

Digital Economy Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 24

Independent radio services

36 Renewal of radio multiplex licences

(1) After section 58 of the Broadcasting Act 1996 insert-

"58A Renewal of radio multiplex licences: supplementary

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
 - (a) amend section 58, and
 - (b) make further provision about the renewal of radio multiplex licences.
- (2) The regulations may, in particular, make provision about—
 - (a) the circumstances in which OFCOM may renew a radio multiplex licence,
 - (b) the period for which a licence may be renewed,
 - (c) the information that OFCOM may require an applicant for renewal of a licence to provide,
 - (d) the requirements that must be met by such an applicant,
 - (e) the grounds on which OFCOM may refuse an application for renewal of a licence,
 - (f) payments to be made in respect of a licence following its renewal, and
 - (g) further conditions to be included in a licence following its renewal.
- (3) The regulations may, in particular, amend or modify this Part of this Act.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing the regulations may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (5) The power to make regulations under this section may not be exercised after 31 December 2015 (but this does not affect the continuation in force of any regulations made under this section before that date)."

(2) In section 72(1) of that Act (interpretation of Part 2), before the definition of "radio multiplex service" insert—

"radio multiplex licence" means a licence to provide a radio multiplex service;".