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### **Freedom of Information: Right to know request**

Thank you for your request for information where you asked about Belgian radio stations' technical characteristics.

This was received by Ofcom on 11 April and it has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

You asked:

*I would like to receive a copy of the current technical characteristics (power, height, coordinates, limitations) known by Ofcom for the following Belgian FM frequencies:*

*Andenne 107.0*

*Ath 103.6*

*Brussels 88.8*

*Brussels 90.2*

*Brussels 92.1*

*Brussels 97.8*

*Brussels 100.0*

*Brussels 101.4*

*Brussels 101.9*

*Brussels 102.2*

*Brussels 103.7*

*Brussels 104.0*

*Brussels 104.3*

*Brussels 104.7*

*Brussels 105.4*

*Brussels 106.1*

*Brussels 106.8*

*Brussels 107.2*

*Doornik 101.0*

*Luik 103.6*

*Perwez 98.7*

Ofcom cannot disclose the information you requested. This is because the information on Belgian radio frequencies you asked for falls under the exemption in section 44 of the Act. Section 44 prohibits disclosure of information if another enactment prohibits it, in this case

section 111(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006. This is an absolute exemption under the Act and does not require a public interest test.

To be helpful, we recommend that you contact the relevant regulatory authority responsible for managing radio frequencies in Belgium.

If you have any queries, then please contact [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

**Jerin John**

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service you have received in relation to your request from Ofcom, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be treated as a formal complaint and will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will acknowledge the complaint and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

**Timing**

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact:

Steve Gettings  
The Secretary to the Corporation  
Ofcom  
Riverside House  
2a Southwark Bridge Road  
London SE1 9HA

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF