

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Jon

Surname:

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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

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?: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

No, Reason, despite assurance that there are no plans to raise a charge at present, These so called small wording changes can open the door to all sorts of changes in the future without further consultation. This I am opposed too

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

The current system is quite clear in my opinion, G /m for england, gw/mw for wales, etc etc. This is the accepted method of identifying the nation in which the station operates. likewise when overseas in a cept country, the call f/gm3abc clearly states a scottish resident station operating in france. it seems perfectly clear to me. Removing these identifiers will particularly affect the amateur radio contest and awards community by making uk stations indistinguishable. Contest operating is one way to encourage self improvement and technical ability in an amateur as he/she strives to do better.

On this issue i maintain the status quo is not broken so it does not need fixing

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 refer to ?7. A station should be issued with a call relevant to their given license nation. This may be amended when they operate mobile or from a temporary location to indicate the region that they are operating from

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, This is a matter for raynet about which i have little knowledge, if it is deemed necessary then fine by me