

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Colin

Surname:

Hall

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:

As there is some confusion as to what constitutes 'the UK' in your licence documents as it is intended to include the Crown Dependencies, may I suggest that the term 'OFCOM Regulated Territories' be used? This could be defined at the start of the document as "The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland plus the Crown Dependencies of Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man".

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

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.

Although the case could be made for deciding that all Radio Amateurs should be capable of remembering to revalidate their licence at regular intervals, in reality there may be reasons for people forgetting or being unable to do this. As is the case, these people can be given written reminders before their licences are revoked, giving them time to revalidate online before this happens. Anyway, why not simply accept that no details have been changed unless you are informed to the contrary and retain the licence validity indefinitely until informed otherwise?

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 is nothing wrong with the present system whereby Radio Amateurs identify at the beginning and end of contacts, plus at least every 15 minutes during the contact. There are already cases of people who rarely, if ever, identify on air (especially on repeaters), and it would simply encourage these individuals to carry on this practice. We are proud of our licensed status, represented by our callsigns, please do not reduce us to a better form of CB operator.

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 do not believe there is any uncertainty whatsoever amongst Radio Amateurs concerning the use of RSLs. If any individuals have found any difficulty in applying the crystal-clear requirement to employ the RSL of the station's LOCATION at time of transmission, then it is difficult to believe they are intelligent enough to have passed the licence examination, to be honest.

In addition, for purposes of many amateur radio awards and distinctions amongst the fraternity, the seven distinct entities included within the OFCOM Regulated Territories are extremely important to us. Foreign amateurs would find it difficult to believe that a Scottish station, transmitting in England, would still employ the GM, MM, or 2M prefix. We would in fact be treated with incredulity and likely be identified as Pirates.

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?:

As I said to Question 7, the point should be moot as all stations should identify their location with the appropriate RSL.

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