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**Representing:**

Self

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**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:**

One definition which is in urgent need of change is 17(1)(d) "Amateur"

Using the current definition, clause 11(1) reads

The Licensee shall be permitted to use the Radio Equipment to discuss any topics of mutual interest with other holders of a United Kingdom Amateur Radio Licence.....

ie I am not allowed to talk to amateurs OUTSIDE of the UK !!

I suggest that definition 17(1)(d) be changed to

"Amateur" means a holder of an Amateur Radio Licence

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:**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

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?:**

Definitely NO !

Prescribed identification is an important part of the "Self-training in radio communications" (clause 1(1)(a)). Without such well defined identification procedures, the amateur bands will descend into chaos

The only change I would suggest is to change clause 13(1)(b) to read "at least once every 10 minutes....."

**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

**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

**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?:**

No opinion