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Mr

Forename:

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Representing:

Organisation

Organisation (if applicable):

Amateur Radio

Email:

What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

No

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

Question 1:Do you agree with the proposal to include, as a matter of course, the 470 kHz and 5 MHz bands into the Licence for all Amateur Radio (Full) licensees?:

YES

Question 2:Do you agree that expressly linking a Full (Club) Licensee?s authorisation to use the spectrum to his or her representation of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include

circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

YES

Question 3:Do you agree that Ofcom should include a further ground of revocation in the Licence as proposed above in order better to align Clause 4 with the definition of 'Disqualified Person'?:

YES

Question 4:Do you agree that the word 'automatically' should be removed from Clause 4(5) of the Licence, in relation to the revocation of the Licence for failure to comply with the revalidation requirements?:

YES

Question 5:Do you agree that Clause 15 of the Licence should be updated to reflect the wording included in Ofcom's General Licence Conditions Booklet?:

YES

Question 6:Do you agree that Clause 13 of the Licence should be amended to allow for a simpler, more flexible approach for identifying Amateur Radio stations?:

No. It may lead to confusion and possibly some misuse by unauthorised (non-licensed) stations. Maintain the status quo.
Also, having a separate 5MHz ruling makes for an overall inconsistent licence condition.

Question 7:Given the current uncertainty amongst Radio Amateur licensees in relation to Clause 2(2), do you believe that it would be a practical solution for Ofcom to remove this Clause and to insert additional wording into Clause 13, as proposed above?:

Re Call signs Yes.

But suggestion of making sending of RSL information optional is inconsistent and plain confusing. The present use of RSLs is MUCH better and more consistent. Just needs clearer guidelines for foreign licensees coming to the UK in using the M0 (or MW, MM, MI etc) prefix.

Question 8:Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal to amend Clause 2(3) of the Licence to require Intermediate licensees to transmit a call sign that reflects the location of their main station?:

Yes - continue as at present, but also include Full and Foundation licensees under the same basis for RSLs.

Re: para 2-90 This is an opportunity to permit Air Mobile (/AM) in the licence, given clear understanding of the need to obtain an aircraft pilot's permission to operate any transmitting equipment. Commercially, the use of mobile phones is becoming permitted in certain circumstances.

Question 9:Do you agree that replacing Clauses 2(1) and 16(1) with a new Clause to simplify and bring together all of the licence conditions relating to the operation of radio equipment away from the Main Station address will make these provisions clearer?:

YES

Question 10:Do you agree that the proposed changes will clarify RAYNET operation under the Licence?:

YES