

**Email response received 3 August 2005 from Mr C Baker G4TIO:**

**Question 1:** *Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a lighter, electronic licensing process? If not, please explain why.*

Answer 1. Yes as long as you keep the technical requirements for issuing a license as agreed to international requirements, how about security of the database?? Or those not having web access?

**Question 2:** *Do you agree with the proposal to issue licences which remain valid for the life of the licensee? If not, please explain why.*

Answer 2. Yes but what would any admin charges if moving to a different address within the UK. Also as long as this does not lead to deregulation of licensing. How do you intend to update the licence database ??

**Question 3:** *Do you agree with the proposal to issue electronic amateur radio licences free of charge? If not, please explain why.*

Answer 3. Yes but must ensure that they cannot be modified and to be compatible with international requirements. Those without web access will be discriminated against . as long as this not the first step to abolish the hobby.

**Question 4:** *Do you agree with the proposal to apply an administrative charge when processing postal applications for amateur radio licences? If not, please explain why.*

Answer 4.No unless this is a minimum one off charge not at commercial rates as it's a hobby rather than a profession. This also discrimination against those without web access.

**Question 5:** *Do you agree that WT Act license exemption for radio amateurs is not currently practical?*

Answer 5. No currently the Act states amateurs must be issued with and hold a current license. Also to operate abroad a current license is required.

**Question 6:** *What are your views regarding the possibility of WT Act licence exemption for radio amateurs in the longer term?*

Answer 6. This goes against International requirements. The Govt will then need to re-negotiate established requirements with many international licencing bodies as well as those countries the UK has reciprocal licensing agreements. You need controls to ensure that no out of band operations occur and power levels are maintained.

**Question 7:** *Is maintaining the existing licensing regime but with an extended renewal period your preferred option? If so, please state the renewal period that you believe would be appropriate and explain why.*

Answer 7. If its not broken why repair it???

**Question 8:** *Do you agree that the current licensing system is over-burdensome? If not, please explain why.*

Answer 8. you need to have checks in place to ensure that EMC breakthrough is minimized and that the technical level is maintained to match international requirements.

**Question 9:** *Do you agree with the proposal to apply an administrative charge when processing applications for a Notice of Variation to an amateur radio licence? If not, please explain why.*

Answer 9. No. It's a hobby, why not due It electronically then costs will be minimal or allow a national body for example the RSGB oversee all licensing requirements as In other countries like USA, Oman which works very well.

**Any other Comments**