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### Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning prosecutions for using a VHF marine radio without a license. Your request was received on 16 May 2022 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### Your request and our response.

*How many persons per year for the last 10 years have been prosecuted and or fined for using a VHF marine radio, at sea, without a valid license?*

*If there have been no prosecutions, in what year was the last person prosecuted or fined.*

#### Our response

Please note that we only hold accurate information on cases from July 2016 as that is when our current Case Records Management system was introduced.

According to our records, no person has been prosecuted and/or fined for using a VHF marine radio at sea without a valid license in those records.

If you have any further queries, then please send them to [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Zach Westbrook

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](mailto: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. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#). Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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