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Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

Additional comments:

Whilst, in principle, I agree with the proposal I have some reservations regarding the way in which it is being dealt with.

For several years OFCOM has idly sat by and watched non-compliant devices, such as PLT, Solar Power Inverters and LED lighting being sold to the unsuspecting public at large.

We all know the arguments: "Just because it exceeds the limits it doesn't mean that it fails the essential requirements of the EMC Directive" - what a load of hogwash, and what a good excuse for sitting back and doing nothing! There need to be limits which have a meaning and are observed and enforced. Cynical "smoke and mirrors" tricks, such as redefining a mains plug as a telecommunications connector for the purposes of circumventing the usual standards, should not be countenanced by the likes of OFCOM. We all know that the mains system is NOT a balanced transmission line and that problems will ensue!!

So, now that the unsuspecting public have bought these non-compliant products from trusted outlets, OFCOM proposes to prosecute them for using the very products that, by its very inactivity, it has sanctioned! Not only does this sound like an inexcusable lack of Duty of Care to the general public by OFCOM but it very much seems to me like closing the stable door after the horse has bolted.

I only support the persecution (sorry, I think that should be "prosecution"?) of the general public if OFCOM does the job that it should have been doing all along and actually enforces the EMC Directive in a meaningful manner. If OFCOM does not do this then I do not think that it is a fit body to do anything at all, let alone prosecute members of the public for innocently using their legally purchased appliances.

Question 1: Do you agree that the Proposed Regulations correctly give effect to the policy proposals referred to, and to the other intentions set out, in this document?:

With reservation. Put the horse before the cart and it might make sense.

