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Mr

Forename:

David

Surname:

Perry

Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

No

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:

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 it is proposed. I have a problem with the words and may not claim protection from other wireless telegraphy or electronic equipment"

This opens the doors to almost any cheaply made, RF dirty equipment, solar panels, heating controls, wifi or internet distribution system. If amateurs have a licence (currently issued free at OfCom's behest), and if amateurs have conditions and responsibilities that come with that licence, then amateurs must also have some assurances.

Furthermore, consider the future: if you allow unchallenged QRM it also means you've allowed the equipment to proliferate: you'll struggle to clean it up at a later date if the amateur bands subsequently get sold or changed!

Please don't do this.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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

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. The word adds unnecessary pressure. Revocation should be preceded by a letter to the last known address of the main station.

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?:

No, not as it stands. You can't have carte blanche to review costs (and they can really only go UP since they are now free) AND have no responsibility to protect us from QRM.

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. The current system works fine unless you lot spend hours and hours trying to track down vagrant amateurs; in which case, why? I can use QRZ.COM and find almost anyone in seconds.

Furthermore, as an amateur operator I am not interested in the stations main address, only where he or she is operating from NOW, at the time of the QSO.

Many amateur contests and awards are based on current licence callsigns and area prefixes. No, they aren't perfect, but they have been made to work over the years. It isn't broke, please don't try to fix it.

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, not really. Is there uncertainty? The primary and secondary callsign elements have been in common use for decades: I have never met anyone who is confused by them. I accept that some people will forget occasionally, but (a) the world goes on and (b) your proposals won't stop that.

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, go to QRZ.COM instead. It's a fruitless burden.

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?:

I have no opinion.