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Designation of the Wholesale-Retail Code

The Wholesale Retail Code (WRC) is a statutory code issued by Ofwat that sets out the relationship between Wholesalers and Retailers, and how the business retail market will operate. The WRC prescribes the standard form “Wholesale Contract” (together with its various schedules and appendices and including business terms, operational terms and market terms) which is to be entered into by Wholesalers (who operate water and/or sewerage systems) and Retailers (who use those systems to supply water to customers).

Following consultation, [Ofwat recently published the final version of the WRC](#). Further to powers given to us in the Water Act 2014, which have been brought into force pursuant the Water Act 2014 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2017, Ofwat has today, 30 March 2017, formally designated the WRC, which will become effective on 1 April 2017.