STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 904

BROADCASTING

The Broadcasting Act 1996 (Renewal of Local Radio Multiplex Licences) Regulations 2015

Made - - - -	*24th March 2015*
Coming into force - -	*6th April 2015*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 58A of the Broadcasting Act 1996(**1**) and section 200 of the Broadcasting Act 1990(**2**).

In accordance with section 58A(4) of that Act, the draft of these Regulations was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Broadcasting Act 1996 (Renewal of Local Radio Multiplex Licences) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 6th April 2015.

Amendments to the Broadcasting Act 1996

2. In section 58(2)(b)(**3**) of the Broadcasting Act 1996 (duration and renewal of national or local radio multiplex licences), after "that date" insert—

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but nothing in this subsection prevents section 58ZA from applying in relation to any licence.".

3. After section 58 of the Broadcasting Act 1996, insert—

"**Renewal of local radio multiplex licences**

58ZA.—(1) The holder of a local radio multiplex licence may apply to OFCOM for a renewal of that licence if that person has completed the works necessary to ensure that, as a minimum, coverage of the multiplex service in the area or locality in which the licence is granted complies with the coverage plan for that area or locality.

(2) A licence renewed under this section is to expire on 31st December 2030.

(**1**) 1996 c.55. Section 58A was inserted by section 36(1) of the Digital Economy Act 2010 (c.24).
(**2**) 1990 c. 42. Section 147 of the Broadcasting Act 1996 states that provisions in Parts I and II of that Act (which includes section 58A) should be construed as if they were provisions of the Broadcasting Act 1990.
(**3**) Section 58(2) was amended by section 261 of the Communications Act 2003 (c.21).