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Re: Response to Ofcom consultation

Question 2) Do you agree with our proposal to exempt users of High Density applications in the Fixed Satellite Service operating with e.i.r.p. no greater than 50 dBW in the 27.50-27.8185 GHz, 28.4585-28.8265 GHz and 29.4625-30 GHz bands from the need to possess a WT license?

STM Norway supports in principle Ofcom's proposal to license exempt users of High Density applications in the Fixed Satellite Service in the 27.50 - 27.8185 GHz, 28.4585 - 28.8265 GHz and 29.4625 - 30.000 GHz bands.

STM Norway would propose that full account should be taken of CEPT ECC Decision (06)03 on HESTs. This would result in the augmentation of the acceptable EIRP levels to 60 dBW maximum and the inclusion of the Ku FSS band 14.00 - 14.25 GHz (also covered within the scope of the above CEPT ECC Decision).

The increased EIRP levels would be in accordance with industry practice, allowing greater return channel throughput and improved access to next generation broadband services in areas where deployment of second generation terrestrial equipment is not cost-effective.

Yours sincerely,

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