

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?:

Name confidential.

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

A data base needs to be created to ensure callsigns are genuine, so ALL licenced Amateurs have the opportunity to check for unlawful/illegal stations.

This system to be designed along the lines of the present 'Car Insurance' database without giving personal information.

This feature is absent at the moment & thus encourages much abuse. Effectively there is NO CONTROL.

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?:

I feel this is the best way forward, to limit additional involvement in administration.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?: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 agree there has to full control by OFCOM in maintaining some structure to licence issuing. The present 'set-up' is woolly & inadequate. Revocation has to be used where an individual sees himself/herself in a dictatorial role, whereas a common sense attitude would have been helpful.

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, most definitely. This has to be made to control those individuals whose actions/operations cause offence to law abiding licence holders. In serious cases a lifetime ban, otherwise a 5 or 10 year ban of using the Amateur spectrum. OFCOM has to be SEEN to be operating in a manner to maintain a coherence of adequate principles to protect the privileges given to Radio Amateurs in general. There is NO ROOM for complacency here by OFCOM, absolutely NONE !

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?:

NO. If 'operators' fail to revalidate they lose the licence. This is no different to other forms of government issued documents, viz:- Passport, vehicle licence, gun licence, TV licence etc. There has to be CONTROL otherwise the issuing of licences descends into a 'farce' !

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, to bring everything up to date.

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. Correct 15 minute intervals of a station's Identification has to be maintained. There is already much 'slippage' to this rule which needs attention. The present format has to be continued, otherwise it (Ham Radio) will fall into disrepute to a level to that attributable to 'C B' usage.

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?:

Absolutely NOT. The present system is well understood & does NOT need to be adjusted in anyway. There is NO CONFUSION NOW, so do not add ambiguity.

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?:

Wholly disagree to this proposal. This is an absurd suggestion !!

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 that makes it clearer to the listener to positively identify the station's location has to be considered. No one wants a bureaucratic nightmare of suffixes, additional letters. Radio callsigns have to be immediately identifiable WITHOUT cause for the need of a 'look up' table.

Consideration has to be given for 'CONTEST OPERATIONS' of which many licensees participate.

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

RAYNET OPERATIONS need to be easily & adequately regulated within the Amateur Licence framework, without recourse to other constraints