

Joint techUK/UKspace response to Ofcom consultation: Recognised Spectrum Access (RSA) for Receive Only Earth Stations Statement

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Introduction

About techUK

techUK represents the companies and technologies that are defining today the world that we will live in tomorrow. In a very real sense techUK represents the future.

At the heart of tech in the UK is an ecosystem of 270,000 companies producing digital technologies, products and services. From east to west, north and south, from enterprise class organisations to established medium-sized businesses, growing small businesses and an exciting generation of tech start-ups: the UK is a hotbed of tech talent and techUK exists to represent the sector in its entirety.

Our role as techUK is to ensure that we seize the potential for good and address the disruptive new challenges that change and innovation always present. We work to understand the opportunities that technology provides; to support the companies and innovators that can realise those opportunities.

This underpins our simple vision to ensure that tech is good for the UK, the UK is good for tech and that tech is good for people.

About UKspace

UKspace is the trade association of the UK space and satellite industry. Its role is to represent the interests of its members in a vibrant and dynamic sector of the UK economy.

The role of UKspace is to act as the leading voice of the space and satellite industry in concert with partner organisations such as techUK. UKspace is dedicated to assisting its members to grow the UK's share of the global space market, by promoting the best commercial, political and public environment. In addition the association takes a prominent role in promoting greater awareness in government, the media, the public and other key stakeholders of the wide-ranging benefits from one of the UK's most innovative, high skilled and value-adding sectors.

UKspace the primary forum for industry dialogue with the UK government and with other national and international stakeholders and has a thriving SME Forum.

Introduction to the Joint techUK/UKspace Satellite Committee

The Joint techUK/UKspace Satellite Committee looks at all aspects of Satellite Telecommunications from research and development, including the European ARTES programme, to the provision and marketing of Satellite Broadband and Broadcasting infrastructure and services both in the UK and overseas.

The Committees work together with the techUK Communications and Policy Council and the newly formed Space Leadership Spectrum Working Group.

Summary

The Joint techUK/UKspace Satellite Committee welcomes the opportunity to contribute to Ofcom's call for Input to Statement on introducing Recognised Spectrum Access (RSA) for Receive Only Earth Stations in the frequency bands 7850 – 7900 MHz and 25.5 – 26.5 GHz

The response to the Ofcom question is contained in the subsequent text.

Detailed Response

Question 1: Do you have any comment on the drafting of the proposed regulations and proposed order?

The Joint techUK/UKspace Satellite Communications Committee welcome the consideration given by Ofcom to the issue of Recognised Spectrum Access (RSA) for Receive Only Earth Stations (REOS) in the frequency bands 7850 – 7900 MHz and 25.5 – 26.5 GHz. We fully endorse Ofcom's proposal to make RSA available for ROES in these frequency bands, especially the 25.5 – 26.5 GHz band and to make regulations to endorse this decision.