

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Thomas

Surname:

Wylie

Representing:

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?:

none

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

I hold a full licence - GM4FDM

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club, and by adding a further ground for revoking the Licence to include circumstances where the licensee no longer represents the club, will help ensure that a club's call sign remains with the club?:

Seems to me a very awkward way to go about things. Why not licence the Club as per a named individual responsible for the licence, who may change from time to time - Secretary or President.

My lawn bowling club has a liquor licence. The licensee is the Club Secretary no matter what his name is. It would be astonishing if, the licensee died, or moved to another Club, that we would lose our liquor licence. The same conditions should apply to Club Licences. If the named licensee changes, the Club should be responsible for notifying OFCOM of the name of the new responsible person.

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'?:

NO! Radio Clubs cannot compel new members to disclose convictions and if a disqualified person moved from one club to another, in a different part of the country and failed to disclose his or her disqualification, it would be unfair to punish the Club over something which they may not have control of. Where is the fairness in the proposal??

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?:

NO! I do not see the need for this, and perhaps opens the door for OFCOM in the future to levy a charge without the scrutiny of due process.

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 current situation works, everyone is aware of it. If it ain't broke, no need to fix it. I personally haven't heard any stakeholders questioning this. Where do you get this information?

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 don't think there is ANY uncertainty and I see no need to change in any way the existing clause.

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'm not quite clear on this. What is the definition of main station address. Consider: An individual who lives in Cornwall obtains an intermediate licence and is allocated the call sign 2E0ZZZ which I would consider "normal". If that individual should attend Aberdeen University for a course of three or five years and take with him portable or mobile equipment. He operates in Aberdeen during the week but returns home "to his main station" at weekends, what call sign should he use in Aberdeen. Surely he must use a call sign which reflects his location of operation rather than his main station address. Especially if you want to contact him if he is causing interference in Aberdeen!

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! It most certainly NOT make them clearer!

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

YES!