

Email response received 22 February 2005 from Mr John Kennett:

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 vessel? If not, please explain why.

YES

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

YES

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

YES

Question 5: Do you agree that the transfer of licensing to the MCA would not offer any significant advantage over the existing licensing system?

YES

Question 6: Do you agree that WT Act licence exemption for vessels that remain within UK territorial waters is not currently practical?

YES

Question 7: Do you agree that WT Act licence exemption remains a worthwhile long term objective? If not, please explain why.

Possibly, if adopted by the EU as a whole

Question 8: Do you believe that WT Act licence exemption would have an impact on maritime safety? If so, please explain why.

Possibly, as it may reduce the amount and accuracy of information available for search and rescue purposes

Question 9: Would you prefer to see the current licensing system maintained without change? If so, please explain why.

NO