

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Keith

Surname:

Ballinger

Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

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:

I would like to thank OFCOM for allowing input from individual amateurs on this subject, rather than simply imposing the changes without consultation.

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?:

In principal, yes; however I have concerns about the subject of preventing interference to electronic equipment from 470kHz transmissions being the responsibility of the amateur rather than being a matter of investigation as to the suceptability of the equipment to such interference.

Also, on the subject of 5MHz, there appears to be an issue where any amateur considering

portable operation would need to provide a phone number to OFCOM. This may present an undue burden on OFCOM whereby any proposed casual portable operation would require that amateur to contact OFCOM to provide the necessary information.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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

Yes

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?:

No. I believe that removing the RSL from a call-sign would only add to confusion as to the location of a specific station. It has been established procedure for many years that the RSL is added or changed as appropriate, and this is recognised by the amateur fraternity world-wide. To use a well-worn phrase - 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it!'

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?:

No. I see no reason to change the current practice of altering E, W, M, or any other RSL in accordance with the location of the station. The same comment applies as per Question 7 - i.e. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"!

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