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BT thanks Ofcom for the opportunity to comment on the Consultation regarding the proposal to create regulations to exempt ultra-wideband (UWB) equipment. We have followed with interest the work on determining whether and how UWB equipment should be permitted to operate in Europe, and the creation of the ECC Decisions and then the EC Decision.

We consider that the publication of the "Commission Decision of 21 February 2007 on allowing the use of the radio spectrum for equipment using ultra-wideband technology in a harmonised manner in the Community" (2007/131/EC) sets a requirement for Ofcom to permit the use of such technology in the UK. That Commission Decision does not impose a requirement for the equipment to be operated on a licence exempt basis, but since a licensed scenario would appear not to be appropriate for the nature of the devices permitted, the introduction of licence exempt operation is considered to be the most realistic solution.

The requirements and conditions given in the draft text for The Wireless Telegraphy (Ultra-Wideband Equipment) (Exemption) Regulations 2007 (given in Annex 5) appear to be equivalent to those set out in the Commission Decision (2007/131/EC) (given in Annex 6).

Taking account of all this, BT believe that the draft Wireless Telegraphy Act (Exemption) Regulations should be published by Ofcom, as proposed.