

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Andrew

Surname:

Goldsmith

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?:

No Not as proposed. I M0NKR Andrew, agree that the bands should be made available to all Full Licencees but in exactly the same way as other bands to which amateurs have access on a Secondary basis. The standard wording applicable to other amateur bands should suffice i.e: "Secondary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services inside and outside the UK"

Furthermore some of the proposed clauses set concerning precedents that if subsequently applied to other bands would radically change specific aspects of amateur radio in the UK. Of particular concern is Paragraph 2.26.6, which should be omitted entirely, as well as the phrase

‘electronic equipment’ in 2.26.3

With respect to Paragraph 2.26.6, near-field measurements at these frequencies are very difficult to determine with any accuracy and in any case are irrelevant at the power levels in use. Clause (e) in Notes to Schedule 1 of the existing licence is sufficient and does not need to be reinforced in relation to the 472kHz entry.’

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

I M0NKR Andrew agree that the club call sign should be linked to the club and not to an individual, as problem could occur between the club and an individual and therefore the individual could take the club call with them.
everything should be done so this can not happen.

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':

I M0NKR Andrew agree that everything that can be done to restrict a disqualified person should be done.

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?:

I M0NKR Andrew agree that the word 'automatically' should be removed from the clause.

I personally think that if you can be bothered to re-validate the licence in the set time that you agree to re-claim your licence and that you no longer require it.

I also believe that if you do come back and request your licence after failing to revalidate that you should sit some type of requalification as a refresher, as some may of been away for sometime and operating practices and licensing condition may have changed.

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?:

I M0NKR Andrew do not agree, I think all licences should have a fee applicable to them,

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 – Not as proposed. A clear definition of callsign usage and the current maximum interval of 15-minutes should be retained. However the requirements that a station

must be clearly identifiable at all times and that the identity be given in a format consistent with the modulation in use are supported (but that specific terms such as voice or Morse Code should not be used

I think you will also allow for people to become lazy and for more interference to be caused as licensees wont have to identify there stations.

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 no need to change current mandated and widely accepted practice. Any change of current practice will lead to both confusion and disruption both nationally and internationally. To do otherwise would do away with more than 50 years of practice, widely understood throughout the world and would create far more confusion than is currently alleged to exist

I personally think it should be left well alone, the ammount of changes by other organisations world wide would also have to happen alone with computer software and various other applications world wide

please do not mess with a system that already works!!!

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 disagree – All call sign classes should be treated in the same way by retaining the current clause in respect of the callsign prefix

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?:

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