
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 0000

BROADCASTING

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Radio Selection Services (Designation) Regulations 2026

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Laid before Parliament

Coming into force

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section[s] 362BB(1) and 402(3) of the Communications Act 2003(a).

In accordance with section 362BB(2) of that Act, the Secretary of State considers that the level of use of the radio selection services designated by these Regulations in the United Kingdom to listen to internet radio services is significant(b).

In accordance with section 362BB(3) of that Act, the Secretary of State has received a report from OFCOM under section 362BC(c) of that Act relating to the radio selection services designated by these Regulations.

In accordance with section 362BB(4) of that Act, the Secretary of State has consulted persons who appear to the Secretary of State to represent providers of radio selection services, persons who appear to the Secretary of State to represent providers of internet radio services and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Radio Selection Services (Designation) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on [date].

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

(a) 2003 c. 21. Section 362BB was inserted by section 48(1) of the Media Act 2024 (c. 15).

(b) See section 362BA(1) of the Communications Act 2003 for the definition of “radio selection service” and section 362BF(1) of that Act for the definition of “internet radio service”. Both of these sections were inserted by section 48(1) of the Media Act 2024.

(c) Section 362BC was inserted by section 48(1) of the Media Act 2024. The report is published on www.ofcom.org.uk or can be obtained from the Content Policy Team, OFCOM, Riverside House, 2A Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, a reference to a body corporate includes any body corporate which is a member of the same group of companies as that body corporate.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), two bodies corporate are members of the same group of companies if, and only if—

- (a) one of them is controlled by the other, or
- (b) both of them are controlled by the same person.

(3) In paragraph (2), “controlled” has the same meaning as in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Broadcasting Act 1990^(a).

Designated radio selection services

3.—(1) The following services are designated radio selection services—

- (a) the radio selection service known by the names “Alexa” or “Alexa Plus” provided by Amazon Media EU S.à r.l., a company incorporated in Luxembourg (company number B112767);
- (b) the radio selection service known by the name “Google Assistant” provided by Google LLC, a company incorporated in the State of Delaware, United States of America (file number 3582691);
- (c) the radio selection service known by the name “Siri” provided by Apple Distribution International Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of Ireland (registration number 470672).

(2) A designation of a radio selection service as a designated radio selection service under paragraph (1) is not affected by a change to the name by which the service is known.

[Date]

[Name]
Minister of State
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations designate a number of radio selection services for the purposes of Part 3B of the Communications Act 2023 (c. 21) (regulation of radio selection services).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen. Instead a de minimis assessment has been prepared as this instrument is likely to entail some costs for businesses, but the net impact is estimated to be below £10 million per year. An Explanatory Memorandum is available alongside the instrument on the UK legislation website, www.legislation.gov.uk.

(a) 1990 c. 42. The definition of “control” in paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 was amended by paragraph 1(2)(c) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Broadcasting Act 1996 (c. 55). Paragraph 1(3) and (3A) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Broadcasting Act 1990 were substituted for paragraph 1(3) by paragraph 1(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Broadcasting Act 1996, and paragraph 1(3)(b) was amended by section 357(1) of the Communications Act 2003.