

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?:

My views can be read by others but my name and call sign is confidential

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 seems a good idea, I have not used these frequencies for a long time, but would like to in future.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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 myself am the holder of a club license and if I was to relinquish membership of same, then it would seem appropriate for someone else to take over the club license assuming of course he or she was a member.

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'?:

Not sure what a "disqualified person is" but sounds to be someone unfit to hold an amateur radio license club or otherwise. Seems to me that such a person holding a club license should

result in the license being revoked, unless someone else being a club member was to take over the license on behalf of the club. I see this as being simple everyday common sense.

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, all radio amateurs must take responsibility for validating their license as my wife and I do. However, I would like to think that as we get older and may have difficulty in doing same online then a reminder could be sent by post to ensure we do not lose our licenses by a lapse of memory. I have always found the Ofcom staff very helpful on this matter (revalidation) and would like to think a similar attitude will prevail into the future. I would (as would my wife MW0RLD) hate to lose our AR licenses as a result of a lapse of memory in old age.

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?:

Seems a good idea so : 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 have always identified my station at regular intervals and far more frequently than the current 15 minute rule. It is vital that we do not relax this rule (unless working through a repeater possibly) as interested people listening to us should be able to identify who they are hearing without having to wait a long time and when all is said and done, we should be proud to have a radio call sign, so why not use it. I don't understand why some amateurs would object to this?

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?:

Not an issue for me as above answer.

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?:

Yes, all classes of licensee should use the prefix appropriate to where they are operating from within the UK and when abroad under CEPT requirements use the country prefix so listeners know where the signals are coming from. Surely no-one objects to this everyday common sense again?

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?:

Anything to simplify and clarify license conditions has my support, so long as they don't deprive us of the benefits and spectrum we already enjoy as a hobby.

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

Sorry, but not too sure on this one, but would sincerely hope so. I have been involved with RAYNET for 40 years and from a practical standpoint I have never had cause for concern about RAYNET operations at events and live emergencies etc. Any changes that will clarify matters has to be good for RAYNET and the hobby generally.