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Captain Stephen Bligh  
Chief Executive  
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Dear Captain Bligh

You will be aware that Ofcom proposes to reform ships' radio licensing in order to reduce the regulatory burden on radio users. Key proposals are as follows;

- 1) To make ship radio licenses valid for the life of the vessel (they are currently renewable annually)
- 2) To make electronic licenses (probably issued as Adobe PDF documents) available free of charge.

A copy of the consultation document is available on our website at the following address <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/src/>

I understand that the MCA had a concern that this proposal could lead to an increase in the level of outdated or inaccurate information being held on the ships' radio licensing database but that you remain content for us to proceed with these proposals.

I would like to suggest that we meet sometime in April to provide me with an opportunity to better understand your views both in relation to this consultation and also to the use of maritime spectrum in general.

If that is ok with you, I will ask my PA to contact your office in order to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Vic Brashko  
Operations Director