

Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

Keep name 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?:

This needs to be looked at again. Please do give access to these bands but using the same terms as other bands - ie. the standard wording: 'Secondary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services inside and outside the UK'. Also please omit all of Paragraph 2.26.3 and the words 'electronic equipment' which is far too catch all. We need to retain a certain level of responsibility on the part of equipment manufacturers to ensure that they aren't over prone to interference etc. Without considering those wordings carefully Amateur radio could be ruined as a hobby.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

I'm not sure about this one - it seems like it aims to solve a very niche problem which might be better solved face to face by club members. It might also create a situation where more people start fighting over club call signs if there is a process for it.

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':

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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?:

I prefer to keep the current definition of callsign usage and the current 15min max interval. It would be better to say that the format of the callsign should be consistent with the modulation used rather than to mention morse etc because that will then apply to future developments in data etc.

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 please keep things as they are - I don't think there is very much confusion. Changing things will cause much more confusion.

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?:

Please treat all callsigns in the same way. The proposal introduces unwanted confusion and complexity.

I think Ofcom is confused where we are not - my own callsign was issued with the RSL in it but I know it is an RSL and if in Scotland would change it.

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?:

You probably need to make sure that it is still OK to operate a beacon or use Echolink etc. The proposed wording seems to be a bit problematic in that case. eg. if someone has an echolink station set up but also is driving home and wants to operate mobile.

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

As above, you probably need to make sure that it is still OK to operate a beacon or use Echolink etc. The proposed wording seems to be a bit problematic in that case.