

Satellite Regulatory Briefing – April 2019

UK

Ofcom - Introduction of Satellite Filings Charges

Ofcom is introducing the following charges from 1 April 2019 for submitting and managing satellite filings:

- an upfront application fee for new submissions and modifications;
- an annual management charge, with different charges for different filing types based on the complexity of the filing requirements; and
- an application fee for notification requests.

Charges will reflect the average level of Ofcom's effort involved in each activity. Existing filings received on or before 31 March 2019 will not incur charges for their management. Full information can be found at:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-1/satellite-filings-cost-recovery>.

Isle of Man

Extending liability cap to Isle of Man operators

The Outer Space Act 1986 (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 2019 now extends to satellite operators in the Isle of Man. It will limit a licensee's indemnity for activities authorised by an Outer Space Act licence and will vary an existing licence to impose a limit on liability for licensed activities.

Australia

Space (Launches and Returns) Act 2018 and reduction in insurance requirements

The Australian Space Agency (ASA) Space (Launches and Returns) Act 2018 contains provision for administration fees to apply in relation to applications for, or the transfer or variation of certain licences, permits or authorisations. Fees are to be charged on a cost recovery basis in accordance with the Australian Government Cost Recovery Guidelines. The Act will come into force on 31 August 2019.

The Act also includes a reduction in mandatory insurance requirements for operators from \$750 million to \$100 million.

The ASA are still working on subordinate regulations including in relation to the space debris mitigation strategy required to be put in place by licence applicants, the process and conditions for applications, and the regulations for high power rockets, in conjunction with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

EU

The Commission's plan for 5G network infrastructure security

The European Commission has called for each Member State to complete a risk assessment of 5G network infrastructure at

national level by 15 July 2019 and to exchange information with the support of the Commission and the European Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) to complete a coordinated risk assessment by 1 October 2019. The Member States are to agree a consistent set of mitigating measures including certification requirements, tests, controls including the identification of products or suppliers that are considered potentially non-secure.

UAE

National Space Strategy 2030 and the establishment of Arab body for space cooperation

The UAE Cabinet adopted the National Space Strategy 2030 on 11 March 2019 which constitutes one of the pillars of the regulatory framework for the UAE space sector consisting of National Space Policy, Space Sector Law, Space Regulations and National Space Strategy.

At the Global Space Congress held in March in Abu Dhabi, 11 Arab States including Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco signed a charter establishing the first Arab body for space cooperation. The first joint project of this pan-Arab team will be satellite '813' that Arab scientists are to jointly develop in the UAE.



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