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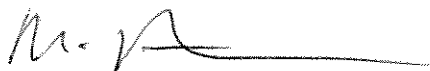
Dear Sirs

I am writing this to notify yourselves of my concerns at the proposals put forward by your organization regarding the future of amateur radio licensing in the United Kingdom.

I feel the proposals put forward will NOT in any way be in the best interests of this important scientific hobby. One, which has been responsible for a good number of technical advances in the world of communications and electronics. Deregulation of our hobby would undermine our credibility globally, and open the floodgates to a free for all. Also the issue of a long-term licence or one for life is fraught with problems not least one of maintaining an accurate and up to date data base of ALL licence holders. Then there is the problem ensuring that those wishing to embark upon the hobby are able to gain the necessary qualifications to enable them to conduct themselves within the hobby in a safe and competent manner. Again an important issue both globally and domestically.

To this end I feel that the only sensible solution is to MAINTAIN amateur radio licensing as is, or at least have the courtesy to consult with the RSGB and those who understand the future needs of amateur radio in the UK and LISTEN to their views BEFORE making any changes to the licensing system.

Yours truly,



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