

Consultation on a proposal to reform amateur radio licensing.

Annex 3 Answers to questions.

1 Yes with caveats. No, if caveats are not accepted.

I would only agree with lighter licensing provided it does not compromise standards in qualifications, records, security and of data regarding location.

2 Yes with caveats. No, if caveats are not accepted.

I would only agree with a licence for life, after the granting of a full licence, provided there was an annual check on particulars and that it could be revoked if there was non compliance with regulations.

3 I do not agree there should be no licence fee. That which costs nothing is valued less and there would be a loss of status. The fee would contribute to the services of Ofcom in dealing with interference and other E.M.C. matters.

4 I agree there should be an equal administrative charge for all licences together with a fee for the licence.

5 I agree there should be no exemption from the W.T. Act in order that amateurs comply with national and international standards and with other regulations.

6 I do not agree there should be exemption from the W.T. Act in the long term as it would jeopardise several international agreements and other arrangements. eg. C.E.P.T., I.T.U.. Deregulation would be the start of a slippery downward slope in examination standards, operating techniques and technological developments.

7 I consider the annual renewal satisfactory but should there be an extended period, it should be no more than five years. This is necessary in order to maintain an accurate data base.

8 I do not consider the current licensing system over-burdensome. One reply per year for the privilege of having communications with the whole world is very minimal.

9 I consider the current charges satisfactory.

As an amateur organisation it needs the support of Ofcom to maintain standards, deal with EMC and ~~and~~ interference problems, enforce the regulations and deal with non-compliance.