

BRIEFING INTERCONNECT

ARTIFICIAL INFLATION OF TRAFFIC (ANNEX E) OF THE STANDARD INTERCONNECT AGREEMENT

Briefing Reference 331-09

IMPACT MATRIX		
END USER	CUSTOMER/CP	SYSTEMS
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This brief is formal notification to all Communication Providers that the contractual Effective Date for the new AIT process (detailed in the 2009 SIA Supplemental Agreement) is 1st March 2010.

Following Interconnect Notification 121-08 (dated 14th May 2008) - relating to the proposed changes to the existing provisions of Artificial Inflation of Traffic under the Standard Interconnect Agreement -BT made an offer to all interconnecting CPs in the form of 2008 AIT Supplemental Agreement. As this offer is universal, it needed to be accepted by all CPs subject to the Standard Interconnect Agreement. As BT was unable to achieve this unanimity, BT referred disputing CPs to OFCOM in May 2009.

BT updated CPs on progress on that reference at the Standard Contract Forum session of the Interconnect Product Forum on May 28th and also on the SCF and AIT Review websites. On 28th July 2009, OFCOM made a decision in BT's favour.

Therefore, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Appendix 1 to the 2008 AIT Supplemental Agreement, BT is now formally notifying all CPs, **that the contractual Effective Date for the new AIT process detailed in the 2008 SIA Supplemental Agreement is 1st March 2010.**

In the period leading up to the 1st March 2010

Effective Date, BT will be contacting the industry to facilitate the implementation of the new process. Besides this briefing there will be;

- presentations at the September and December Standard Contract Forum sessions of the Interconnect product Forum
- a new guide is being prepared to summarise the new process, and give guidance to the originating and terminating network operators under the SIA
- and the AIT Review website is being kept updated at this [URL](#)

The six month period between final commitment and the Effective Date was agreed with industry to give all CPs sufficient time to revise AIT supporting processes, to train teams, and to make appropriate changes to upstream and downstream arrangements and contracts. CPs will therefore now need to initiate any necessary action.

Important

To avoid doubt, for suspected AIT traffic where A1 Retention Notices are issued before the 1st March 2010 Effective Date, the associated calls will continue to be dealt with under the existing AIT contract provisions. Calls issued after the 1st March 2010 Effective Date will be treated in accordance with the new processes – and so from 1st March 2010, direct BT involvement in transit cases is expected to be exceptional after the initial relay of the A1 Retention Notice to the TNO, and the identifying to both ONO and TNO of respective contacts in the other's team.

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