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REGULATOR BRIEF

Integrating Satellite Connectivity into National Internet Governance Frameworks

A technical and architectural brief for telecommunications regulators and policy authorities

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SECTION 1

Purpose of This Brief

This document is intended to provide regulators and policy authorities with a technical and architectural perspective on how satellite Internet connectivity — particularly low-Earth-orbit (LEO) systems — can be integrated into national Internet governance frameworks without undermining regulatory mandates.

The brief does not advocate for or against any specific satellite provider. Its objective is to demonstrate a neutral technical model that restores visibility and accountability where they may otherwise be reduced.

SECTION 2

The Emerging Context

Satellite Internet services are increasingly being adopted by enterprises, institutions, and public-sector organizations to improve resilience against:

- Terrestrial fiber outages
- Power instability
- Geographic access limitations

This trend is expected to accelerate as multi-orbit enterprise satellite networks enter service. In many cases, however, satellite connectivity is deployed outside traditional ISP delivery models, resulting in reduced visibility within national networks.

SECTION 3

The Regulatory Consideration

Most national communications frameworks are built around a foundational principle:

> **FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE**
>
> *Internet traffic should traverse accountable upstream providers operating within national jurisdiction.*

When enterprise traffic bypasses local ISP Points of Presence (PoPs), regulators may experience:

- Reduced traffic visibility
- Ambiguous upstream accountability
- Limited policy enforcement points
- Difficulty applying existing regulatory tools

These outcomes are architectural, not intentional. They arise from the way satellite connectivity is currently deployed, rather than from deliberate attempts to circumvent regulatory oversight.

SECTION 4

The Intellilink Gateway™ Model

Intellilink Gateway™ introduces a control-plane architecture that allows satellite-based enterprise traffic to be delivered through a traditional ISP-style governance model, without altering satellite access infrastructure.

CORE CONCEPT

Satellite connectivity remains the access layer, while governance is reintroduced at a local ISP PoP through secure tunneling.

LOGICAL FLOW

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Enterprise → Satellite Access → Governance Gateway → Local ISP PoP → Internet
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This architecture restores three critical governance elements that are absent from unanchored satellite deployments:

- A visible upstream provider within national jurisdiction
- A national policy enforcement point (PEP)
- An audit-ready control location for lawful regulatory access

