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Mr

Forename:

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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?:

I agree that the 470 kHz and 5 MHz bands should be made available to all Full Licencees, but in exactly the same manner as other bands which amateurs have access to on a secondary basis. The existing wording applicable to the other amateur bands is adequate here.

I do not agree with the proposals in Para. 2.26.6, and consider that this should be deleted. Also, reference to 'electronic equipment' in P.2.26.3 should also be deleted.

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of a named club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

I agree.

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':

I agree.

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?:

I agree.

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?:

I agree.

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 believe that the present rules for station identification are perfectly adequate, and do not require any modification.

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?:

I believe there is not need to make any changes to currently accepted practices, which have been in use for more than 50 years.

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?:

I do not believe this is necessary.

All call sign classes should be treated in the same way, by retaining the current clause in respect of call-sign prefix.

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?:

I agree.

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

I agree.