

Your response

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Question 1: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposals to make more frequencies available for restricted services?	
Question 2: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposed restricted service standard form Broadcasting Act licence?	
Question 3: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposal to issue existing extended duration SRSL licensees with a restricted service licence on a new frequency at the end of their existing licence term, should they apply for a new licence?	
Question 4: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposal to issue existing LRSL licensees with limited coverage frequencies (if available) at the end of their existing licence term, should they apply to renew their licence?	
Question 5: Do you have any comments on these changes to our application process, as set out in the revised guidance at Annex 4?	

Question 6: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposal to invite the Secretary of State for DCMS to consider making an order which would provide an exception for certain services from the need to hold a Broadcasting Act licence?

Is this response confidential? – N (delete as appropriate)

Very low power short range appropriately FCC approved FM transmitters are permitted in the US to allow people to transmit recorded music (covered by fair use) to accompany lighting sequences, mainly at Christmas & Halloween. This music can then be listened to on the car radios of people that visit the light shows.

The power level of those transmitters is obviously a notch up from the currently allowed UK FM transmitters for personal use, which have a range of only a few feet & are used to connect 'phones and the like to car radios. That use is probably now defunct anyway due to Bluetooth & USB.

Holiday lighting is a rapidly growing hobby in the UK.

Its proponents spend very significant amounts of their own time & money to bring joy to the community, and it is often used to attract donations to local charities. Currently it is necessary to provide the music through loudspeakers which is potentially disruptive and irritating to neighbours.

No license is required for the use of such appropriately sanctioned equipment in the US.

Question 7: Do you have any comments on Ofcom's proposed fees for restricted services?

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If it was thought necessary perhaps a nominal fee along the lines of the HAM license for the use of the equipment stated above might be appropriate?