

# **UK Defence Spectrum Management**

**An Update to:**

## **A Statement on “An Implementation Plan for Reform”**

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In Dec 2008, the Ministry of Defence set out its initial plans to apply market principles to Defence spectrum management by reforming its spectrum management practices. This is the first supplement to the Dec 2008 statement, to provide an update on MOD's plans to release surplus spectrum to the market.

Economic and market conditions and financial considerations in the period since December 2008 have not been conducive to MOD's spectrum release programme, obliging the Department to concentrate its resources on its operational and defence roles. This introduced a pause in the original implementation plan for spectrum management reform, leading to a review of the release timetable set out in the December 2008 statement, while also enabling other essential preparatory work to be matured.

Following the Strategic Defence and Security Review announcements last month, MOD now intends to drive forward its spectrum reform work following the main principles in the December 2008 statement. It has begun to reprioritise and package spectrum for planned release in financial year 2012/13 and further information on MOD's spectrum reform activities will be published in the spring of 2011.

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