



Future spectrum access for Programme Making and Special Events

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On Wednesday 20 June Ofcom published its proposed future arrangements for access to spectrum by the Programme Making and Special Events (PMSE) sector.

The main focus of the document is the arrangements for wireless microphone users to access the gaps within the spectrum used by digital terrestrial television after switchover. But Ofcom is also seeking views on how the arrangements could be applied to other PMSE spectrum such as that used for wireless cameras.

Comments on the New Proposals

- We are pleased that Ofcom wishes to avoid disruption to an existing, long-established and valuable sector that is dependent on access to high-quality spectrum.
- We agree that it is increasingly difficult for the PMSE sector to exist outside the spectrum market. Spectrum is being picked-off and unique opportunities to acquire replacement bands are passing by.
- We believe that the sector needs time and the right framework to adapt from a fully regulated regime to the market place. We are therefore pleased that Ofcom wishes to support PMSE in making a smooth transition.

JFMG's Managing Director Paul Gill said: "We are delighted that our success as a trusted intermediary is fully recognised and that this role is seen as central to all of the viable options now proposed. JFMG has the knowledge, skills and experience to take-on the role of band manager for core PMSE spectrum under whichever option is considered best by the PMSE sector."