

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Pete

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?:

No. Whilst I agree that the two bands should be made available to all Full licencees, concerns have been raised about the current proposed wording regarding the technical requirements, which could set a precedent that could limit amateur radio's accessibility.

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circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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 someone who has been affected by this in the past, this makes for a very sensible change

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 phrase 'As frequently as practicable' is far too broad. It would be practicable to give my callsign every 10 seconds, which would make me clearly identifiable at all times, but hinder effective communication

As a tutor helping to bring new people into the hobby, it is important to give clear guidelines to students. The existing rules for frequency of identification are clear and easy to communicate to students, and should not be changed.

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. The current RSL usage is in use and understood around the world. Making a change to this would cause confusion. It is embedded in training material, books, software, best practice guidelines and the way most amateurs operate. RSLs are so frequently used, a radical change would be very confusing for all concerned. As this appears to be a housekeeping exercise, and not solving a real-world problem, no change should be made.

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 see no reason to change this. The current structure is well understood around the world, and is embedded into training material, software and best practice guidelines. A change for the sake of housekeeping would be very confusing and disruptive,

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