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Mr

Forename:

John

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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

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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?:

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.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club?s call sign remains with the club?: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

NO. The proposal is ambiguous and open to interpretation. Furthermore the current rule works quite satisfactorily and does not need changing.

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 regional identifier is fundamental to many aspects of world-wide amateur radio e.g. country awards and contesting - it is very important that the station being contacted immediately knows the country that the UK based station is in. The current system works fine and I am not aware of any experienced radio amateur having any problems with it.

I don't understand why there is confusion over clause 2.2 - the word 'shall' in the sentence clearly defines the obligation to use the RSL.

On the second issue - yes, if a station was travelling from country to country then they would have a variety of prefixes. Each prefix denotes the country that they're operating in - the system works fine.

If RSLs MUST be dropped, then it should be obligatory to use the CEPT style country prefix when travelling to another UK country e.g. English station G4IRN becomes MM/G4IRN when operating from Scotland. This is how we all have to operate when travelling to other CEPT countries, so might make more sense to adopt here.

I suggest that rather than changing the rules due to possible confusion, the rules are reworded to confirm and clarify the current regime as it is widely understood.

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 - for the same reasons as 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?:

No comment.

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

No comment.