

**Royal Canadian Mounted Police**  
Response to Industry Canada on  
Gazette Notice DGRB-003-98/DGRB-001-99

CONSULTATION ON THE 24 AND 38 GHz FREQUENCY BANDS: PROPOSED POLICY  
AND LICENSING PROCEDURES

On behalf of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), I am pleased to indicate support for *Gazette Notice DGRB-003-98*, and particularly the continued utilization of a condition of license which ensures lawfully authorized access to private communications.

This application of the "Solicitor General's Enforcement Standards" would be consistent with Industry Canada's policies for other spectrum services, such as Local Multi-Point Communications Services (LMCS) and Personal Communications Services (PCS). Gazette Notice DGRB-007-97/DGTP-002-98 which recently reaffirmed the use of the "Solicitor General's Standards".

It should be noted that the objectives of the *'Solicitor General's Enforcement Standards for Lawful Interception of Telecommunications'* (Rev. Nov.95) are clearly to provide lawful access to any deployable two way communications systems. Explanatory notes on its specific application to wideband transmission systems can be provided.

In conclusion I would like to reaffirm the importance of the application of the "Standards" for lawful access. Rapid deployment of technologies and convergence policies present serious challenges to law enforcement. Remedies such as conditional licensing are consistent with the Government's strategy for the information highway and the September 1997 final report of the Information Advisory Council (IHAC) which recommended that Government take the necessary steps to ensure the enforcement of federal and provincial laws.

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