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What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:
Keep organisation confidential
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:
Full Amateur Radio License Holder Call sign MM0XDB
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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?:

Whilst I agree that the bands should be made available to all Full Licence holders without NoV this should be in the same way as other bands we have access on a Secondary basis. The standard wording applicable to other amateur bands should be sufficient.

"Secondary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services inside and outside the UK"

In the section on 472 kHz the wording of 2.26.3 is concerning. Why the addition of electronic equipment? My amateur gear be it homebrew or of commercial origin is built and tested to be as immune from spurious emissions as modern practice allows. This is not the case with modern electronics. My phone interferes with broadcast radio reception and TV and other communications/network equipment. Peoples TV's and other equipment interferes with my enjoyment of the airways. My radio gear has never been that cause of interference to my knowledge.

Also clause 2.26.6, this is largely irrelevant at the power levels in use and once again the existing wording is sufficient.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?:

! Agree

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??:

This section should be aligned with the WT Act.

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 this should be aligned with actual process.

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?:

Whilst I agree that the wording should be changed I would welcome a change to re-introduce a license fee and look forward to a future consultation.

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. This should be amended to retain the current practice ore tightened so that stations identify in the mode in use at the end of each transNo. This should be amended to retain the current practice or tightened so that stations identify in the mode in use at the start or end of each transmission, this is common practise and should include DX and Contest stations in the UKmis

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 - there is absolutely no need to change current practice of secondary locators to identify the country of origin within the UK

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 see question 7

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 in principal. I have no experience of how RAYNET operate but this seems reasonable.