

**Question 1: What are your views on Ofcom's proposed three-year strategic policy framework?:**

MCA is content with the overall policy framework but wishes to comment, on behalf of the maritime community, specifically on the issue of spectrum liberalisation.

**Question 2: What are your views on Ofcom's proposed priorities for 2007/8? In particular::**

**Question 2a: What are your views on the work which Ofcom should do in 2007/8 to drive a market-based approach to spectrum?:**

MCA supports the principles set out in the 'Cave Report' to encourage more efficient use of the radio spectrum. In our submission in support of the Government Response to the Independent Audit of Spectrum Holdings, MCA stressed that maritime use of radio spectrum is almost entirely for safety purposes - radar, position fixing and communications. In this context, we are concerned at the use of the phrase "driving forward" (the process of spectrum liberalisation) and wish to underline our absolute commitment to ensuring that the safety case remains paramount in all proposals for liberalisation, including the application of Administered Incentive Pricing (AIP), and any band sharing proposals.

**Question 2b: What are your views on the work which Ofcom should do in 2007/8 to develop new ways to deliver public outcomes as platforms and services converge? :**

**Question 2c: What are your views on the work which Ofcom should do in 2007/8 to improve business compliance and empower consumers? :**

**Question 2d: What are your views on the work which Ofcom should do in 2007/8 to promote competition and innovation in converging markets?:**

**Question 3: Are there additional areas where Ofcom should reduce regulation and minimise administrative burdens? Please provide specific examples.:**

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