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Mr

Forename:

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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:

I would like the consideration of remote operation and that of unattended operation to be considered and allowing intermediate and full license holders to have low power unattended packet radio stations (etc) also the ability to operate a station at the license home from a remote desktop (say in the office) I hope this newer technology can be considered in the license and as a way forward too.

Thanks

James / 2e1avx

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, I think these additional bands and any going forward should be granted by request NOV. This helps the user fully understand the requirements of the band and any additional rules of operation around it. Also you get a good understanding of who has applied to use it.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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 think this is a really good idea, I understand that a full license holder must apply for the license, but that he represents the club, and therefore can not keep it if he leaves the club, or if the club wish to move the NOV to another club member (say after an election)

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':

just like when you commit a driving offence with no license a black mark is laced against your name, ofcom / RSGB should not allow anyone who has committed an offence in radio to hold a license.

I would also say that they should maybe limited to 5-10 years depending of the offence. We all do silly things as children?

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?:

As much as the majority of people can get on line and understand how to re-validate the license, we do have an aging population who are less likely to be able to get online or make this update.

I would suggest a paper reminder after 3 months and also allow the licensee to call in to re-validate.

The license does clearly state 'lifetime' now so you can't really take it away.

Although, I would really like to see the ability to re-cycle call signs and choose some more classic G* callsigns going forward.

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, please charge us and send a nice paper copy with the booklet again, £15-20 a year should shake out the deadwood.

Hapy to pay so for such access to the bands.

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?:

I would suggest the rule stays 15 minutes is good. I'd also suggest an introduction and a close (going off now) callsign requirement. for data modes an exception must be made in some cases and just state at the beginning of a long data TX and again at the end, can easily be done in more by a computer.

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?:

From what I understand, for the foundation and intermediate (novice) the license is for the person *not the station*

For a full license it is the station which is licensed, so another user can operate that station.

As a 2e1 and looking over the last 20 years I say keep the RSL and use as is currently accepted, if you chnage country you change the RSL.

or would my call become 21avx instead of 2e1avx ? I am sure that was printed somewhere once?

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?:

optionally chnage the intermediate license to 21xxx or 20xxx and allow the option of RSL

Or please just leave this alone and allow us to change if we are in a different region.

websites can be modified to understand the RSL if really needed.

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, that is a good way tio ake things clearer.

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

encryption is an important feature to ensure data content is sent securely between 2 points.

For Amateur radio we have been a plain text / open operation since we started.

The newer exception being with d-star and other digital formats.

If a third party has an encrypted message or file and requires an amateur station to forward this, then this can and should be passed on (as is) and the responsibility of the data security is of that of the third party and not the hobbist amateur radio, this person is used as *reasonable effort* and not liable. After all he is just helping out,