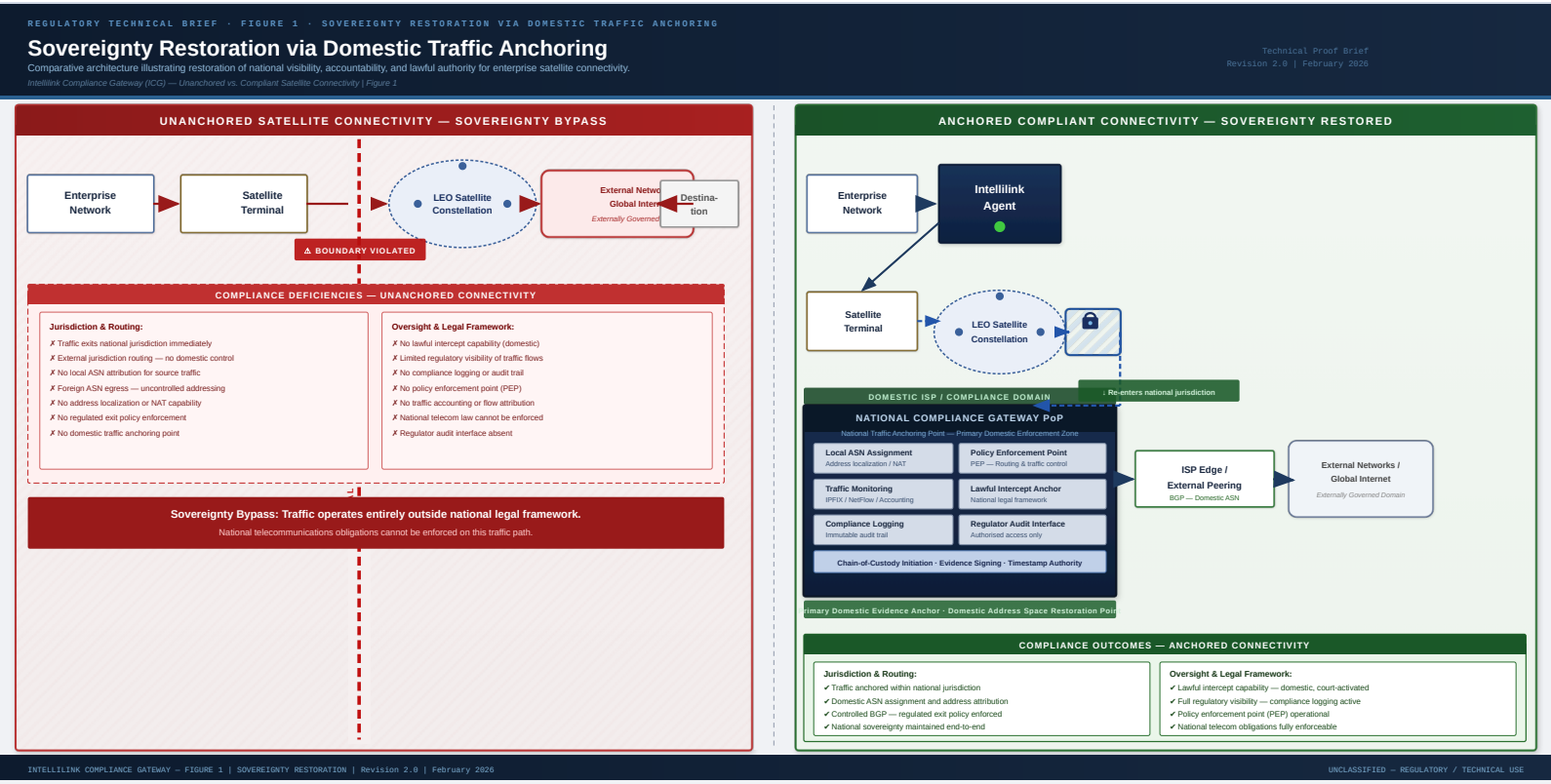

FIGURE 1 Sovereignty Restoration via Domestic Traffic Anchoring

Side-by-side comparison of unanchored (non-compliant) versus anchored (compliant) satellite connectivity architectures. The left panel illustrates compliance deficiencies when traffic bypasses national jurisdiction; the right panel shows how the Intellilink Gateway™ model re-anchors traffic within a domestic ISP governance domain, restoring accountability and policy enforcement.

SECTION 5

Alignment with Regulatory Principles

The Intellilink Gateway™ model aligns with core regulatory objectives commonly found across national telecommunications frameworks:

SOVEREIGNTY

Traffic is anchored within national networks, ensuring that enterprise connectivity does not bypass the domestic regulatory perimeter.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A licensed ISP remains the upstream entity, preserving the chain of regulatory accountability required under national telecommunications frameworks.

VISIBILITY

Traffic inspection and monitoring points are restored, enabling regulators to observe and, where legally authorized, act upon traffic flows.

POLICY COMPATIBILITY

Lawful intercept and compliance logging systems may be integrated where legally required, without requiring changes to existing regulatory frameworks.

KEY GOVERNANCE OUTCOME

The architecture does not require creation of new regulatory frameworks. It restores existing regulatory tools — visibility, accountability, and enforcement capability — to a class of enterprise connectivity that currently operates beyond their reach.

