

Broadcast and On Demand Bulletin

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Provision of information: relevant turnover submission, various licensees

Type of case	Broadcast Licence Conditions
Outcome	In Breach
Service	Various
Date & time	n/a
Category	Provision of information: relevant turnover submission
Summary	13 Licensees failed to submit their Relevant Turnover return for 2023, 2 subsequently submitted a late return. Breach of Licence Condition 8(1).

Introduction

Each licensee is required to submit to Ofcom an annual statement of its Relevant Turnover for the previous calendar year. The provision of this information is a licence requirement for all radio licensees. The information is used by Ofcom to fulfil its market reporting obligations and, for some licence types, it enables Ofcom to determine the fees for the following year.

A number of radio licensees failed to submit their Relevant Turnover return to Ofcom by the deadline specified.

Ofcom considered that this raised issues warranting investigation under Licence Condition 8(1) which states:

"The Licensee shall furnish Ofcom in such a manner and at such times as Ofcom may reasonably require such documents, accounts, returns, estimates, reports, notices or other information as Ofcom may require for the purpose of exercising the functions assigned to it by or under the 1990 Act, the 1996 Act or the Communications Act." Failure to provide Relevant Turnover information to Ofcom when requested represents a significant breach of a broadcast licence, as it means that Ofcom is unable to properly carry out its regulatory duties.

Decision

In Breach – late provision of return

The following licensees failed to submit their Relevant Turnover return(s) for 2023 in accordance with the deadline, but subsequently submitted a late return. These licensees have therefore been found **in breach of Licence Condition 8(1) of their Local Digital Sound Programme licence(s)**:

Licensee	Service name	Licence Number
Hope FM Ministries Limited	Hope FM	DP102906BA
Smart Broadcast Ltd	Love Life Radio	DP104962BA

In Breach - non-provision of return

The following licensees failed to submit their Relevant Turnover return(s) for 2023 in accordance with the deadline. These licensees have therefore been found **in breach of Licence Condition 8(1) of their Local Digital Sound Programme licence(s)**:

Licensee	Service name	Licence Number
Fiesta FM CIC	Fiesta FM	DP104917BA
GN Radio UK Limited	GN Radio UK	DP104828BA
Invictus Holdings Southwest Limited	SoulTrain Radio	DP102223BA
Mahomed Jussab	Ramadan Radio Live	DP103268BA
Meyhem Media Limited	Metal Meyhem Radio	DP102357BA
	Unity Radio (for Small Scale	
North West Media Limited	Trial DAB)	DP101147BA
NotesPerfect	Rootz N' Rockerz	DP103029BA
Oldham FM Limited	Mom's Spaghetti	DP101091BA
Revival FM (Glasgow) Limited	Revival Radio	DP102848BA
	Trickstar Radio (for small	
Simon Twiddy	scale DAB), Trickstar Radio	DP101675BA
UKMusicGroup Ltd	UNITY DAB	DP103655BA