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for Changes To The Free Use Regulations**

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This contribution proposed a response to Norway Nkcom consultation on “proposals for changes to the free use regulations”.

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Re: Høring av forslag til endringer i fribruksforskriften

Dear Norway Nkom,

IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) thanks Nkom for issuing the consultation and the opportunity to provide feedback on “Public consultation - proposal for regulations on the amendment of the free use regulations”. The Consultation is an important mechanism for soliciting feedback that will provide Nkcom with the information necessary.

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Comments regarding proposed changes for UWB

The studies in ECC Report 327 show that UWB operates with very low risk of causing interference to other services, due to the extremely low transmit power levels, low activity factors, and other technical characteristics, which support high spectral reuse factors and effective sharing on the spectrum. UWB has proven to be an effective complement to other wireless technologies.

With respect to the proposed updates to the regulations for UWB equipment, IEEE 802 LMSC strongly support that Nkom adopt these changes. Expanding the use of radio determination, position tracking and tracking and data collection using fixed devices in outdoor areas will add great public value. UWB is widely deployed in consumer devices such as smartphones and laptops. This has enabled a large number of use cases with significant value to consumers and significant positive economic impact. Fixed devices work with mobile devices to enhance many of these valuable services. Enhanced indoor operation will improve the robustness of these applications in industrial and crowded environments.

IEEE 802 LMSC recommend that Nkom also consider additional changes with respect to vehicular use proposed in the update to ECC Decision (06)04.

Comments regarding proposed changes for RLAN

IEEE 802 LMSC are supportive both of Nkom’s proposal to mirror in national legislation EC’s implementing decision 2022/179/EU (ECC/DEC/(08)04 of 2 July 2021) with respect to use of wireless systems, including WAS/RLAN, in the 5 GHz bands.

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Conclusion

IEEE 802 LMSC thanks Nkcom for providing this invaluable opportunity to provide this submission.

Respectfully submitted

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