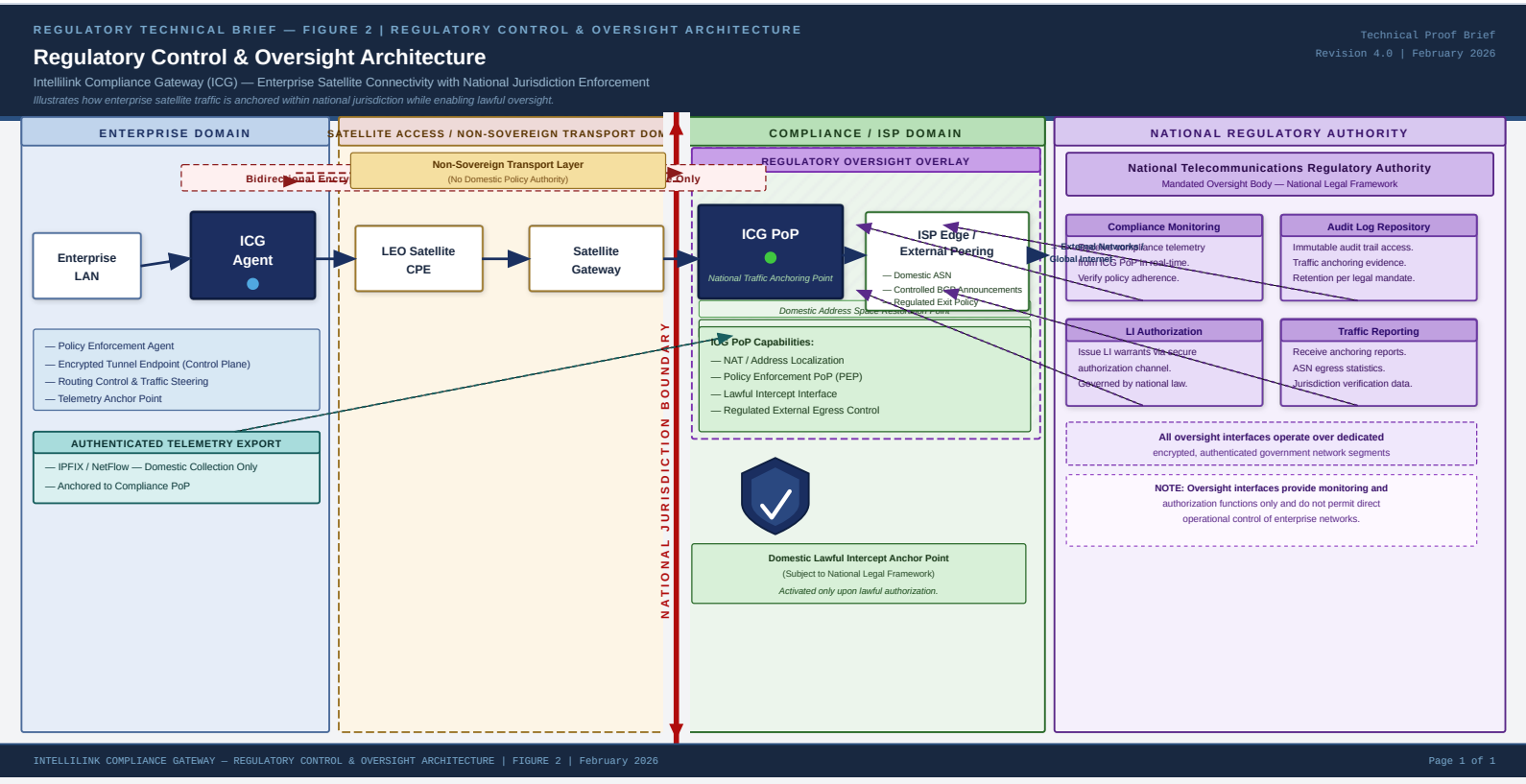

FIGURE 2 Regulatory Control & Oversight Architecture for Sovereign Satellite Traffic Anchoring

Architecture diagram showing how the Intellilink Compliance Gateway establishes regulatory control points across enterprise, satellite, compliance, and regulatory authority domains. Oversight interfaces provide regulators with audit access, lawful intercept capability, and policy enforcement without modifying the satellite access layer.

SECTION 6

What the Model Does Not Do

For clarity, the Intellilink Gateway™ model is a technical integration mechanism only. Specifically, it:

- Does not operate as a retail ISP
- Does not resell satellite services
- Does not bypass licensing regimes
- Does not claim regulatory exemption
- Does not reduce regulator authority

NOTE ON EVIDENCE AND AUDIT ARCHITECTURE

The audit flow architecture illustrated in Figure 3 demonstrates how evidence is generated, stored immutably, and made available to regulatory authorities through a legally authorized access pathway. All evidentiary access requires independent legal authorization and is independently logged.

