

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ACT 2006

VARIATION NUMBER 1 DATED 16 DECEMBER 2016

TO LICENCE GRANTED TO BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (“THE LICENSEE”) UNDER SECTION 8(1) OF THE WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ACT 2006 (“THE LICENCE”) AUTHORISING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF STATIONS DESCRIBED IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE LICENCE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF BROADCASTING SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS, PROVISIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE LICENCE DATED 31 MARCH 2009

WHEREAS

- A. On 15 December 2016, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport published the Royal Charter for the Continuance of the British Broadcasting Corporation (referred to herein as the “BBC Charter”) and an Agreement between Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation (referred to herein as the “Framework Agreement”);
- B. Ofcom has decided to vary the Licensee’s Wireless Telegraphy Act licence in order to extend the duration of the Licence and to update certain interpretative references, in accordance with the BBC Charter and the Framework Agreement;
- C. By exchange of letters dated 31 October and 11 November 2016, Ofcom proposed the variations detailed in this notice and the Licensee consented to those proposals.

NOW THEREFORE the Licence shall be varied in the following manner:

1. By amending the “Termination Date” to the Licence from 31 December 2016 to 31 December 2027.
2. By amending the second paragraph of paragraph 1 to the Licence to refer to the relevant parts of the Framework Agreement as follows:

“This Licence is issued to the Licensee for transmission of sound broadcasting services broadcast on the frequencies granted by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to the British Broadcasting Corporation to allow the provision of television and radio services as described at clause 7 and Schedule 1 of the agreement between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation, published on 15 December 2016 (the “Framework Agreement”).”

3. By amending paragraph 9(d) to the Licence to insert a reference to the date on which the Framework Agreement has been published, as follows:

“(d) the term “Framework Agreement” means the Agreement between Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation published on 15 December 2016 which contains a statement to the effect that it is a Framework Agreement made for BBC Charter purposes;”

4. By amending paragraph 9(e) to the Licence to replace the reference to the date on which the BBC Charter is due to end, from 31 December 2016 to 31 December 2027.

Ofcom hereby gives the Licensee notice that the Licence shall be varied with effect from 16 December 2016.

This document shall be construed as if it formed part of the Licence and shall be governed by English law.

SIGNED FOR OFCOM ON 16 DECEMBER 2016



Lauren Cleverley
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