

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Andrew

Surname:

Martin

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:

Please see Q7

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?:

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?:

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':

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':

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':

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':

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':

I have been licensed for over 50 years and the fact that RSL's have worked to everyone's benefit; I cannot see any reason whatsoever to remove them. In fact this would be a massive regressive step within the Amateur Radio community, both nationally and internationally.

In October 2013, at the RSGB Convention, this matter was discussed at length - I quote "The function of an amateur call sign is to identify each individual station concisely and unambiguously to any listener around the world (including the monitoring services of other administrations). The established UK system of RSL achieves that in a way that is widely known and understood. Any unilateral change by OFCOM would thus have a negative impact on stakeholders, not only in the UK but around the world. That impact would need to be formally assessed and could only be justified in terms of some overriding need. RSGB sees no such need or justification for changing the existing system."

So how OFCOM can say that there is "uncertainty amongst Radio Amateur licensees in relation to Clause 2(2)," is certainly not true!

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':

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':

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