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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Wireless Telegraphy (Limitation of Number of Licences) Order 2025

Made - - - -	*16th June 2025*
Coming into force	*7th July 2025*

The Office of Communications ("OFCOM") make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29(1) to (3) and section 122(7) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006(**a**) (the "Act").

Before making this Order, OFCOM have given notice of their proposal to do so in accordance with section 122(4)(a) of the Act, published notice of their proposal in accordance with section 122(4)(b) of the Act, and have considered the representations made to them before the time specified in the notice in accordance with section 122(4)(c) of the Act.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Limitation of Number of Licences) Order 2025 and comes into force on 7th July 2025.

(2) This Order does not extend to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Limitation of licences

2.—(1) The Office of Communications ("OFCOM") shall grant a limited number of wireless telegraphy licences for the use of frequencies in the following frequency bands—

(a) 25.1 to 27.5 gigahertz; and

(b) 40.5 to 43.5 gigahertz.

(2) In determining the number of licences to be granted for the use of frequencies in these frequency bands and the persons to whom the licences will be granted, OFCOM shall apply the procedure set out in the Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Award) Regulations 2025(**b**).

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For and on behalf of the Office of Communications

16th June 2025

(**a**) 2006 c. 36.
(**b**) S.I. 2025/669.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies frequencies for which the Office of Communications ("OFCOM") will grant wireless telegraphy licences.

Article 2(1) provides that a limited number of licences will be granted for the use of frequencies in the specified frequency bands. Article 2(2) sets out the criteria that OFCOM will apply in determining the limit on the number of licences and the persons to whom the licences will be granted.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect of this Order is available on OFCOM's website at www.ofcom.org.uk. Hard copies of this assessment can be obtained free of charge by writing to OFCOM at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1 9HA (tel. 020 7981 3000). Copies of this assessment have also been placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament.

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