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The CBC would like to use this opportunity offered by the Department to comment on the “Consultation Paper on Modifications to the Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations” (DGTP-010-05). As the department is surely aware, the CBC is one of the major partners in Sirius Canada, one of two Canadian satellite radio enterprises licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (“CRTC”).

The Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service (S-DARS) proposes to operate in the S-Band (2320-2345 MHz) which has been allocated by the ITU to a number of countries, not including Canada. Since the CRTC has recently licensed this application and since the commercial operation has already started, it is important that Industry Canada makes the proper modifications to the frequency allocations to include the usage of the band on a co-primary basis.

The CBC supports the provisional adoption by the Department of the following domestic footnote:

CXX Additional Allocation: The band 2320-2345 MHz is also allocated to the broadcasting-satellite service (sound) and complementary terrestrial broadcasting service on a primary basis. Spectrum utilization policies provide the inter-service relationship with respect to broadcasting service operation.

The CBC also supports the Department’s consequential action to include the name of the Administration of Canada to the ITU Footnote No. 5, 393 in order to protect and recognize Canadian satellite radio services at the international level. Sirius understands that this proposal would be made at the 2007 ITU World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-2007).