

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Peter

Surname:

Howson

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

I agree that the 470 kHz and 5 MHz bands should be included in the Amateur Radio (Full) licence - but I see no reason why there should be any difference in the general conditions for

these two bands should be different to the requirements for those bands to which amateurs have access to on a Secondary basis.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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

Anything which simplifies the issue and holding of club licences with the club is to be welcomed.

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?:

NO

The current requirements are quite adequate.

Any relaxation with no clear definition will increase uncertainty amongst Radio Amateurs regarding identifying their 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

From my experience there is NO uncertainty amongst the vast majority of Radio Amateurs.

Any uncertainty appears to come from an exceedingly small number of Radio Amateurs who do not appear to have understood some fundamental parts of their basic training. The changes proposed, which would rescind over 70 years of practice, will lead to both confusion and disruption both nationally and internationally.

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

This appears contradictory when compared to the proposals outlined for question 7. There is no need to have different requirements for this class of licence, to do so will appear discriminatory show a lack of equality between the different licencing classes.

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