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What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

No

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you have any comments on the mechanism for UK preparation for WRC-15 and the role of Ofcom in this process?:

No Comment

Question 2: Do you agree with the prioritisation of the agenda items, as shown in Annex 6, and if not why?:

No Comment

Question 3: Do you agree with Ofcom's general approach on WRC-15 agenda item 1.1?:

No Comment

Question 4: In view of the recent developments on the 1 492 - 1 518 MHz and 5 925 - 6 425 MHz bands, what are your views on the potential identification of these bands for IMT and/or RLAN and on the mobile data applications that could make use of them? How do you believe the sharing with the fixed service and the fixed satellite services could be managed at the national level?:

No Comment

Question 5: For the band 1 427 ? 1 452 MHz, do you agree that it is right to support the further consideration of the band, recognising the Ministry of Defence interest?:

No Comment

Question 6: For the band 1 452 ? 1 492 MHz, which is already subject to a harmonisation measure within CEPT, do you agree that this band be supported for an IMT identification at WRC-15?:

No Comment

Question 7: Recognising the UK plans to release spectrum in the 3 400 ? 3 600 MHz band, coupled with the binding European Commission Decision (for electronic communications services) in the bands 3 400 ? 3 600 MHz and 3 600 ? 3800 MHz, do you agree that these bands should be supported for both a co-primary mobile allocation and IMT identification?:

No Comment

Question 8: Noting that there are a number of countries that strongly oppose the inclusions of the 3 800 ? 4 200 MHz band, do you agree that we should support the longer term consideration of this band for potential mobile broadband use?:

No Comment

Question 9: Noting that there is currently limited international support for a co-primary mobile allocation in the band 2 700 ? 2 900 MHz, do you think that we should continue to support this band at WRC-15?:

No Comment

Question 10: Do you agree that the 5 350 ? 5 470 MHz and 5 725 ? 5 925 MHz bands could provide important additional capacity for Wi-Fi and similar systems? If so, and noting the need to protect both earth observation satellites and radar systems, do you agree that sharing solutions should be considered at WRC-15? :

No Comment

Question 11: Do you agree that we should oppose a co-primary mobile allocation at WRC-15 for the band 470 ? 694 MHz?:

No Comment

Question 12: Do you agree that the UK should continue to support harmonisation of 694 - 790 MHz for mobile broadband and an out-of-band emission limit for protection of DTT reception in an ITU R Recommendation, alongside an acknowledgement that 694 MHz should be the lower frequency boundary for the band?:

No Comment

Question 13: Do you agree that any harmonisation measures for PPDR use should be sufficiently flexible to enable PPDR agencies to choose the most appropriate spectrum solutions nationally?:

No Comment

Question 14: Do you have any comments on the potential use by the amateur service in the 5 250 to 5 450 kHz band?:

I would wholeheartedly urge Ofcom to support the WRC 15 Agenda Item 1.4 - A Secondary Amateur Allocation in the area of 5 MHz - to obtain as comprehensive an allocation as possible (given of course our current UK commitment to those 5 MHz frequencies permitted us by the UK Ministry of Defence [MoD]) for Amateur Radio as a whole and not just for UK Radio Amateurs.

Ofcom and its predecessor, the Radiocommunications Agency [RA] have been pioneers in permitting UK amateur radio access to 5 MHz since 2002. I was privileged as an RSGB officer to be involved with the team that prepared the original submission for this to come about and thus am well aware of the amount of work involved on all sides.

We are extremely grateful for the trust and support given to us over the past 12 years.

Our case, as is true for our International case, was the need for an intermediate band as a communications bridge when propagation negated the use of amateur bands at 3.5 or 7 MHz. This would permit propagation and antenna experiments, intra-UK coverage for GB2RS weekly news transmissions and most particularly enhance the potential for 24/7 HF Emergency Communications.

I believe over this 12 year period we have shown ourselves to be responsible, flexible, disciplined, verifiable and reliable sharers of the band certainly with UK Military and so far as we know, with other band users. Indeed we have been such sharers for many years on other bands (3.5 MHz, for example).

In order to collate and distribute information to the amateur fraternity about amateur

operation at 5 MHz, I edit a quarterly on-line publication called 'The 5 MHz Newsletter' <http://tinyurl.com/m9a9puy> (archive at <http://tinyurl.com/p22gybh>) , together with maintaining a chart of Worldwide 5 MHz Amateur Allocations <http://tinyurl.com/oofmemh> plus keeping up to date the Wikipedia '60-Meter Band' page en.wikipedia.org/wiki/60-meter_band . All of which are freely available and downloadable.

Thank you again for your national support and as you can see, your International support for as comprehensive as possible an Amateur Secondary Allocation at 5 MHz would be invaluable to us.

