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Dear [Minister name]:

As you are probably aware, passive UHF RFID in the frequency band 915-921 MHz was published some years ago in the CEPT ERC/REC 70-03 for use in Europe and was further standardized by ETSI (EN 302-208) in 2015. This aligns Europe with the rest of the world, affording major cost savings and performance improvements over the previously approved frequency band. Since then, other IoT players, such as Sigfox and the LoRa Alliance, are also planning to use the RFID broadcast channels.

This new standard has already been adopted by a dozen countries in Europe, but a couple of countries have part of this band already allocated for Railways and/or Military use. On 19 June 2017 the European Commission organised a workshop for dialogue between the stakeholders (IoT, RFID and Rail). A consensus emerged on a proposal for an EU harmonization draft decision for IoTs, which would preserve 1.6 MHz for high-band rail (919.4-921 MHz) and still give RFID and IoT the possibility to move forward and provide the business requirements to keep the EU on pace with the rest of the world.

This consensus requires that RFID installations operate on only 3 of the 4 channels provided for by the standard. In return for this effort to accept performance limitations RFID users are hoping to use the band now. We have seen in the Americas and in Asia the significant advantages the use of the technology gives to business, and we need to participate in the technology without any further delay.

The adoption of IoT technologies like RFID will not only provide companies like us with cost savings and efficiencies in their business but will also bring new business into Europe while helping to meet the EU policies on environmental practices.

In light of this the Radio Spectrum Committee, made up a draft decision where the frequency band 915.0-919.4 MHz is allocated to RFID.

We urge you to support the discussions held in RSCoM and agree with this EU Draft Decision for the harmonization of the frequency band 915-919.4 MHz for RFID and IoT applications. This Draft Decision will allow Member States national administrations some flexibility and is protecting existing use of spectrum by military and governmental applications.

We are at your disposal to provide you with additional information and we hope that you will be able to support driving the use of this important technology.

Sincerely

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