also amended the 2010 Regulations).

The authorisations granted under the 2010 Regulations continued and are due to expire at the end of 13th May 2027. The 2010 Regulations are revoked by these regulations on the expiry of the authorisations, as from that time the 2010 Regulations will serve no purpose.

Regulation 3 deals with consequential amendments as a result of revoking the 2010 Regulations:

Paragraph (1) revokes the Authorisation of Frequency Use for the Provision of Mobile Satellite Services (European Union)(Amendment) Regulations 2013 which implemented Commission Decision 2011/667/EU of 10 October 2011 on modalities for coordinated application of the rules on enforcement with regard to mobile satellite services (MSS) pursuant to Article 9(3) of Decision No 626/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2011) 7001) (OJ L 265, 11.10.2011, pp. 25-27).

Paragraph (2) amends the 2018 Regulations by omitting regulation 3 of those Regulations, which had amended the 2010 Regulations as a result of UK's withdrawal from the EU.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and published alongside the instrument on htt ps://www.legislation.gov.uk/.

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