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Designation of the Market Arrangements Code

Ofwat recently published its [Consultation on the Market Arrangements Code - decisions and responses document](#) alongside the proposed final version of the [Market Arrangements Code](#) (MAC) for the business retail market, which will open for all eligible customers on 1 April 2017. Ofwat has now formally designated this as the final version of the MAC.

Ofwat is today holding an event at which appointed water and wastewater companies and water supply and sewerage licensees, together with the Market Operator (MO) ('Original Parties'), will sign the MAC Framework Agreement. The Framework Agreement is the contract document signed by the Original Parties to the MAC under which they all accede to the MAC and under which the MAC becomes binding and enforceable between all wholesalers, retailers and the MO.

The MAC is a non-statutory code issued by Ofwat pursuant to conditions in Water Supply and Sewerage Licences and Instruments of Appointment. Amongst other things, it sets up arrangements for how the retail market will operate, including the setting up of a panel to help oversee the codes and any changes to these and the appointment of a Market Operator.

The MAC condition will come into force at Market Opening and as such the MAC will become effective on 1 April 2017.