

Question 1: How should Ofcom manage the process of taking advice from users, regulators and government on efficient apportionment of AIP fees in the maritime and aeronautical sectors? Are any new institutional arrangements needed?:

Mountain Rescue is entirely VOLUNTARY and funded by charitable donations ONLY. All radio communications should REMAIN FREE. It is immoral to even think of charging.

Question 2: If you consider that our proposals for pricing ground station users for any spectrum would be likely to have a detrimental impact on safety, please let us know. In order for us to understand your assessment fully, it would be helpful if you could outline the mechanisms whereby this might happen.?:

If Mountain Rescue teams have to pay they might NOT be able to raise enough money - especially in these financial difficult times. Thus without or reduced access to radio communications the team would put itself and any casualty at SERIOUS RISK. This would be a serious problem and lives would be lost just for the sake of someone's greed to charge for something which cost nothing!

Question 3: Do you have any evidence which indicates that AIP charged to ground stations could have a material detrimental impact on UK competitiveness?:

YES. Mountain rescue teams would have to raise more money with consequent more time and effort from an entirely voluntary organisation. They give of their time including personal kit and travel to help people in trouble. This is NOT a matter of competition or money making. It is life and death. Hands OFF!!

Question 4: Taking into account the information available in this document, including that set out in Annex 5, our initial views on VHF radiocommunications licence fees and on the reference rates for bands in other uses, and any information you have about the organisations to whom we are proposing to charge fees, please provide any evidence that you think is relevant to us in considering the financial impact of the fees we intend to propose for VHF radiocommunications, or for other uses:

Hands off you greedy government! How dare you think of charging for something which we all own! Of course it will cause problems having to find more money from the public.

These facilities have been free so why should you even think of charging a voluntary charity! This is unacceptable greed of government or whoever has thought up this ridiculous idea. Keep your hands off what works well!

Question 5: Do you agree that there is little to be gained, in terms of economic efficiency, from charging AIP to WT Act licences for aircraft:

YES

Question 6: Do you consider that we should discount fees for any particular user or type of user? Specifically, do you consider that there should be a discount for charities whose object is the safety of human life in an emergency:

If you have to charge (remember I have already saidt his is immoral) then it is essential that voluntary charitable mountain rescue teams and many others MUST be exempt.

Question 7: Do you agree that Ofcom should apply AIP to ground stations? use of maritime and aeronautical VHF radiocommunications channels, to help manage growing congestion in current use and to ensure that the cost of denying access to this spectrum by potential alternative applications is faced by current users?:

Mountain rescue saves lives and helps people. This is beyond money! Nay congestion needs to be sorted between those commercial users who use it. All voluntary organisations who help people MUST be free and not hastled in these matters.

Question 8: Do you agree with our initial view that it would be appropriate to apply a pricing system similar to that already existing for Business Radio licences to maritime and aeronautical VHF communications? If not, what are your reasons for proposing that we should develop a fee structure for maritime and aeronautical VHF channels which is distinct from that already established for Business Radio?:

NO pricing whatsoever to Mountain rescue voluntary and charitable organisations.

Question 9: Are there any short term reasons specific to the sector(s) why it would be inappropriate to apply fees from April 2009?:

NO pricing whatsoever to Mountain rescue voluntary and charitable organisations. Why are you asking stupid questions in such diuifficult language? This matter is simple - HANDS off!

Question 10: Ofcom would welcome stakeholders? views on the factors which should be taken into account when apportioning fees between individual users of radars and racons:

Rescue treeam spent much time fund raising - they should Not be required to waste more time fund raising. Just a simple NO to any charges or a simple ststatement that they are exempt.

Question 11: Do you agree with our initial view that a reference rate of £126k per 1 MHz of national spectrum for L band and S band radar spectrum would achieve an appropriate balance between providing incentives to ensure efficient use of spectrum while guarding against the risks of regulatory failure in setting the reference rate too high? If you consider a different rate would be more appropriate, please provide any evidence that you think we should take into account.:

Another stupid question - just keep it FREE. M.R. Saves lives....!

Question 12: Do you agree with our initial view that a reference rate of £25k per single MHz of national spectrum would be appropriate for deriving fees for licences to use X band radar?:

Your do NOT need to derive any money from charitable organisations - this is a dispaicable thought and immoral!

Question 13: Do you agree that, generally, spectrum used by aeronautical radionavigation aids is currently uncongested? Do you believe that this may change during the next few years and, if so, approximately when?:

how can I answer this....stupid question! Just do as I have said so many times - keep it FREE to rescue!

Question 14: Do you agree with the basis on which Ofcom has arrived at its initial view on reference rates for aeronautical radionavigation aids?:

NO - you shoud NOTY charge to Rescue. It is beyopnd my comprehension that you should even think of charging a volountary charitable organistaion!

Comments:

It is FREE and MUST remain free to voluntary charitable Rescue organisations. Consider your moral duty to the community not greed to grab money!