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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:

Ofcom has wide-ranging powers across the television, radio, telecoms and postal sectors. It has a statutory duty to represent the interests of citizens and consumers by promoting competition and protecting the public from harmful or offensive material. Some of the main areas Ofcom presides over are licensing, research, codes and policies, complaints, competition and protecting the radio spectrum from abuse.

The regulator was initially established by the Office of Communications Act 2002 and received its full authority from the Communications Act 2003.

After reading the above diatribe and knowing that Ofcom no longer supports Amateur radio, in direct contravention of the above instruction.

One can only assume that you seek to do more harm to the hobby, by outputting this so called consultation.

My response is that you leave the licence alone, grant us the protection that we should be

receiving from Ofcom, against the ever increasing electromagnetic interference that hounds us.

Thank you.

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, the phrase; "shall not cause interference to electronic equipment";, simply reinforces the statement in "Additional comments".

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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

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':

What's the point of a statement like this if the detection and prosecution rates don't increase. Nothing brings the law into more disrepute, than having a regulation made that are then completely ignored by the authorities.

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?:

As long as Ofcom's web site is %100 efficient, there is not a problem. However, Age comes with a lot of unwanted baggage, one of which is forgetfulness, I hope this will be taken into account.

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?:

Are you going to start and charge a fee?. If so, then I assume that you are going to support Radio Amateur operators who suffer interference problems. If not, then this question is superfluous.

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?:

MOST DEFINITELY NO!!! Leave the licence regulations alone.

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?:

For goodness sake leave the licence alone, National and regional identifiers are needed

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?:

This ignorance simply reinforces the fact that Ofcom is underhandedly, trying to harm the hobby of Amateur Radio.

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?:

By now, it must be coming apparent that anything Ofcom does should be viewed with suspicion. If it is not broke, don't try and fix it.

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

If it is not broken, don't try to fix it. I have been a Radio Amateur for 42 years. In that time I have had a great respect for the field engineers, employed by the differing government departments. GPO, MinPosTel. Now its Ofcom, I await your next move.