

**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:**

I thank Ofcom for the chance to put my views on these matters.

**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 Only full licence holders should be permitted to operate under the rule laid down at present. I understand the need to protect others from RF but do not consider it a licence condition. The same goes for the wording of electronic equipment. This definition is far too wide and could cause Ofcom many odd complaints with equipment that is below standard in domestic or commercial use.

**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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?:**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. If I understand this odd question corectly. A club callsign will be held by a member (usually the chairman) under a NoV. This will change when the member no longer represents the club and the NoV is reasigned.

**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??:**

I do not understand the legal implications of this question. I do agree that an Amateur Radio Licence is a privilege that has to be earned and its use respected. Abuse of the privilege should lead to the loss of the licence.

**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. We are all human and do make mistakes especially when there is a 5 year gap between revalidation periods. I would have thought that a little adjustment to the system would enable the RSGB to flag up the need for licence holder to revalidate.

**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?:**

In my experience when using Voice transmission the call sign is often given at the end of each over. On amateur Television it will be given under the 15 minute rule. These rules seem to work well.

The use of CW except when using morse is unacceptable to me.

I see no reason to change good operating practice across the band we may use including the 5 Mhz band.

**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. I do not consider that the practice that we have used over time should be changed. It would cause unnecessary confusion in international contacts and contests.

**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. The location of the transmitting station is very important. The present system built into the callsign gives an instant idea of the stations location.

**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?:**

Yes. To me the stroke A notation tells me that the station calling is not at the main address. Likewise stroke M suggests he is mobile and may be out of range soon. Stroke P is also a useful addition because it suggests the operating station is working under difficult conditions.

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

One of the priviledges of operating a station is the ability to assist the civil authoritys in times of severe stress. RAYNET does this very well and anything to assist the way in which this is done is to be encouraged. I agree.