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GB2RS 5 MHz Duty Newsreader
Former RSGB Board Member & Officer with Emergency Communications Portfolio

Question 15: Do you agree that if any allocations to the fixed satellite service in the 10-17 GHz range impose undue constraints on existing services then further studies on the demand and justification for use of the spectrum would need to be carried out?:

No Comment

Question 16: Do you agree that the UK should support retaining the recognition for aeronautical radionavigation use, but equally support reviewing the limits associated with the FSS with a view to facilitating better use by the FSS?:

No Comment

Question 17: Do you agree that the UK should support new primary allocations for the fixed-satellite service in the 7/8 GHz bands, with the proposed restrictions?:

No Comment

Question 18: Do you agree that the UK should not support new allocations for the mobile satellite service in 22-26 GHz as they are not justified and that the focus should instead be upon the continued protection of the incumbent services?:

No Comment

Question 19: What are your views on the use of FSS spectrum allocations for UAS, recognising the shared regulatory responsibility and the safety considerations for the control of unmanned aircraft?:

No Comment

Question 20: Do you have any view on the need, or otherwise, to modify the restrictions that relate to the operation of ESVs in the bands 5 925 ? 6 425 MHz and 14-14.5 GHz?:

No Comment

Question 21: What are your views on a potential new allocation to the maritime mobile satellite service, recognising the UK interest in the other services that make use of the bands under consideration?:

No Comment

Question 22: Do you agree that the UK should not support a proposal for additional UHF spectrum for maritime on-board communications and that narrower channels will help to increase capacity?:

No Comment

Question 23: What are your views on any necessary regulatory provisions for AIS in the bands already identified for maritime use?:

No Comment

Question 24: Where the appropriate radio regulatory provisions are established for use in existing aviation related bands, do you agree that the UK should support regulatory conditions for the accommodation of WAIC applications?:

No Comment

Question 25: Do you agree that the UK should support a generic radiolocation allocation in the 77.5-78 GHz band, where appropriate technical conditions are established?:

No Comment

Question 26: Do you agree that the UK should support an allocation across the 7 190 ? 7 250 MHz band, dependent upon the outcome of technical studies?:

No Comment

Question 27: Do you agree that is right to wait for the relevant sharing studies to mature before coming to a final position on the potential for additional allocations to the earth exploration-satellite (active) service in the 8/9/10 GHz band?:

No Comment

Question 28: Do you agree that the UK should support the CEPT position that removes the distance limitation on space vehicles communicating with orbiting manned space vehicles, whilst retaining the pfd limit to protect terrestrial services?:

No Comment

Question 29: Do you agree that the UK should support maintaining UTC as currently defined (i.e. with the inclusion of leap seconds) and that the UK should support further study around the concept of dissemination of two reference time scales?:

No Comment

Question 30: Do you have any comments on the UK approach and positions on the elements of Agenda Item 7?:

No Comment

Question 31: Do you agree that any potential regulatory constraints need to be fair and proportionate on both the Cospas-Sarsat operation and users in the adjacent band?:

No Comment

Question 32: Do you have any comments on Agenda Item 9.1.2 concerning reduction of the satellite co-ordination arc?:

No Comment

Question 33: Do you agree that the UK should oppose any proposal that aims at changing the provisions of the Radio Regulations in a way that gives inherent priority (i.e. coordination priority) to certain satellite systems over any other satellite system?:

No Comment

Question 34: Do you have any comments on Agenda Item 9.1.4 relating to updating the RR for out of date or redundant material?:

No Comment

Question 35: Do you have any view on the need, or otherwise, for additional international regulatory measures to support the use of earth stations for aeronautical and meteorological communications in the 3.4 ? 4.2 GHz band?:

No Comment

Question 36: Do you agree that the UK should not support any change to the fixed and mobile definitions under Agenda Item 9.1.6?:

No Comment

Question 37: Do you have any views on the CEPT position that no further work is required in respect of spectrum management guidelines for emergency and disaster relief radiocommunications?:

No Comment

Question 38: Do you agree that no specific measures need to be introduced for nano and pico-satellites and that the current approach to their regulation is sufficient?:

No Comment

Question 39: Do you agree that the UK should support the recent regulatory developments with respect to ESOMP operation, while continuing to monitor developments?:

No Comment

Question 40: Do you have any comments on Agenda Item 9.3 considering Resolution 80?:

No Comment

Question 41: Do you have any comments concerning the standing agenda items?:

No Comment

Question 42: Do you have any comments regarding UK positions for future WRC agenda items?:

No Comment

Question 43: Are there any other possible agenda items you wish to see addressed by future WRCs?:

No Comment

Question 44: Are there particular frequency bands, above 6 GHz, that should be considered for technical study in relation to the potential future agenda item addressing IMT use?:

No Comment