

representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

None

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:

My amateur callsign is G3HCO and I am still active on the HF amateur bands in my 86th year. Amateur radio means a lot to me, and I hope that Amateur Radio continues as an international technical interest/hobby, and that it continues to thrive.

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. Not as proposed. These bands should be available to all Full Licencees, but in the same way as other bands where amateurs have secondary access.

Please use the standard phrase "Secondary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services inside and outside the UK".

Also Paragraph 2.26.6 should be omitted entirely because it would radically change some aspects of amateur radio in the UK.

In addition, the words "electronic equipment" should be removed from Para 2.26.3.

Clause (c) in Notes to Schedule 1 of the existing licence is sufficient to cover the case above.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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

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 I agree.

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?:

I am ambivalent to this change.

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 I agree.

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. Not as proposed.

Please maintain a clear definition of callsign usage, and the 15 minute interval.

I agree that a station must be clearly identifiable at all times (a very significant part of the purpose of amateur radio would disappear if that were not so!) and that this identification should be given in a form appropriate to the form of modulation in use.

The specific terms "voice" or "Morse Code" should not be used (many other forms of communication are involved now, and others will no doubt come into use in the near future).

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. The current mandated, and very widely accepted practice should not be changed.

Changing it would lead to confusion and disruption here in the UK and internationally.

The existing arrangement has been in use for many decades - I know this because I was granted my licence in 1950 - and this arrangement is widely understood around the world.

I would like to know what proportion of UK radio amateurs is alleging that the existing scheme "is confusing"; and for how long have they been licenced Radio Amateurs and active on the air?

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. Please retain the current clause regarding the callsign prefix so that all callsign classes are treated in the same way.

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?:

It is possible that they could.

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

I am not really qualified to answer this question.