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## Introduction

The Communications Act allows for the Codes of the legacy regulators to remain in force until such time as Ofcom has developed its own Codes. Ofcom has consulted on its new draft Code.

The new Code will be published this year.

The Codes and rules currently in force for broadcast content are:

- Advertising and Sponsorship Code (Radio Authority)
- News & Current Affairs Code and Programme Code (Radio Authority)
- Code on Standards (Broadcasting Standards Commission)
- Code on Fairness and Privacy (Broadcasting Standards Commission)
- Programme Code (Independent Television Commission)
- Programme Sponsorship Code (Independent Television Commission)
- Rules on the Amount and Scheduling of Advertising

From time to time adjudications relating to advertising content may appear in the bulletin in relation to the application of formal sanctions by Ofcom.

*Copies of the full adjudications for Upheld and Not Upheld Fairness and Privacy cases can be found on the Ofcom website: [www.ofcom.org.uk](http://www.ofcom.org.uk)*

## **Failure to provide recordings**

### **Radio Ramadhan (Preston)**

*22 October, 22:00*

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#### **Introduction**

Radio Ramadhan (Preston) was granted a Restricted Service Licence from 16 October to 16 November 2004.

We received a complaint from an Imam who had taken part in a discussion programme and felt that he had been unfairly treated.

We also received 58 complaints from listeners who were offended by the treatment of the Imam.

#### **Response**

We asked for a recording of the station's output at the time specified by the complainants. The station failed to provide it.

#### **Decision**

As no recording was available, we were unable to listen to the station's output. It is a condition of the licence that licensees provide recordings as required by the regulator. The failure to provide a recording is a serious breach of a licence. This will be held on record and taken into account should a new licence be applied for in future.

**The station was in breach of Condition 8 of its Restricted Service Licence (Retention and production of recordings).**

## Fairness and Privacy cases

Where a complaint is not upheld there is only a note of the outcome. For a copy of the full adjudication, whether the complaint is upheld or not, go to Ofcom's website at [www.ofcom.org.uk/bulletins/](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/bulletins/) or send a stamped addressed envelope to: Ofcom, Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA.

# Summary of Adjudication

## Complaint by Mr X

*The Real Little Britain, BBC3, 19 October 2004*

Ofcom has upheld a complaint from Mr X that his privacy was unwarrantably infringed in *The Real Little Britain*.

The programme featured a former pupil of Mr X's who revealed that, as a schoolboy, he had had a "crush" on him. Mr X complained that his privacy was unwarrantably infringed in the programme because he was named and personal information about his profession was included.

Ofcom acknowledged Mr X's concern over the disclosure of this personal information and considered that it infringed his privacy. The infringement of privacy was not warranted since it was not justified by an overriding public interest or for any other reason. Exploring the former pupil's experience of his sexual awakening and realisation that he was gay was not in itself enough reason to disclose Mr X's personal information.

Unfairness – upheld.

For a full copy of the adjudication go to Ofcom's website at [www.ofcom.org.uk](http://www.ofcom.org.uk) or send a stamped addressed envelope to: Ofcom, Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA.

## Other programmes not in breach/out of remit

8 March– 21 March

Programme	Trans Date	Channel	Category	No of Complaints
10 Years Younger	-	Channel 4	Offence	1
100 Greatest Cartoons	27/02/2005	Channel 4	Sexual Portrayal	1
101 Things Removed from the Human Body	08/07/2004	Channel 4	Offence	1
101 Things Removed from the Human Body	09/07/2004	Channel 4	Offence	2
101 Things Removed from the Human Body	13/07/2004	Channel 4	Offence	1
Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway	12/03/2005	ITV1	Sexual Portrayal	1
BBC News	22/02/2005	BBC1	Offence	1
BBC News	-	BBC1	Offence	1
BBC Radio 1 News	08/03/2005	BBC Radio 1	Language	1
Bend it like Beckham	03/01/2005	BBC1	Language	3
Blame It on the Parents	17/03/2005	BBC2	Offence	1
Brat Camp	08/03/2005	Channel 4	Language	1
Bremner, Bird & Fortune	06/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	5
Channel 4 News	08/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
Casanova	05/03/2005	BBC3	Scheduling	1
Casualty	05/03/2005	BBC1	Offence	1
CD:UK	23/10/2004	ITV1	Offence	1
Channel 4 News	28/02/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
Channel 4 News	08/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
Channel 4 News	10/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
Coach Trip	08/03/2005	Channel 4	Language	1
Coach Trip	14/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
Comic Aid	26/02/2005	BBC1	Language	1
Comic Relief 2005	11/03/2005	BBC1	Offence	1
Comic Relief Does Fame Academy	06/03/2005	BBC1	Language	1
Coronation Street	28/02/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
Coronation Street	04/03/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
Coronation Street	06/03/2005	ITV1	Violence	1
dick and dom in da bungalow	05/03/2005	BBC1	Offence	1
Diets from Hell	26/02/2005	ITV2	Offence	1
Dispatches	28/02/2005	Channel 4	Impartiality	1
Driving Mum and Dad Mad	16/03/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
Eastenders	02/03/2005	BBC1	Offence	1
Eurovision: Making Your Mind Up	05/03/2005	BBC1	Offence	1
Falling	06/03/2005	ITV1	Sexual Portrayal	1
Five News	08/03/2005	Five	Sexual Portrayal	1
Footballers' Wives	09/03/2005	ITV1	Religious Offence	1
Footballers' Wives	18/03/2005	ITV1	Sexual	1

