

Interim Response - Important Notice

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DIGITAL TELEVISION: THE PRINCIPLES FOR SPECTRUM PLANNING

"The consultation period (originally three months) has been extended to allow interested parties to consider the Independent Review of Spectrum Management, conducted by Professor Martin Cave, which was published on 6 March 2002. The Government has now asked to receive comments by 5 April 2002."

Background : Raycom Ltd is a leading UK distributor and manufacturer of UHF Wireless Microphone and talkback equipment to the UK Broadcast and Entertainment Industry. It has also engaged in ETSI Type Approval work for over ten years. Raycom has probably been responsible for overseeing the approval process of more professional wireless microphones than any other company in Europe. (See: www.raycom.co.uk and www.ukradio.biz).

Raycom Ltd is accredited to BSI-ISO 9002 and the DTI- RA's "Radio Quality Assurance Scheme", in "The supply and service of professional wireless microphones and radio communications equipment" and is the only UK supplier to be specifically accredited in the broadcast industry. Raycom is also a member of ASP (Association of Service providers), the Institute of Broadcast sound (IBS), The FCS (Federation of Communication services and also sits on the ETSI TG17 UK working Group, which inputs into ETSI radio approval and EMC specifications.

In view of the nature of the intended actions of the DTI-RA and apparent current government policy, with the **serious implications** which it is causing specialist British companies, resulting in an **immediate impact and loss of business** in an already depressed marketplace, Raycom has decided to write it's own White Paper which will be available upon payment of a fee, after a legally binding non disclosure contract has been signed.

The Raycom White paper will detail/explain :

- *The Government appears ignorant as to the facts and its impact on the British TV and Entertainment industry, or how it has caused **an immediate halt of sales** of high-end professional wireless microphone systems.
- *Up to **80 % of Wireless Microphones systems either do not meet ETSI Type approval requirements or are not licensed for use in UK**, and there is no effective market surveillance or enforcement policy.
- *How the DTI-RA in the UK levies license fees for use of UHF TV spectrum for program making and live performances, **where most other EU member states does not**. Now it wishes to set another president.
- *How **the DTI-RA IGNORED fraud and corruption** that is alleged took place at Millennium Dome celebrations by a radio comms contractor and how the original tenders for radio comms services we never circulated.
- *How the existing SAP/SAB and previous agencies license radio spectrum for short term use that is shared by illegal users with no recourse by the licensee when they are unable to use the assigned frequencies.
- * That licensing OR SELLING OFF of valuable frequency spectrum could be a breach of Human Rights under the Geneva Convention and under current European Law and in the UK there are less deregulated frequencies.
- * How the DTI-RA or the government **does not allow enough time for responses** or representation to be made by various independent British market sectors who are not represented by Trade bodies or organisations.
- *The essential differences between digital and analogue wireless mic and talkback systems and the implications to program making and live performances for ETSI type approved equipment used in the UHF TV Spectrum.
- * Why British manufacturers and associated companies are seeking proposed joint **legal action against the government for loss of business and damages** and some sound recordists are threatening strike action.
- * How the DTI-RA is adding to unemployment quotas in the specialist sectors of the UK radio communications industry and causing the **demise of long established British companies**, which is against it's claimed "Charter".

If the necessary fees realised do not cover the costs and time preparing our own white paper report, it may be published on the Internet and released to the press at our own discretion, without prior notice at any time.

To reserve your limited copy of the report, **you must contact us prior to 1st April 2002.**

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