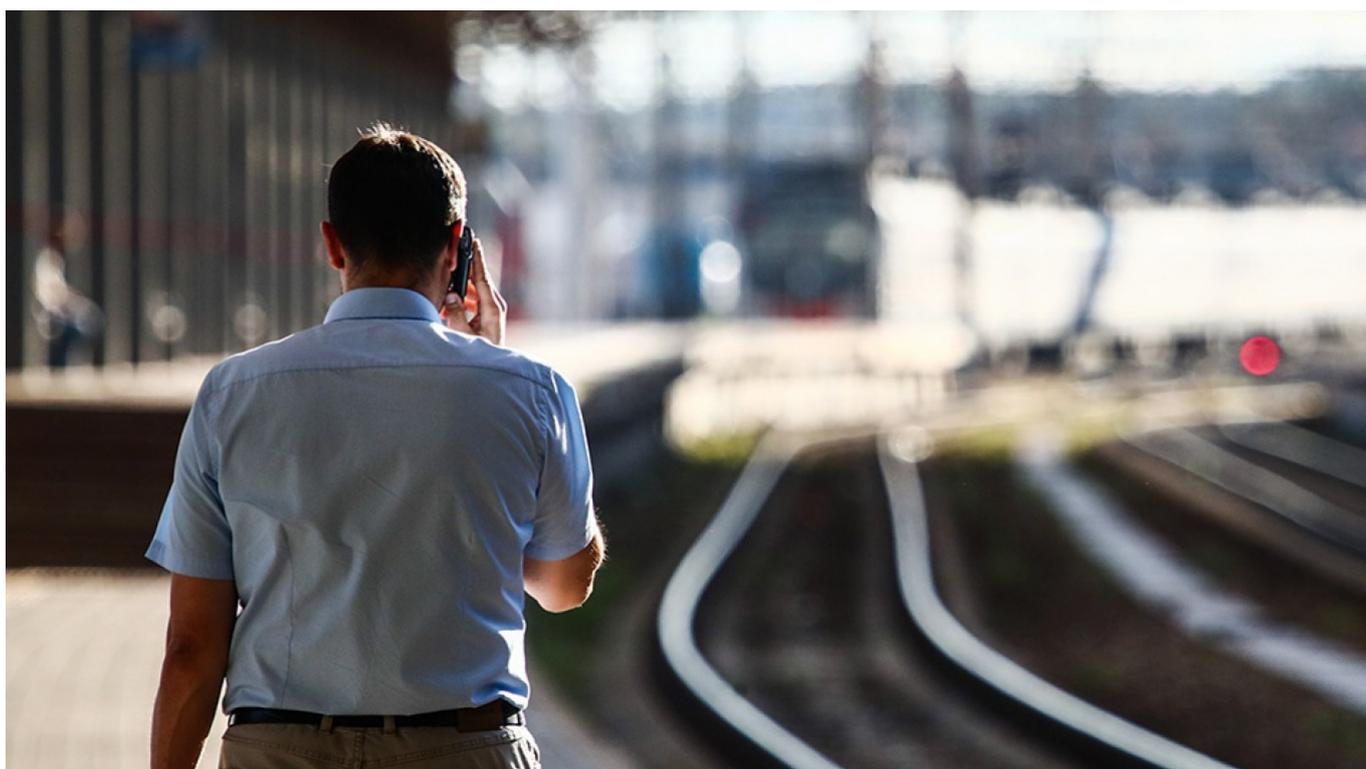


# Russian Telecom Operators Scrap Domestic Roaming Fees

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Russia's four largest mobile operators will scrap domestic roaming fees in the next month, allowing Russian cellphone users to receive calls from other regions for the same price as local calls.

MTS, Megafon, Beeline and Tele2 have been under [investigation](#) by Russia's anti-monopoly regulator, the Federal Anti-Monopoly Service (FAS), for levying roaming charges on incoming calls. FAS announced earlier this month that it had [reached](#) a deal with some of the operators to cancel domestic roaming fees.

Beeline [kick-started](#) the campaign to end roaming fees for incoming calls on Monday, when it announced in a news release that it was the first company canceling the charges.

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MegaFon is scheduled to [scrap](#) domestic roaming charges for its customers on Sept. 1, while MTS has set a deadline to [comply](#) with FAS orders by Aug. 30 for some of its subscribers, and to fully cancel charges on all long-distance incoming calls by Sept. 30.

Tele2 [said](#) it plans to eliminate charges for incoming calls from regions outside the subscriber's area by Aug. 27.

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