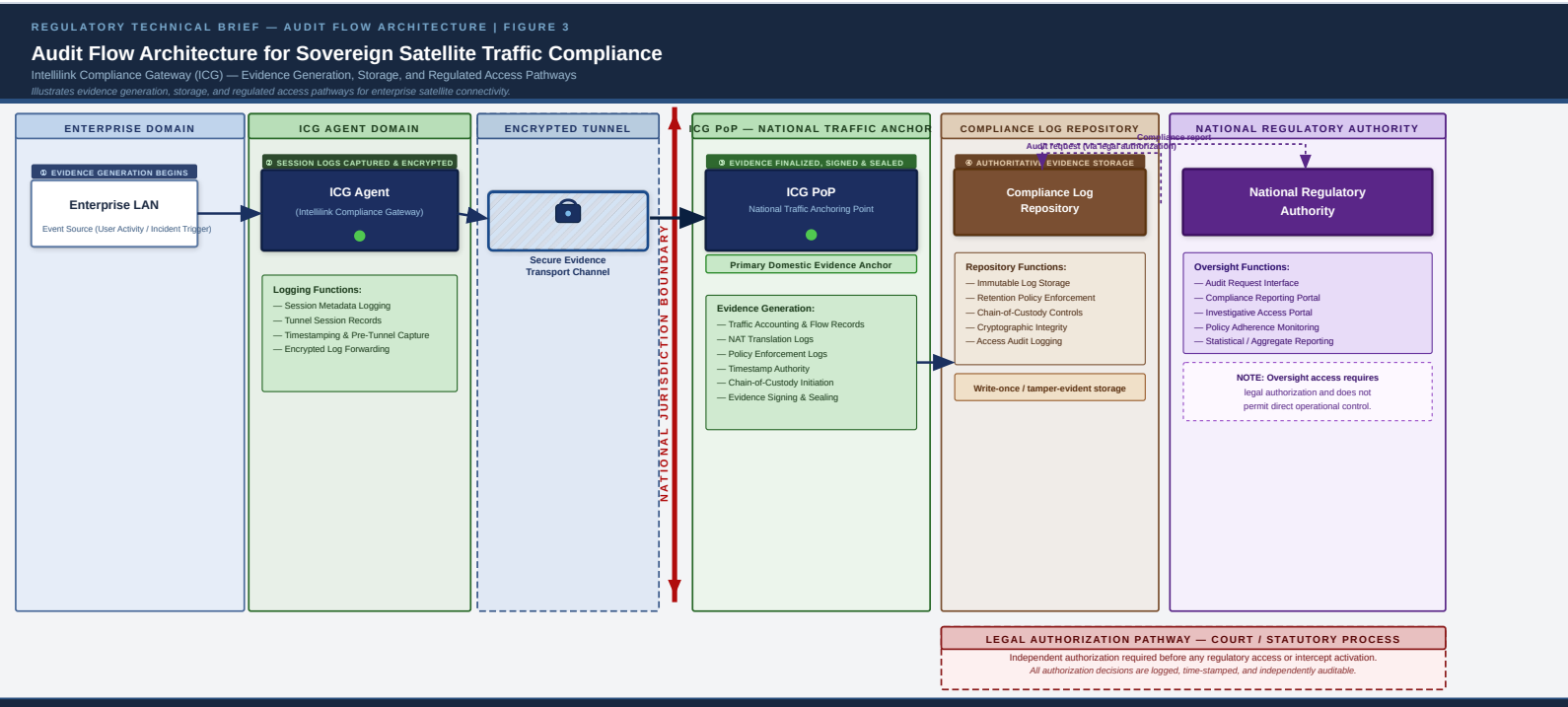

FIGURE 3 Audit Flow Architecture — Evidence Generation, Storage, and Regulated Access

Flow diagram illustrating the four-stage evidence lifecycle: (1) generation at the enterprise LAN, (2) encryption and capture by the ICG Agent, (3) finalization and signing at the ICG PoP, and (4) immutable storage with legally authorized regulatory access. All access to evidentiary data requires independent authorization.

SECTION 7

Field Validation Summary

The architecture has been validated through both laboratory testing and a live field deployment involving:

- A local ISP Point of Presence
- An enterprise site with active satellite connectivity
- Real enterprise traffic under operational conditions

All participating entities were anonymized. The exercise was non-commercial and exploratory in nature, intended to demonstrate architectural feasibility rather than to establish a commercial service.

FIGURE 4 | USE CASE: DOMESTIC TRAFFIC ANCHORING FOR SATELLITE BROADBAND NETWORKS

Intellilink Compliance Gateway (ICG) — Reference Architecture

Architecture for compliant enterprise satellite connectivity with domestic traffic anchoring and sovereign enforcement.

