

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

The British Approvals Board for Telecommunications ("BABT"), being an Approval Body as referenced in General Condition 11 contained within the Notification dated 22 July 2003 under Section 48(1) of the Communications Act 2003 hereby gives notice that:

BABT

- having appraised the end-to-end Total Metering and Billing System ("TMBS") operated by Vodafone Limited ("Vodafone") used to provide the Services listed in Section A on page 2 of this Notice
- having reviewed analyses of measurements made over a period of twelve months of the performance of the TMBS
- having determined that that the TMBS is compliant with the requirements of the OfTel Metering and Billing Direction (the "Direction"), dated 22 July 2003
- intends to give an Approval to Vodafone in accordance with General Condition 11 contained within the Notification dated 22 July 2003 under Section 48(1) of the Communications Act 2003
- the Approval so given will be that reproduced on pages 2 and 3 of this Notice, dates to be completed as and when the Approval is actually given
- the effect of the Approval will be to allow Vodafone to keep in service its Total Metering and Billing System(s) for all services listed in Section A on page 2 of this Notice

Representations with regard to this Notice must be sent to BABT by 19 October 2004. Please email or send comments in writing, quoting reference MET.0016 to:

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Please note that any representations received will be placed in the public domain, unless you advise BABT in a covering note of any part, or all, of the submission that you wish to remain confidential.

**APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL CONDITION 11
AS NOTIFIED UNDER SECTION 48(1) OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003**

The British Approvals Board for Telecommunications (BABT),

- being an Approval Body as referenced in General Condition 11 contained within the OfTel Notification dated 22 July 2003 under Section 48(1) of the Communications Act 2003 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"),
- having on <<date to be inserted>> given notice to such persons as BABT considers appropriate of a proposal to give this approval,
- and having considered any representations received from such persons by <<date to be inserted>>,

hereby approves, in accordance with the General Condition, that part of any Total Metering and Billing System (TMBS) operated by Vodafone Limited ("Vodafone") which is used to provide the services listed in Section A, subject to the conditions listed in Section B which must be complied with if this approval is to apply.

A. Service(s) within the scope of this Approval

End-to-End Contract and Pre-pay services providing the following:

1. GSM Telephony
2. GSM Short Message Service (SMS)
3. GSM Data Communication
4. GPRS Data Communication

Other services may be available but which are not within the scope of the Approval

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B. Conditions which must be complied with if this Approval is to apply:

1. Vodafone shall advise BABT promptly if there is any reason to believe the requirements of the Oftel Metering and Billing Direction, dated 22 July 2003 (the "Direction") are not being met in relation to this Approval;
2. Vodafone shall ensure that any proposed changes to its Services(s) are appraised before being implemented in order to establish that they will continue to meet the requirements of the Direction;
3. Vodafone shall maintain a documented quality system that continues to comply with BABT requirements;
4. Vodafone shall provide to BABT, using measures accepted by BABT and in the manner agreed with BABT, regular monthly evidence to indicate whether or not the performance of its Part of an approved TMBS continuously complies with the requirements of the Direction;
5. Vodafone shall permit access to all relevant personnel and facilities at the reasonable request of BABT in order to ensure the regular audit of its Service(s);
6. No later than 1 October 2007 Vodafone shall submit to BABT an application for continuation of approval of the Service(s) listed in Section A that will be in service after 31 October 2007.

C. Documents Relating to this Approval

1. Communications Act 2003
2. Notification under Section 48(1) of the Communications Act 2003 (setting general conditions under section 45 of the Communications Act 2003), dated 22 July 2003
3. The Oftel Metering and Billing Direction, dated 22 July 2003

The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the purpose of interpreting this approval as if it were an Act of Parliament. Any word or expression used in this Approval shall unless the context otherwise requires have the same meaning as it has in the Act or in related documents

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