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Representing:

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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?:

None

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 to bands being available to all Full Licencees keeping existing wording

No to Para 2.26.6 & phrase Electronic equipment in Para 2.26.3

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circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?: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 providing action is taken for all offenders of the WT Act

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?:

Absolutely No. I can't see the purpose of this proposal anyway. One should be able to take a break from Ham Radio or work outside the UK & upon return be able to renew their licence.

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. Would happily pay if Ofcom policed bands & took action against WT Act offenders. Something for nothing is generally not thought of highly.
I personally would prefer to pay a modest amount for licence to cover admin costs etc

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. Existing arrangements for Identification are more than adequate. Don't need specific terms such as Morse code or voice

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. No change is necessary. Understanding detail etc is part of Amateur Radio self training etc. So why is it a problem to understand existing licence conditions. It seems to me to be clear in existing legislation.
A change would cause confusion Internationally

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. Why only Intermediate & again what problem is it designed to resolve. How does it fit with Q7 above

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?:

Perhaps but again existing conditions can be understood with a little analysis and interpretation. Some tidying/editing would remove any confusion. Don't agree with licence allowing Aeronautical however.

I think that the main problem is that not enough Licencees actually make an attempt to read and understand the Licence conditions! This is where a paper copy of licence would be useful

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

Perhaps. As long as it clarifies Amateur Radio involvement in National emergencies etc and linking in with other user services.

All Amateurs however should be covered & not just Raynet members. Also all licence conditions & bands should be complied with