

4 September 2018

## Request for information

Thank you for your request for information dated 27 August which has been passed to me in the Information Requests team to consider under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked: "... if [Ofcom has] any knowledge of such [jamming] equipment being used on a regular basis at BAE Systems in Barrow (or any other BAE Systems site) and if an exemption notice has been granted...".

Ofcom does not hold any information about the use of any jamming apparatus at this or any BAE site and is not aware of any use of jammers. There is no exemption in place because it is not possible for Ofcom to grant such an exemption.

To explain the context for this, jammers are not classed as radio communications (wireless telegraphy) apparatus within the legal framework (Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006) (the act). Section 68 of the act makes it a criminal offence to use equipment for the purposes of causing deliberate interference to wireless telegraphy. Accordingly, Ofcom cannot authorise the use of jamming equipment by issuing an 'exemption notice' or by any other means.

Additional information about Ofcom protecting and managing the airwaves is available on our website [here](#).

If you have any queries, then please contact [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Kind regards

## Julia Snape

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service you have received in relation to your request from Ofcom, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be treated as a formal complaint and will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will acknowledge the complaint and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

## Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact:

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The Secretary to the Corporation

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Riverside House

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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