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GAMES CONSOLES VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT (GCVA)

Explanatory Note of proposed
updates to UK VA version 1.1



Proposed Revisions

The Signatories of Games Consoles periodically update the Voluntary Agreement (GCVA) in order to keep it up-to-date with the latest technological and regulatory developments as well as in response to BEIS and stakeholder feedback, where appropriate.

As part of their commitments under the GCVA, the Signatories performed a technical review of the UK VA in 2022. The table below provides a brief overview of the main changes proposed.

Area	Section	Updates
Energy Efficiency	2.4, D	Clarification that the default low power modes for consoles are “regulatory standby mode(s)”, as defined by EU Regulation (EU) No 1275/2008 as amended by EU Regulation (EU) No 801/2013.
	3.c	Clarified text on detection of test conditions by consoles.
	3.1.2.1, tables 2 & 3	Clarifying that some of the caps apply to High Definition resolution.
	3.1.3	Clarified that system update downloads shall not increase energy consumption above the initial power cap.
	Annex A1.3.7	Removed redundant text.
	Annex A2	Updated text to clarify that power consumption information will be provided for all consoles (including those consuming less than 20W).
Resource Efficiency	3.2.1	Revised text to align with other resource efficiency requirements in the document.
	Annex A2	Updated verification method to be provided via test report or statement of compliance with required limits by the Signatories’ parts supplier.
Other	4.2	Clarified text regarding market coverage.
	5.1	Clarified text on reporting information for revised models of an existing games console.
	5.2	Amended the steering committee agenda drafting responsibility.
	5.3	Clarified and improved text around reporting period.
	5.4.2	Amended the responsibility regarding communication of non-compliance.
	7.2	Updated the text on revision frequency to reflect the fact that such revisions may depend on other legislative developments. Updated text on the process for minor revisions.
	Annex B	Updated text on market coverage to reflect changes made on 4.2.
	Annex C	Further clarification of text on market coverage.
	Annex C.3	Deleted redundant sentence to align with the latest version of the PCR.
	Annex E.2	Updated to reflect the Commission Report from 2019.
	Annex E.5	Updated contact for comments by stakeholders.
	Annex F	Updated text to align with recent presentations by the Signatories.
	Throughout the document	Minor editorial and grammatical corrections of the text.