



Media Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 15

PART 5

REGULATION OF RADIO SERVICES

PROSPECTIVE

47 Radio multiplex licences

- (1) The Broadcasting Act 1996 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 46 (national radio multiplex licences)—
 - (a) in subsection (3)(a), omit “and (f)”;
 - (b) in subsection (4), omit paragraphs (c) to (f);
 - (c) omit subsection (5);
 - (d) in subsection (8)(a)—
 - (i) at the end of sub-paragraph (i) insert “and”;
 - (ii) omit sub-paragraph (ii).
- (3) In section 47 (award of national radio multiplex licences)—
 - (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) in paragraph (b), for “timetables” substitute “timetable”;
 - (ii) also in paragraph (b), omit “and (d)”;
 - (iii) at the end of paragraph (c) insert “and”;
 - (iv) omit paragraphs (d) and (e);
 - (b) omit subsection (3).
- (4) In section 50 (local radio multiplex licences)—
 - (a) in subsection (4), omit paragraphs (c) to (e);
 - (b) in subsection (7)(a)—
 - (i) at the end of sub-paragraph (i) insert “and”;

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(ii) omit sub-paragraph (ii).

(5) In section 51(2) (award of local radio multiplex licences)—

(a) in paragraph (b)—

(i) for “timetables” substitute “timetable”;

(ii) omit “and (d)”;

(b) omit paragraphs (d) and (e);

(c) in paragraph (f), for “living in that area or locality,” substitute “providing or proposing to provide community or local digital sound programme services in the area or locality for which the proposed service is to be provided.”.

(6) In section 54 (conditions of radio multiplex licences)—

(a) in subsection (1)—

(i) omit paragraph (b);

(ii) omit the “and” at the end of paragraph (g);

(iii) after paragraph (h) insert—

“(i) that the holder of the licence publishes information, in such manner as OFCOM consider appropriate, as to the payments to be made by the holders of community, local and national digital sound programme licences for the broadcasting of their services under the licence, and

(j) that the holder of the licence provides to OFCOM information, in such manner as OFCOM consider appropriate, on the community, local and national digital sound programme services provided for broadcasting by means of the service.”;

(b) in subsection (5)—

(i) omit “or (b)”;

(ii) for “section 42(3)(b)” substitute “section 42(3)”;

(c) omit subsections (6) to (6B).

(7) In section 54A(6) (variation of radio multiplex licences), for the words from “doing so” to the end substitute “the coverage area of the licensed service would not (as a result of the variation) be unacceptably reduced.”

(8) In section 58 (duration and renewal of radio multiplex licences)—

(a) omit subsection (4)(a)(ii);

(b) in subsection (11), omit “and supplementary proposals”.

(9) In consequence of the amendment made by subsection (6)(c), omit section 315 of the Communications Act 2003.

Commencement Information

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