

Alden Regulatory Summary – January 2019

UK

Ofcom has published the following consultations.

- [On The award of the 700 MHz and 3.6-3.8 GHz spectrum bands on 18 December 2018](#). The closing date for the responses is 12 March 2019.
- On [Annual licence fees for UK broadband's 3.4 GHz and 3.6 GHz spectrum](#) on 17 December 2018. The closing date for the responses is 11 February 2019.
- [On Ofcom's proposed annual plan 2019/2020](#). The closing date for the responses is 8 February 2019.

The [Size & Health of UK Space Industry 2018 Report](#) was published on 30 January 2019. The main findings show that total UK space industry income grew to £14.8 billion in 2016/17 from £13.7 billion in 2014/15; the UK space industry generates more than 37% (£5.5 billion) in exports, up from 36% in 2014/15; and total employment (headcount) in the UK space industry increased to 41,900 jobs in 2016/17 from 38,522 in 2014/15.

Portugal

Portugal has passed a [national space law](#) which came into force on 22 January 2019. The new law lays down the registration and licensing regime which is to be managed by the Space Authority (*autoridade espacial*).

Belgium

Belgium and Luxembourg signed a joint declaration on 23 January 2019 on the elaboration of a multilateral legal framework for the exploration, utilisation and exploitation of celestial bodies' resources.

Belgium is the seventh country to sign such an agreement with Luxembourg.

The other countries are China, Japan, the Czech Republic, Portugal, Poland and the United Arab Emirates.

The European Union (EU)

The EU's new European Electronic Communications Code ([Directive \(EU\) 2018/1972](#)) entered into force on 20 December 2018. The EU Member States have a period of two years to transpose this new Directive into national legislation.

The Directive amends the common rules regulating the telecoms industry, replacing the current EU telecoms regulatory framework. It is expected to bring changes such as: the extensive roll-out of 5G and other next generation technologies across Europe; stronger consumer protection; and a capped rate for international calls within the EU.

European Space Agency (ESA)

ESA announced the signing of a one-year contract with ArianeGroup to begin mining for water and oxygen on the Moon by 2025.



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