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Dear Chi,

Following my letter of 3 June 2026, I am writing to notify you that today, 14 July 2026, the Government has issued the Revised Telecommunications Security Code of Practice.

The UK Telecoms Supply Chain Review 2019 identified the need to establish an enhanced legislative framework for telecoms security. In response, the Government established a stronger telecoms security framework, which consists of:

- The Telecommunications (Security) Act 2021 - primary legislation that established new duties on public telecoms providers to protect their networks and services against security compromises.
- The Electronic Communications (Security Measures) Regulations 2022 – secondary legislation setting out specific cyber security requirements with which the public telecoms providers must comply.
- The Telecommunications Security Code of Practice 2022 - technical guidance on how providers can comply with the requirements set out in the regulations.

The UK's future prosperity rests on the public electronic communications networks and services (PECN and PECS) that provide our telecoms and internet connectivity. It is important therefore that this framework keeps pace with the scale and nature of the threat to UK telecoms networks and services, adapting to evolving security threats and new innovations in telecoms technology.

In August 2025, the government consulted on a draft Revised Code of Practice, which proposed updates to existing guidance. These updates were proposed to provide greater clarity on certain areas of guidance as requested by industry, and to ensure the guidance is keeping pace with evolving technologies and emerging security threats to the telecoms network.

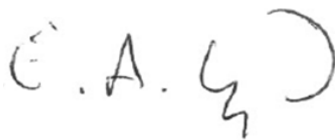
Following the closure of the consultation, the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) considered the feedback received in detail. In response to

the feedback, it made substantial changes to the draft Revised Code of Practice where appropriate.

The Draft Revised Code of Practice was subsequently laid before Parliament on 3 June 2026, and the statutory period required under section 105F of the Communications Act 2003 has now ended.

The issuing of the Revised Code of Practice represents an important step in ensuring the UK's telecoms security framework remains robust and effective in the face of rapidly evolving cyber threats and technological change. By providing clearer and more up-to-date technical guidance, the Revised Code of Practice helps telecoms providers to comply with their statutory duties, strengthen the security and resilience of the UK's public electronic communications networks and services, and protect citizens, businesses, and critical services that rely on them.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E.A. Lloyd', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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