

Reply to the Comments received from European Union

on

The UAE Terrestrial Radio Receiver Specifications for AM/FM/T-DAB+

Question: The EU notes that this draft mandates that radio receivers, including automotive ones, shall be able to receive AM, FM and T-DAB+ sound broadcasts and meet the technical requirements specified in the annexes of this draft. In this context, the EU kindly reminds the UAE authorities that radio receivers are not an element relating to vehicle safety, and that therefore radio receivers should not be required for the registration of vehicles, as is the case in both the EU and the UNECE regulatory systems for vehicles. Therefore, the EU would kindly invite the UAE authorities to clarify in the notified draft that vehicles which do not have any radio receivers can be registered.

Reply: The specification are applicable to radio receivers including Automotive, Domestic and Portable. If a vehicle do not have any radio receiver then these specifications will not apply.

Question: Furthermore, the EU would like to ask the UAE authorities whether the necessary infrastructure allowing all vehicles in the UAE to receive the three frequency bands already exists. Should the reception of any of the specified frequency bands not be ensured all across the country, the EU would kindly invite the UAE administration to consider the possibility of making the requirements for that band optional.

Reply: AM & FM Broadcasting Services are already available in the UAE. The Terrestrial Digital Audio Broadcasting (T-DAB+) is expected to start during 2017. Successful trials conducted in all major city areas in the UAE.