

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Peter

Surname:

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Representing:

Organisation

Organisation (if applicable):

Reigate Amateur Transmitting 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:

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 but I agree that the bands should be made available to all Full Licencees, This should be in exactly the same way as other bands to which amateurs have access on a Secondary basis as of now:
"Secondary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services inside and outside

the UK"

I am also concerned about the inclusion of the phrase 'electronic equipment' in 2.26.3. This should be omitted.

There has been a considerable rise in the use of poorly made or poorly designed equipment which creates much unnecessary noise in many parts of the RF spectrum. It cannot be part of any amateur radio licence holder's responsibilities not to cause interference to such equipment provided the licence holder operates entirely within the terms of his or her licence on the frequencies allocated to their use.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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 - Not as proposed. A clear definition of callsign usage and the current maximum interval of 15-minutes should be retained. Clearly a station must be identifiable at all times and the identity be given in a format consistent with the modulation in use but specific terms such as voice or Morse Code should not be used.

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 -there is no need to change the current well accepted practice.

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 I disagree - What is important is that the location of where the station is operating from is unambiguous. The issue of "vanity" call signs in the US which do not reflect the known call sign areas causes confusion. All call sign classes should be treated in the same way.

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?:

Yes