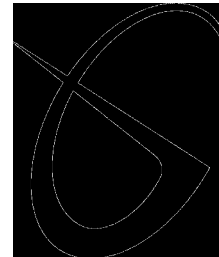




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Subject: Comments on Introducing Recognized Spectrum Access

Dear Mr. Green,

By this letter the Global VSAT Forum (GVF) would like to support the attached comments prepared by the Satellite Action Plan Regulatory Working Group (SAP REG), to which the GVF also contributed.

In a similar fashion the GVF had supported the joint comments of the SAP REG and ESOA, the European Satellite Operator Association in response to the Draft Communication Bill, submitted on 2 August 2002.

The GVF is the independent U.K.-based, non-partisan and non-profit organization representing every major world region and every sector of the VSAT industry, including satellite operators, VSAT network operators, VSAT manufacturers, system integrators, value added and enhanced service providers, telecom carriers, and users.

The GVF has more than 140 members in 43 countries and serves as the unified voice of the industry in regulatory, policy and trade fora (membership list attached; UK-based members appear in bold). The association coordinates regulatory and policy solutions at the national, regional and global level, and supports educational and promotional programs in every nation of the world.

The members of the GVF are very concerned about the principle of Recognized Spectrum Access in the UK. The GVF members have contributed to the comments that were given by the SAP REG comment paper in response to the questions posed with regards to RSA. In short, the GVF members believe that the introduction of RSA is an inadequate measure with regards to satellite services. It constitutes an additional level of regulation, the cost and burden of which will have a negative impact on the providers of satellite networks and ultimately on the consumer.

We would very much appreciate if you could take the comment and concerns expressed in the attached SAP REG paper into consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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