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Mr

Forename:

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Surname:

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Representing:

Organisation

Organisation (if applicable):

Poole Radio Society

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:

Club members have had opportunity to make personal responses and contribute to a Club response.

In making this response the Licence Holder has attempted to gather the general feeling of the members through open discussion and individuals opinions in order to make a fair assessment of the groups feelings.

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 proposed.

These bands should be available to all Full Licence holders to use on the normal Secondary Use basis. i.e..Non interference to other stations inside and outside the UK.

2.26.3 Delete 'or electronic equipment'

2.26.6 Accurate measurement at these frequencies is difficult. Power is also low.

Notes to Schedule 1 should suffice.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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

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. Agree.

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. Agree.

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.

Existing requirements are clear.

Maximum time (15m).

Method (Callsign).

Mode (Consistent with the modulation in use).

There is no need to identify specific mode such as SSB / CW etc.

No need to change.

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.

The current practice is universally accepted.

Both National and International confusion would occur if the proposed changes were made.

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 current clause is equitable for all classes of call sign.

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. Agree.

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

No. Not as proposed although it may help RAYNET operations.

The problem arises because the operator is passing a message on behalf of a User Service and is REQUESTED to encrypt it. This would clearly contravene the licence conditions unless it was acceptable for a decoding key being held by a competent monitoring authority and such a system was embodied within clause 11.2

If the message was pre-encrypted by the User Service, the Operator could not reasonably be accountable for it.

Greater thought needs to be applied to this issue and a new wording found to solve the problem.