

Title:

Mr

Forename:

John

Surname:

Quarmby

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?:

The proposed text potentially sets precedents for changes to the way interference to non-radio related equipment is treated, so my response is - No, not in the proposed form. Inclusion of the 470kHz and 5MHz bands as secondary allocations with the same text as other amateur secondary allocations would be welcomed.

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circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

Agreed

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':

Agreed

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?:

Agreed

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?:

Agreed

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?:

The existing requirement for identification at 15 minute intervals or less should be retained. The identification should be compatible with the mode of transmission in use at the time.

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?:

I strongly disagree with the proposal. The existing usage of RSLs identifies where stations are operating from and so helps with directional beam alignment. Many international amateur award schemes use the RSLs as a key differentiator for award purposes and would be compromised by the proposed changes.

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?:

I disagree with this proposal. The requirement should be identical for all classes of licence. See comments on Q7 also.

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?:

Agreed

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

Agreed