STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 660

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Wireless Telegraphy (Direct to Device Satellite Communications) (Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*18th June 2026*
Coming into force	*10th July 2026*

The Office of Communications ("OFCOM"), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8(3) and 122(7) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006(**a**), make the following Regulations.

Before making these Regulations, OFCOM have given notice of their proposal to do so in accordance with section 122(4)(a) of the Act, published notice of their proposal in accordance with section 122(4)(b) of the Act, and have considered the representations made to them before the time specified in the notice in accordance with section 122(4)(c) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Direct to Device Satellite Communications) (Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 and shall come into force on 10th July 2026.

Amendment of the Wireless Telegraphy (Direct to Device Satellite Communications) (Exemption) Regulations 2026

2.—(1) The Wireless Telegraphy (Direct to Device Satellite Communications) (Exemption) Regulations 2026(**b**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4, paragraph (5)—

(a) omit "and" after sub-paragraph (a);

(b) for sub-paragraph (b) substitute "Megahertz;" for "Megahertz."; and

(c) after sub-paragraph (b), insert—

"(c) 880.1-885.1 Megahertz; and

(d) 925.1-930.1 Megahertz.".

(3) For regulation 4, paragraph (8) substitute—

"(8) When transmitting using the GSM standard, the mean power must not exceed—

(a) 30dBm total radiated power when transmitting on the frequencies specified in regulation 4, paragraph (5), sub-paragraphs (a) and (b); and

(**a**) 2006 c. 36.
(**b**) S.I. 2026/139.

(b) 33 dBm total radiated power when transmitting on the frequencies specified in regulation 4, paragraph (5), sub-paragraphs (c) and (d).".

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18th June 2026 For and on behalf of the Office of Communications

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations amend the Wireless Telegraphy (Direct to Device Satellite Communications) (Exemption) Regulations 2026 (S.I. 2026/139) ("the Principal Regulations") to extend the circumstances in which wireless telegraphy apparatus (including mobile phones) which are established, installed or used for direct to device services will be exempt from the requirement to be licensed under section 8(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (c. 36).

Regulation 2(2) makes minor drafting changes to the Principal Regulations and inserts additional frequency bands to regulation 4(5) of the Principal Regulations.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect of these Regulations is available to the public from OFCOM's website at https://www.ofcom.org.uk/home or from the OFCOM library at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA. Copies of the assessment have also been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

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