

# Supplementary Amendment

## CAP670 Air Traffic Services Safety Requirements

Safety and Airspace Regulation Group  
Safety and Business Delivery



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### Wireless Telegraphy Act Radio Licence requirements

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 Under the Wireless Telegraphy Act (WTA) 2006, Article 8, it is unlawful to establish or use a wireless telegraphy station or install or use wireless telegraphy apparatus except under and in accordance with a licence granted by Ofcom.

1.2 To ensure that aeronautical ground station radio transmission equipment is being used legally, a check is undertaken during air traffic services audits that appropriate WTA licences are held and are valid. In accordance with CAP670 COM02.19, failure to renew a Wireless telegraphy Act Licence aeronautical radio licence invalidates the associated Air Navigation Order (ANO) CAA-issued approval for the requirement.

#### 2. Background

2.1 Recent oversight audits have highlighted that there have been some delays experienced during the WTA radio licence renewal process, outwith the control of the ATS unit, that has resulted in potential unintended consequences regarding the ongoing validity of the ANO approvals for ATS equipment.

2.2 In coordination with Ofcom, we have determined that a distinction needs to be drawn between a delayed renewal of a WTA radio licence and a formal revocation of the licence by Ofcom. A licence revocation leads to withdrawal of the specific frequency assignment which would be unacceptable for the ongoing use of safety related equipment by ATS units under an ANO approval.

#### 3. Revised CAP670 requirement

3.1 With effect from 27 May 2021, CAP670 COM02.19 is amended to state:

COM 02.19 **Revocation, amendment or voluntary surrender of a Wireless Telegraphy Act aeronautical radio licence will invalidate the associated ANO Approval.**  
**Revocation, amendment or voluntary surrender of a Wireless Telegraphy Act will result in**

~~the~~ If a Service Provider does not renew their Wireless Telegraphy Act aeronautical radio licence within a reasonable period of that licence becoming invalid, associated frequency assignment ~~being~~ will be withdrawn. Co-incident with the withdrawal of the frequency assignment the ANO Approval will be withdrawn. Renewal after the withdrawal of the ANO Approval will be treated as a new application, which may lead to delay and Service Provider expense in re-establishing an Aeronautical Radio Station.

**Note:** All new ATS Aeronautical Radio Stations must have been assessed under the ANO (2016) Article 205 by the CAA before a Wireless Telegraphy Act aeronautical radio licence can be issued.

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3.2 This change will be incorporated into CAP670 at the next amendment in due course.

#### **4. Queries**

4.1 Any queries or further guidance required on the content of this supplementary amendment should be addressed to:

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