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**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. There's been lots of interesting experimentation done in these bands by amateurs with license variations, so I'm delighted to see them being made generally available.

**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**circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:**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. As a member of a radio club, this sounds eminently sensible to me.

**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. I can't imagine this causing any confusion.

**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?:**

Yes; the idea sounds sensible. I think the wording given in 2.61 needs some work, though -- perhaps "b) transmit identification as frequently as is necessary to ensure that each station remains clearly identifiable". I could imagine different amateur license trainers giving rather different interpretations of it as written!

**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?:**

Yes. The interpretation of the existing rules that you give here is completely at odds with the common interpretation of them -- so making it clearer that RSLs and suffixes aren't necessary would certainly simplify matters.

**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?:**

Yes. I don't think there's any confusion on how this is meant to work at the moment, but it would do no harm. (I'm one of the "some cases" you mention in 2.77, since my intermediate license was issued as 2M0CGO...)

**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. I can't help but feel that this would be even clearer if emergency operations were dealt with through a separate license rather than trying to shoehorn them into the amateur licenses, though.