

## **Extract from the Ofcom Statement, July 2008**

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### **Metering and Billing Approval Bodies' Forum Role**

3.82 The Metering and Billing Approval Bodies' Forum is a meeting of representatives of the accredited Approval Bodies. Ofcom may attend with observer status. The Forum exists to ensure all Approval Bodies work in comparable ways and to ensure equitable treatment of all Communications Providers within the Scheme and interpretation of the requirements.

3.83 The Metering and Billing Approval Bodies' Forum is expected to resolve any disputes which may arise between Approval Bodies, for example concerning a Total Metering and Billing System which spans more than one Communications Provider and more than one Approval Body.

3.84 The Metering and Billing Approval Bodies' Forum is expected to meet at least quarterly to ensure these responsibilities are adequately carried out.

3.85 The Metering and Billing Approval Bodies' Forum may periodically invite representatives from Communications Providers, either individually or on an open basis, to join the meeting in order to maintain transparency or to solve specific problems where detailed inputs are deemed to be necessary.