

Cover sheet for response to an Ofcom consultation

BASIC DETAILS

Consultation title: *Consultation on a proposal to reform*

To (Ofcom contact): *Amateur Radio Licensing*

Name of respondent: *MR. MALCOLM STEBBINGS*

Representing (self or organisation/s): *SELF.*

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CONFIDENTIALITY

What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?

Nothing

Name/address/contact
details/job title

Whole response

Organisation

Part of the response

If there is no separate annex, which parts?

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Name

M. Stebbings

Signed (if hard copy)

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

YES

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.

NO

I FEEL THAT THIS WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO REGULATE THIS HOBBY.

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

NO

THIS IS UNFAIR TO THOSE WHO DO NOT USE OR CANNOT USE THE INTERNET.

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.

YES,

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

YES

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

THIS WOULD MAKE THE HOBBY
A "FREE FOR ALL" ARRANGEMENT
AND WOULD LEAD TO THE END
OF THE HOBBY.

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.

YES.

FIVE YEARS — IN ORDER TO KEEP OFCOM'S
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS DOWN. ALSO THE COST
OF THE LICENSE COULD BE INCREASED TO
COVER ADMINISTRATION COSTS.

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

NO.

I FEEL IT IS EASY AND INEXPENSIVE
TO MAINTAIN AN AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE.
I WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY AT LEAST
DOUBLE THE LICENSE FEE.

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.

YES.