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Dear Sir

**Comments Regarding the BBC**

I refer to a recent advertisement requesting comments in the above connection.

There are just a couple of comments I would like to make.

Firstly, although I belong to the first generation of children who learned the metric system at school, and despite having lived on the continent, in common with the vast majority of people in this country, I think and work in imperial measurements. It is no use to me to know how many centimetres of rain, snow etc are expected, it just doesn't mean anything. Similarly, to be told that visibility is reduced by fog to so and so many metres doesn't really tell me anything apart from a rough equivalent in yards. I understand that metric road signs are illegal due to the fact that they may be dangerous to road users who can't interpret them. Can't the British Broadcasting Corporation use British measurements understandable to the British people ?

Secondly, are plans afoot to increase the coverage of digital radio services ? I bought a set at Christmas and can't receive any of the BBC stations.

Yours sincerely



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