

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:

Regarding proposed changes to use of call-signs, I feel the relaxation of rules regarding call-sign use may have a detrimental effect of operating practices, what does this statement mean? Quote: "a valid call sign for the station should be transmitted as frequently as is practicable", Does it mean Every seven days or maybe hourly?

Currently we give our call-signs every 15 minutes or if we change frequency etc, etc, is 15 minutes really a burden?

The way the proposed changes are written gives no real indication of when a call-sign should be used, it is altogether too vague.

Amateur radio is supposed to promote "self-training in radio communications" and is apparently seen as a valuable recruitment aid into technically related professions, should we really be considering changes to regulations that may erode operating standards? Yes we are amateurs by name but does that mean we have to forgo any standards we may currently have and join the ranks of other radio hobbyist's who's lack of formal licensing conditions leads to some of the most distasteful behaviour you may encounter. Please don't relax regulations too much as I feel it could well be the thin end of the proverbial wedge.

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?:

Yes

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circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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

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

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?:

Absolutely No

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?:

Yes

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

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

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

Yes