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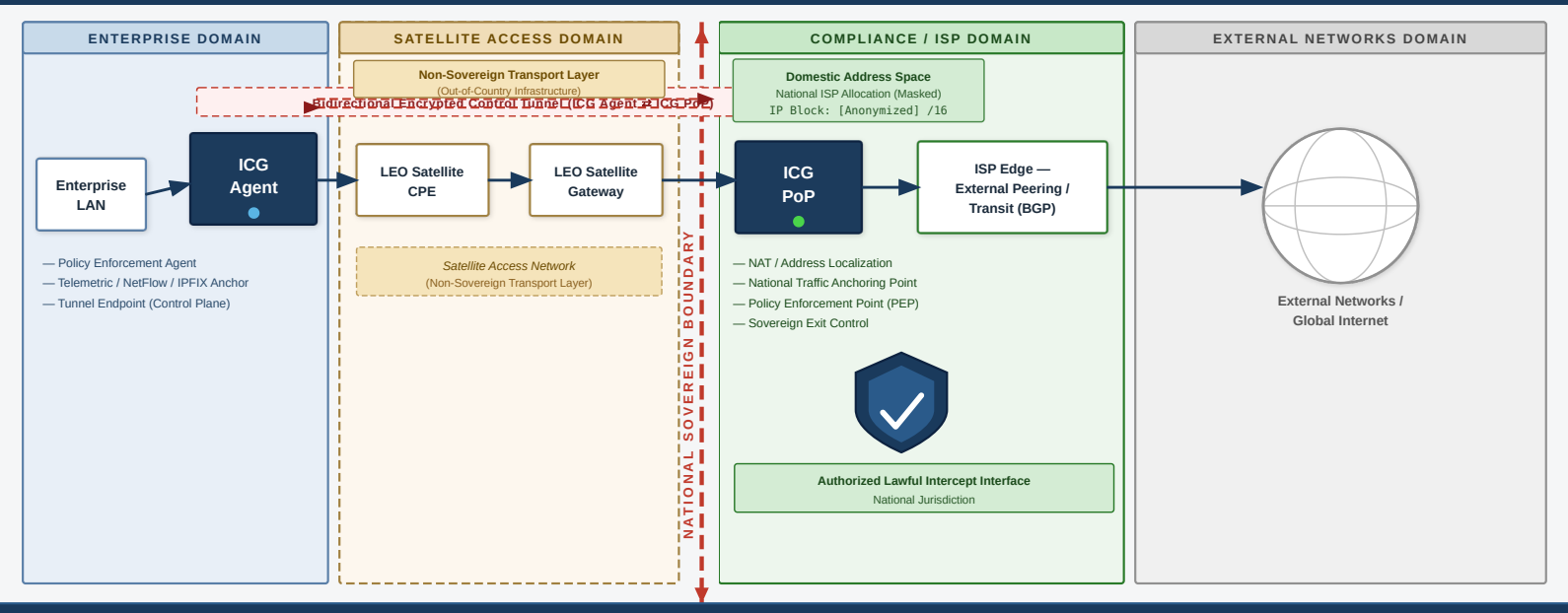

INTELLILINK COMPLIANCE GATEWAY — REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE | FIGURE 4 | Rev. 3.0 | February 2026

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FIGURE 4 Intellilink Compliance Gateway (ICG) — Reference Architecture

Reference architecture diagram showing the four functional domains: enterprise, satellite access (non-sovereign transport), compliance/ISP (domestic enforcement zone), and external networks. The ICG Agent and ICG PoP form the enforcement boundary, restoring domestic ISP governance for satellite-connected enterprise traffic.

