Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 2 to the Trade Act 2021 (c. 10), for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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The Trade (Mobile Roaming) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1) and 4(1)(b) of the Trade Act 2021(**a**).

A draft of these Regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament in accordance with paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 2 to the Trade Act 2021.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Trade (Mobile Roaming) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 and come into force on the 21st day after the day on which they are made.

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

Amendments to the Trade (Mobile Roaming) Regulations 2023

2.—(1) The Trade (Mobile Roaming) Regulations 2023(**b**) are amended as follows.

(2) In the Schedule (maximum rates), in the second column of the table (maximum rate (in euro))—

(a) in the first row (the making of a telephone call), for "€0.032" substitute "€0.019";

(b) in the third row (the sending of an SMS message), for "€0.01" substitute "€0.003";

(c) in the fourth row (the transmission of data (internet access)), for "€2.50 per gigabyte" substitute—

"Before 1st January 2027, €1.30 per gigabyte. On or after 1st January 2027, €1 per gigabyte."

(**a**) 2021 c. 10. The Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology is, as a Minister of the Crown, an "appropriate authority" within the meaning given in section 5(1). The period within which regulations may be made under section 2(1) was extended by regulation 2 of S.I. 2025/1190.

(**b**) S.I. 2023/214.

Name
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Date Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Trade (Mobile Roaming) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/214) ("the Roaming Regulations"). The Roaming Regulations limit the wholesale roaming rates chargeable to mobile phone service providers in certain countries or territories with which the United Kingdom has an international agreement.

The Roaming Regulations were implemented to give effect to Article 3.69 of, and Annex XX to, the Free Trade Agreement between Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, and the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Series No.3 (2021)) ("the Agreement").

The United Kingdom-EEA EFTA Joint Committee decided on 25th November 2025 (Decision No. 1/2025) to amend the wholesale roaming rates as set out in Annex XX to the Agreement. Regulation 2 of these Regulations gives effect to that decision by amending the wholesale roaming rates set out in the Schedule to the Roaming Regulations.

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 is published alongside this instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.

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