

Spectrum Pricing Consultation - Peel Ports Medway's response:

It is felt that the declared aim of AIP was to incentivise the more efficient use of the spectrum but these proposals will encourage the status quo and will do absolutely nothing to address the urgent operational need for additional ship/shore frequencies for use in port management/VTs. Nor will it encourage the better coordination of the available frequencies at international level. We will therefore continue to argue that the case has still not been made for applying fees to that part of the maritime spectrum subject to international agreements and will lobby for the International VHF radio allocations to be treated the in the same way as now being proposed for radar, and managed by DfT. We are also pressing that the consultation on maritime VHF should not close before the aeronautical VHF consultation document is issued.