

Title:

Mr

Forename:

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Surname:

Street

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, but on the same basis as other Secondary bands. I feel the standard "Available on the basis of non-interference to other services etc" condition would suffice.

Para 2.26.3, once the precedent is set, could be applied to other bands, with the effect that interference to amateur transmissions becomes wholly the amateur's problem, no matter what "electronic equipment" is the cause,

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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

(I currently hold the club licence MS0LIV on behalf of the Livingston and District society. I must confess we have never considered the complications arising when/if I leave the society!!)

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.

(In my own case, I am not quite sure when my licence was last re-validated. I appear to have "screwed up" my password for logging on to the OFCOM site, and cannot log on, or set up another login. I added re-validation to an email re the club call sign, but can't log on to check!)

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.

Given that the current "15 minute" rule and "start of transmission" are well known, and also that they are proposed to remain in the case of the 5MHz band, there seems little point in changes in other bands.

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 use of regional identifiers is well known. I believe, however, that the inclusion of the regional identifier in the licence document can cause confusion. (or should I really be using MMM0DEC in Sctland?? :-))

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 regional idenifier should, IMO, reflect the location, not the home address.

While I recognise the problem caused by the Intermediate Licence format, I do not think the solution lies in changing the use of the secondary locator.

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. (At least I hope so!)

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

Yes.