

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- **Ofcom** will aim to clarify how Recognised Spectrum Access (RSA) will operate for Crown bodies, to facilitate trading and sharing.
- **MOD** will identify certain spectrum bands and outline specific proposals for release or sharing in these bands. Further band-by-band analysis will continue in subsequent years.
- **MOD** will provide to HM Treasury an assessment of current and future spectrum requirements and specific proposals for release or sharing, including an appraisal of any significant costs involved in implementation.
- **UKSSC** will adopt the presumption that public bodies will acquire spectrum through the market, subject to agreed criteria for exemptions.
- **Ofcom** expects to publish regulations on the first public sector RSA for radio astronomy by September 2006.
- **Ofcom** and **CAA** will seek to address issues in the 590-598 MHz band.
- **Ofcom** will initiate a study into pricing levels for aeronautical radar spectrum in the first half of the year and expects to complete it by early 2007.
- **CAA** will initiate a review, with **MOD** and **Ofcom**, of navigation aids, including radar and landing systems, by November 2006.
- **Ofcom**, in conjunction with **CAA**, will review candidate aeronautical bands for the initial application of spectrum pricing.
- **Ofcom**, in conjunction with **MCA**, will review candidate maritime bands for the initial application of spectrum pricing.
- **UKSSC** will establish new radar and band sharing subgroups, to better co-ordinate spectrum management.
- **UKSSC** will agree the criteria for safety authorisation of new band sharing techniques.
- **UKSSC** will take responsibility for resolving disputes on public sector spectrum pricing levels
- **MOD** will establish the Spectrum Acquisition Authority in April 2006 to improve internal co-ordination of MOD spectrum.
- **Ofcom** will commission and publish a study examining the market demand for spectrum

- **HM Treasury** will discuss and set specific spectrum targets with relevant departments on the basis of the Audit's band-by-band study, and the assessments provided by departments in 2006.
- **HM Treasury** will agree with departments the framework for the

treatment of gains from trading or leasing of public sector spectrum.

- **Ofcom** will work with the relevant Crown bodies to introduce RSA in key spectrum bands as required.
- **MOD** will deliver the first efficiency savings in bands where there are no significant obstacles to release or sharing.
- **UKSSC** expects to establish a third party band manager to promote commercial access to public sector spectrum holdings
- **Ofcom** expects to address issues relating to how payments for secondary use should be handled.
- **Ofcom**, in conjunction with **MCA**, will consult on the initial application of AIP to maritime bands.
- **Ofcom**, in conjunction with **CAA** and **DfT**, will consult on proposals for the application of pricing to aeronautical spectrum.
- **UKSSC** will publish the first Forward Look for public sector spectrum in March 2007. **DTI** will co-ordinate the production of the UKSSC Forward Look.
- **UKSSC** will review progress in implementing changes to public sector spectrum management, as outlined in this response, and report on progress in the Forward Look in March 2007.
- **Ofcom** will compile and maintain information about public sector spectrum use and tradability within the UK Frequency Authorisation Plan.

- **Ofcom** and **CAA** expect that, subject to the outcome of consultations, spectrum pricing will be applied in selected aeronautical and maritime navigation bands
- **Ofcom** and **MCA** will, subject to the outcome of consultations, extend the application of spectrum pricing to selected navigation bands used in the maritime sector.
- **CAA** will formally report on the review of aeronautical navigation aids, and determine a UK position for international negotiations by June 2009.
- **Ofcom** expects to undertake a review of AIP levels. This will include the current differential between 'fixed' and 'mobile' prices.
- **Ofcom** expects to continue to progress its programme of spectrum awards and to review options for the 1.4 and 1.5 GHz bands.
- **UKSSC** will publish the second Forward Look for public sector spectrum in 2009. This will include a report on progress in implementing changes to public sector spectrum management.
- **Ofcom** will clear with UKSSC, the UK proposals for WRC10 and associated international forums, and set these in the context of the efficiency savings recommended by the Audit.

- **HM Treasury** will commission a review of the impact of market mechanisms on public sector spectrum management to report in 2012.