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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information in relation to radio bands. We received this request on 26 January 2022 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your questions and our response

1. *'I like to know how many people in the last decade has ofcom prosecuted for illegally using SSB or AM on 27.555mhz or and other none legal UK band.'*

All bands are legal if a licence is held or if they are covered by an exemption. The frequency 27.555MHz is not part of the CB allocation, and therefore use is not covered by the exemption and it would be unlicensed. Anyone using SSB or AM on 27.555MHz would require a license. It follows that we have not prosecuted anyone in the last 10 years for illegal use of SSB or AM on 27.555MHz.

2. *'And also does ofcom even still monitor the CB bands?'*

Ofcom are legally allowed to monitor all UK bands in the course of their investigations, and this includes the CB bands.

3. *'And also how many people have ofcom prosecuted in the last decade for the use of old AM and SSB radios imported in to the UK from America'*

To date, Ofcom has not prosecuted anyone for the use of AM and SSB radios.

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

Yours sincerely,

Eleanor Scott

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

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 responding to 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 information.requests@ofcom.org.uk.

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:

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