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Mr

Forename:

Jim

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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:

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 in principle although I am unsure as to the necessity for the Phone requirement given that Ofcom do not keep an up to date database of contact numbers for the general amateur population, which I assume is part of the current NOV process, this may require more work on OFCOMs part than was envisaged/

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circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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, this is a good move as there should be no doubt that the club licence is the responsibility and "Property" of the Club not an individual member (or worse an ex member)

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 - There are far too many people flouting the existing rules, leave it as it is, the vast majority of contacts are nowhere near long enough for this to be an issue so there is no need for change.

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 cannot see where OFCOM have gotten the idea that there is some confusion on this matter, It is straightforward my core call is G1cet (there is no other of whatever variant) and I add the appropriate RSL for whichever part of the UK or Crown dependencies I am currently located, It is as the meerkats would have it - SIMPLES.

It is also of significant use in practical terms especially for use in VHF and above weak signal working as it provides a quick and easy way of identifying a general beam heading before any exchange of details, I have on many occasions sent GI GI GI to encourage other stations to turn beams allowing a subsequent contact to be made.

I can see NO benefit to the proposal to the amateur and cannot see where OFCOM would

derive any either.

If there is a concern about legalistic rigor then let OFCOM issue a general notice that ALL licences are assumed to be of the G or M XYYY format and requiring us to use the appropriate RSL when in the associated geographic area.

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 - there should be no need to change things ONLY for one licence class this would be even more confusing than Q7 proposal !

the IL should remain as per the other licences and KEEP using the RSL as at present and or as outlined in my response to Q7.

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 - this is simple tidy up no issues with it.

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

I have no specific opinion as I have never been involved with RAYNET.