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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

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What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

No

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

nothing

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

Following the exchange with someone from the Regulatory Body this last week, most of my ideas need to be corroborated with archive information on how the licences were controlled years ago; when there was little or no problems reported

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

NO

I think that the old way was still the best way. The club call sign remains with the club until the club or association fails or is wound up. If the Club call sign is a FULL licence then all the members listed on the licence can use the full spectrum and likewise where the club call is an Intermediate, the intermediate rules apply (The Hillingdon ARC of which I was a member had originally G1DXY where even G4s operated ONLY on VHF & above, and later GOHIL where every member could and did operate on Full Licence conditions. These old rules worked extremely well, until the rules were changed and now it seems that the calls have been reclaimed by ex members

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 & NO.... need to quantify exactly what is a disqualified person

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 (I live in France, run a business, have a family and find it difficult to remember each 5yr renewal, would it not be better for the Ofcom to just send a reminder email to the licensee just to jog his memory??)

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 in principle

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?:

YES... seems like a good idea, especially when big groups are in place

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?:

OK for simplification purposes

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 theoretically.... the problem is that in the past, someone decided on their own to modify the way the call signs were allocated and the way they work. This person obviously had ZERO appreciation of the subscribers involved and the call sign allocation process rapidly became a farcical affair. You really need some licensed amateurs to act as consultants for you (if needed, I am available)

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?:

OK but, you have to sort out the messes left by previous administrations before. The suffixes always used to work very well

/A temporary location (hotel room etc)

/M mobile

/MM maritime mobile (whether at quay or navigating)(canal boats to use /M)

/P Portable operations

There are many countries who allow aircraft mobile, and have never understood why the UK was always against this.... /AM could be a useful addition for hot air balloon working but I am aware that commercial airline companies are almost wholeheartedly against amateur operations in a commercial airliner (except for a Dutch KLM pilot heard recently operating with a legitimate amateur call at 60 000ft over West Africa.... they whole worlds heard him and it was bedlam)

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

YES... this starts to gal in line with other EC countries rules where RAYNET operation fits in very well with traditional services (Fire, Police etc) and everyone works very well all together