

BLOCKED

There is a proposal to add an exception for "parental controls" in the Telecoms Single Market regulation. An exception is not needed, as this activity falls clearly outside the scope of the regulation. It is outside the scope as parental controls are an option added at the request of the user/parent and not arbitrarily imposed by the internet provider. Only when imposed arbitrarily and by default would they be relevant for the Regulation.

PARENTAL CONTROLS ARE:

Requested by the parent

Configurable by the parent

As easy to turn off as they are to turn on

BRITAIN'S FILTERS ARE:

On by default

Not configurable to a meaningful extent by the parent

Need to go to shop of the telecoms operator to turn off

According to blocked.org.uk, 11% of the top 100,000 websites are blocked by default by at least one UK Internet Service Provider (ISP).



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We would really appreciate it if TalkTalk would remove us from their block list. The only people who block us are them, and the Chinese government.

Conservative Blogger Paul Staines

It has shown me directly how dangerous the unintended consequences of filtering could be.

Aidan van de Weyer, unable to access About Dandachi's blog about the war in Syria, blocked by EE, O2, Sky and Vodafone

It's difficult to measure the financial impact of being blocked but, we must have lost some business and, of course, it doesn't look great telling people the site is not suitable for under 18s!

Entrepreneur Philip Raby, Porsche Brokerage and Consultancy, blocked by Telefonica/O2

There is no reason why adolescents shouldn't visit sherights.com. If anything, we encourage youth to engage with our content - whether they agree with it or not.

Maureen Shaw founder of Sherights.com, womens' rights website blocked by Talktalk