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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

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

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Comments:

NATS has noted the High Q Filter Feasibility Study by Isotek Electronics Ltd published by Ofcom on 22nd October apparently as part of this Consultation. This study deals with potential filter designs for bands that are outside the scope of this consultation but which may have an impact on aeronautical and other radar systems operating in the bands around 3 GHz. NATS is of the view that the discussion of these bands is subject to work outside this Consultation and that the fact that comments have not been made by NATS during this Consultation about the radar related elements of the study should not be taken by Ofcom as signalling our agreement with any of those aspects of the study report.

Question 1: Do you believe that the uses listed in this section (Section 3) are possible candidates of the 872/917 MHz bands?:

Question 2: Are there additional applications/services (not listed above (from Section 3) that could make viable use of the 872/917 MHz bands that Ofcom should be aware of?:

Question 3: What services do you believe should be authorised to use this band? Could you supply relevant information supporting your preference and include any economic data relating to the value of the spectrum in providing these services?:

Question 4: Do you agree with the methods used to assess the potential to interfere with adjacent band services in a full licensed approach?:

Question 5: Do you consider that the proposed technical licence conditions would be justified and appropriate?:

Question 6: Do you agree with the methods used to assess the likelihood of services interfering with adjacent band services under the light regulatory approach?:

Question 7: We would like stakeholder views on the cost and performance impact of the UMTS900 filters described above.:

Question 8: Are there any other methods that would give the same protection as the filters? What costs and performance impacts would these have?:

Question 9: What are your views on the need for and justification of such mitigation measures and how their cost should be borne?:

Question 10: Stakeholders views are sought on whether the spectrum should be awarded as a single lot by frequency, or whether it should be split in to smaller frequency lots.:

Question 11: We would like stakeholder's views on whether the packaging should be split GB/NI or if we should proceed with UK wide packages.:

Question 12: Would it be practical for RFID users and adjacent operators (e.g. GSM, UMTS, GSM-R) to co-ordinate locally on a case by case basis? The answers to this will help Ofcom develop its views on whether a database would be required.:

Question 13: Do you agree with Ofcom's preliminary proposal that the separation distances suggest a light licensing regime if SRD/RFID use in this band were to be supported? If not, how should the interference into adjacent bands be managed?: