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Mr

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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

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What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

Keep organisation confidential

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 470KHz and 5MHz bands should be accessible to Full licence holders on a secondary basis without having to apply for an NoV, but that it is made 'available on the basis of non-interference to other services inside and outside the UK' as per the standard wording that is applicable to other amateur radio bands.

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circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

No view

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':

No view

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 view

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. Callsigns should have to be issued during contacts at least once every fifteen minutes, as per the current regulations. This is because we are not allowed to work unlicensed stations and if a station decides to only 'ident' every 60 minutes, how are we to tell the difference between an unlicensed station and one that simply only identifies every 60 minutes; we would have to wait up to 60 minutes to hear a callsign before we could work them. Callsigns should be transmitted in a mode consistent to the mode being used for the contact.

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?:

There is no need to change the existing wording, to do so would cause huge confusion with other stations, contest rules, award schemes and other activities right around the world.

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, things should stay as they are for consistency and for the reasons identified above.

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?:

No view

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

No view