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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning the National Frequency Plan.

We received this request on 13 February 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request & our response

1. Is Ofcom responsible for the development and updating of the NFP/NFAT and if so what legislation details this?

The Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 and the Communications Act 2003 have given Ofcom the responsibility for managing UK spectrum. Ofcom maintains the UKFAT (United Kingdom Frequency Allocation Table) in cooperation with Government departments.

2. If it is not Ofcom who is responsible?

Not applicable. Please see above.

3. Are updates to the NFP agreed within any stakeholder groups and if so who are the members (e.g. MoD, Home Office)?

Updates are agreed with Government Departments and Agencies including DSIT (Department for Science, Innovation and Technology), the MOD (Ministry of Defence), the DFT (Department for Transport), the UKSA (UK Space Agency), the Met Office, the MCA (Maritime and Coastguard Agency), the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority), the HO (Home Office), PSNI (Police Service Northern Ireland and Scottish Government).

4. Are updates to the NFP subject to public consultation?

No.

5. Is there any need for sign off by, for example, Ministers?

Although Ofcom is responsible for the FAT, changes to the FAT are discussed in cooperation with members of the Spectrum Implementation Group (SIG, a Government Chaired committee on spectrum matters) who assist with revisions to it¹. Changes to Crown spectrum use, as recognised in the FAT, must be approved by the UK Spectrum Board who the SIG reports to.

¹ [effective cross-government coordination](#)

If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk – quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress.

Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).