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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information asking for a list of current licence holders issued by Ofcom. We received this request on 27 August 2022 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'FOI Act'). This follows on from your previous request, case number 01500683.

Your request

You asked:

Please provide me with a list of licence holders for (1) Ships' (& Portable) Radio and (2) PMSE.

Our response

We do hold information in scope of your request.

Ships and PR licences:

Ofcom provides details of these licences externally to the International Telecommunication Union, or 'ITU' (a UN body). The information requested can be found on the [MARS database](#) on the ITU's website. To get the information on UK licences, you need to search for country code G.

PMSE:

Annex 1 provides a list of PMSE licence holders. Please note that PMSE licences are mostly short term, which means this list will only show 'live' licences at the point of generating.

We have provided the names of business licence holders in the spreadsheet, however we consider that the names of individual licence holders (personal names) are personal information exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act. This provision provides that personal information about persons other than the requester is exempt where its disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. Those principles include that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40 is an absolute exemption under the Act and does not require a public interest test.

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,

Katherine Childs

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. 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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