

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Tom

Surname:

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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:

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?: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

No. The existing arrangements are appropriate. Relaxing these has the potential for more problems with station identification, not less. It would also increase the potential of disruption from unlicensed operators.

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.

I strongly disagree with the stated premise, and do not believe this to be the case. The system works well and is generally well understood. A basic concept of amateur radio is the callsign prefix unequivocally identifying the country (DXCC entity) of that station. Contests, awards, software, logbooks etc all use this basis.

Given that the aim is to reduce confusion, this proposal concerns me greatly as it would undoubtedly hugely increase the incidence of confusion both in the UK and worldwide.

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 existing system works and is well understood. The proposed change would significantly increase confusion and uncertainty, not reduce it.

Again, it should be borne in mind that radio amateurs around the world already understand the existing arrangements, and much of the culture of amateur radio - awards, software, contests etc - is based on this structure.

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 experience of involvement with RAYNET, and as such do not have a view on this.