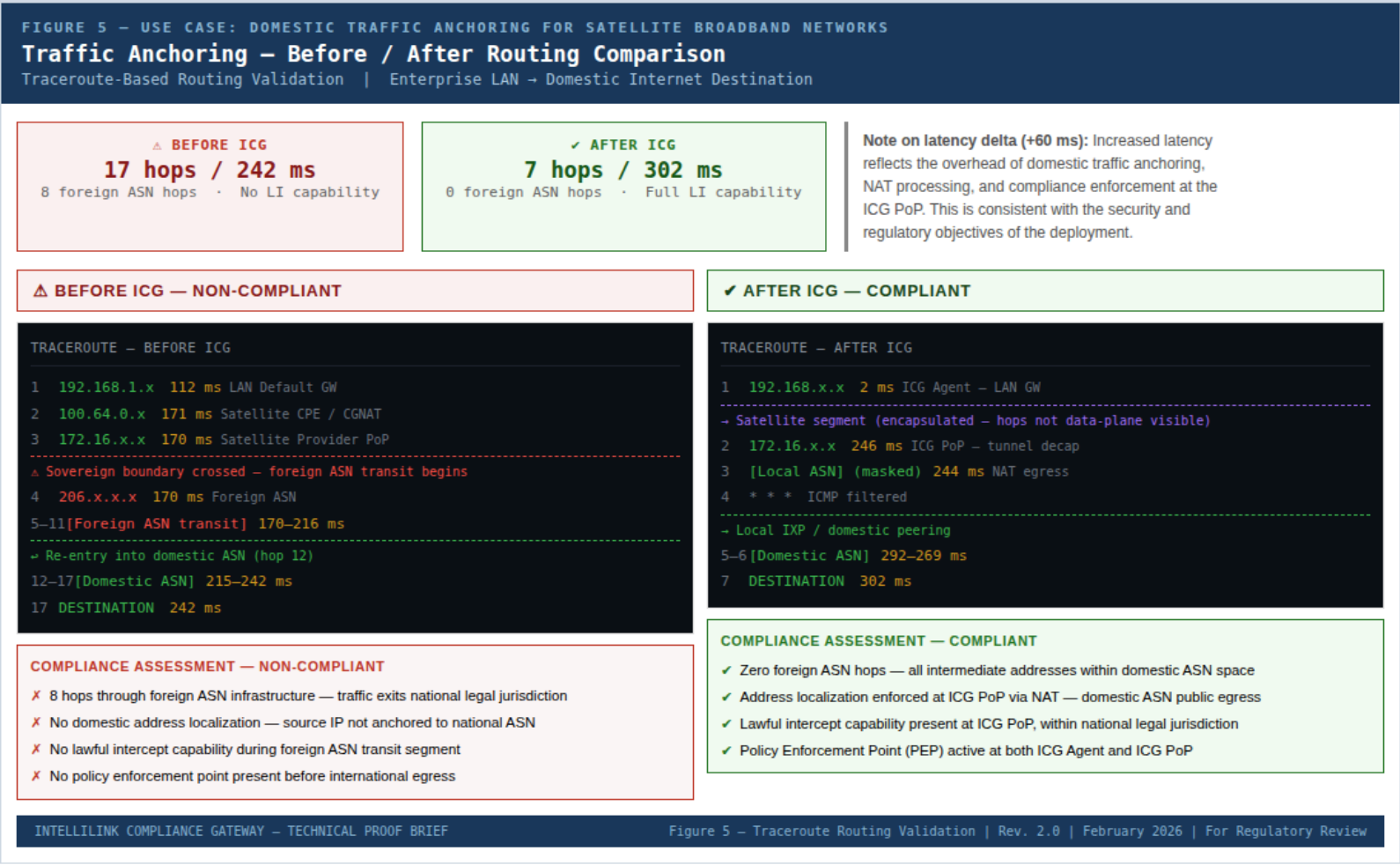

Figure 5
Traffic Anchoring — Before / After Routing Comparison (Traceroute Validation)
Comparative traceroute analysis demonstrating the routing behaviour change before and after ICG deployment. Before: 17 hops, 8 through foreign ASN infrastructure, no lawful intercept capability. After: 7 hops, zero foreign ASN hops, full LI capability and domestic address localization. The observed latency increase of +60 ms reflects the overhead of domestic anchoring and compliance enforcement at the ICG PoP.

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SECTION 8

Why Proactive Engagement Matters

Satellite Internet adoption is accelerating. Future enterprise satellite networks are expected to operate at unprecedented scale and capacity. Proactive architectural engagement allows regulators to:

- Preserve oversight before satellite connectivity becomes architecturally entrenched
- Shape integration models that serve both connectivity and sovereignty objectives
- Avoid reactive policy measures that may disrupt existing deployments
- Encourage responsible innovation through structured technical collaboration

SECTION 9

Recommended Engagement Model

Rather than enforcement-led intervention, this brief recommends a structured and collaborative approach to evaluating the Intellilink Gateway™ model:

Technical Sandboxes	Controlled evaluation environments for architecture testing before any commercial or regulatory determination
Observational Pilots	Non-commercial deployments to validate compliance outcomes under real operational conditions
Multi-stakeholder Dialogue	Structured engagement between ISPs, enterprises, and regulators to align architectural requirements with policy objectives
Architecture-first Evaluation	Technical review before policy determination, ensuring that governance frameworks are informed by operational evidence

This approach enables informed policy evolution without disrupting enterprise connectivity.

SECTION 10

Conclusion

Satellite connectivity is becoming foundational to national digital infrastructure. The question facing regulators is not whether to allow satellite Internet, but how to integrate it responsibly. Intellilink Gateway™ demonstrates that satellite innovation and national governance principles can coexist — provided that integration is approached deliberately and collaboratively.

SUMMARY POSITION

The technical model presented in this brief restores regulatory visibility, national accountability, and lawful intercept capability to satellite-based enterprise connectivity — without requiring modification to existing regulatory frameworks or satellite infrastructure. The architecture is ISP-compatible, governance-neutral, and designed for collaborative adoption.

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