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Representing:

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Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

Keep organisation confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

I do not want any part of my response kept confidential - thanks.

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

Wednesday 17th September 2014

Hello OFCOM team

Thank-you for the opportunity to respond to your Consultation document.

Please see my answer to Qu.7 in particular.

Regards

Chris Tran
GM3WOJ

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

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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

I have some reservations - please see my answer to Question 7 below.

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 - sorry I do not believe that there is any 'uncertainty' amongst the worldwide amateur radio community about the UK's use of RSLs. It is more likely that some responses from inexperienced amateurs may have indicated uncertainty in their minds, which could be removed by rewording and clarification.

RSLs are a long-established, absolutely essential part of our UK callsign system - please make them mandatory if possible.

Making RSLs optional will cause UK amateurs many problems in the DXing, Contesting and other fields of our hobby.

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 - but I do not fully understand why this does not apply to all classes of licence?

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?:

No comment