			Portrayal	
Globo Loco	24/02/2005	ITV1	Sexual Portrayal	1
GMTV	22/02/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
GMTV	03/03/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
ITV News	23/02/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
ITV News	22/02/2005	ITV1	Impartiality	1
ITV News	28/02/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
ITV News	11/03/2005	ITV1	Impartiality	1
ITV News Channel	09/02/2005	ITV News Channel	Offence	1
Jeremy Vine	08/03/2005	BBC1	Impartiality	1
Jonathan Dimbleby	06/03/2005	ITV1	Impartiality	1
LBC Programme	15/02/2005	LBC97.3	Offence	1
Let 'Em All In	08/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	2
London Tonight	08/03/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
Make Me a Supermodel	14/03/2005	Five	Offence	2
Mega Structures	28/02/2005	Five	Offence	1
Midsomer Murders	05/03/2005	ITV1	Scheduling	2
Mike Mendoza	17/03/2005	Talksport	Offence	1
My Parents Are Aliens	15/03/2005	ITV1	Religious Offence	1
Newsnight	03/03/2005	BBC2	Misleading	1
No Angels	11/03/2005	E4	Offence	1
Off The Ball	05/09/2004	BBC Radio Scotland	Religious Offence	1
Outlaws	06/03/2005	BBC2	Offence	1
Parkinson	26/02/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
Pete & Geoff Breakfast	04/02/2005	VIRGIN105.8FM	Offence	1
Pete & Geoff Breakfast	23/02/2005	VIRGIN105.8FM	Offence	3
Radio 5	12/02/2005	BBC Radio 5	Offence	1
Red Hot Films	22/02/2005	Red Hot Channel	Offence	1
Red Hot Films	25/02/2005	Red Hot Channel	Offence	1
Richard and Judy	23/11/2004	Channel 4	Language	1
Richard and Judy	10/12/2004	Channel 4	Language	1
Richard and Judy	01/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
Room 101	08/03/2005	BBC2	Religious Offence	1
Sex: The Annabel Chong Story	13/03/2005	Channel 4	Sexual Portrayal	2
Shameless	01/03/2005	E4	Offence	1
Shameless	08/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	5
South Today	09/02/2005	BBC1	Offence	1
Spooks	29/11/2004	BBC1	Offence	5
T4	26/02/2005	Channel 4	Sexual Portrayal	1
T4	27/02/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
Talksport	14/02/2005	Talksport	Offence	1
Talksport	22/02/2005	Talksport	Offence	1
Talksport	02/03/2005	Talksport	Offence	1
Talksport	14/03/2005	Talksport	Offence	1

Television X	03/02/2005	Television X	Sexual Portrayal	1
That Mitchell and Webb Sound	10/03/2005	BBC Radio 4	Religious Offence	1
The A-Z of Love and Sex	09/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
The Bill	03/01/2005	ITV1	Violence	1
The Bitchiest Ever TV Moments	28/02/2005	Five	Language	1
The Chris Moyles Show	07/03/2005	BBC Radio 1	Language	1
The District	09/03/2005	ITV1	Violence	1
The Farm	10/09/2004	Five	Offence	2
The Friday Night Project	04/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
The Friday Night Project	07/01/2005	Channel 4	Language	1
The Gadget Show	04/03/2005	Five	Offence	1
The Horror Film Channel	18/01/2005	Horror Channel	Scheduling	1
The Idiots (pre tx)	-	Channel 4	Sexual Portrayal	1
The Joy of Sex Education	21/09/2004	Channel 4	Offence	1
The News Quiz	05/03/2005	BBC Radio 4	Language	1
The OC	23/09/2004	Channel 4	Advertising	1
The Simpsons	06/03/2005	Sky One	Violence	1
The Simpsons	10/03/2005	Sky One	Language	1
The Wright Stuff	16/03/2005	Five	Offence	1
Three's Out-Takes	26/02/2005	BBC3	Language	1
Today with Des & Mel	16/11/2004	ITV	Offence	2
Today with Des & Mel	25/02/2005	ITV1	Advertising	1
Tonight with Trevor McDonald	07/03/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
Top Up TV	01/01/2004	Five	Advertising	1
Torture: The Guantanamo Guidebook	28/02/2005	Channel 4	Offence	2
Trisha	17/03/2005	ITV1	Offence	1
Trisha Goddard	24/02/2005	Five	Misleading	1
Uncut! Best Unseen Ads	26/02/2005	Sky One	Offence	1
Vibe FM	-	VIBE 101	Offence	1
When Camilla Met the Princes	07/03/2005	Five	Offence	1
Who Rules the Roost?	20/01/2005	BBC3	Offence	1
Wife Swap	02/02/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
X-Rated: The TV They Tried to Ban	06/03/2005	Channel 4	Offence	1
XFM	08/09/2004	XFM	Offence	1
Zee Music	24/01/2005	Zee Music	Offence	1