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2. Member State

United Kingdom



3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Radiocommunications Agency, an Executive Agency of the Department of Trade and Industry

4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) Order 1997

6. Products Concerned

Citizens' Band (CB) radio - defined as wireless telegraphy apparatus which is designed or adapted or has facilities permitting its adaption, for the purpose of transmitting spoken messages in the frequency band 26.1 MHz to 28 MHz.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The proposed Order consolidates, revokes and replaces the existing Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) Order 1988 (SI 1988/1215) and the Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1995 (SI 1995/2588).

The 1997 Order continues the prohibition, as laid down in the 1988 Order and 1995 Amendment Order, on manufacture, sale, hire, offer or advertisement for sale or hire and possession within the United Kingdom and import into the United Kingdom of citizens' band radio apparatus which does not conform to relevant Department of Trade and Industry or European Telecommunications Standard specifications. Additionally, the 1997 Order introduces a revised MPT1382 performance specification allowing UK-only CB channels and CEPT CB channels to be combined in one set, offering a maximum of 80 channels in all.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Notification under Directive 83/189/EEC was submitted to the EC in respect of the two existing Orders, The Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various



Provisions) Order 1988 (SI1988/1215) and The Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1995 (SI 1995/2588).

The intention of the 1997 Order is to offer more choice for CB radio users. In the UK at present, CB licence holders can use CB transceivers operating on the 40 channels allocated for the UK service and 40 channels allocated for use within CEPT countries. However, until the introduction of DTI Performance Specification MPT 1382 as revised in January 1997, it has been necessary for CB users to obtain two different transceivers if they wished to use all 80 channels. The Order will enable manufacturers to incorporate all 80 channels within one set.

It is necessary to retain prohibitions on CB sets which do not conform to specifications as set out in the Order because they are liable to cause interference to neighbouring television users and to other radio users. Interference can also be caused to the emergency services which has safety of life implications. The restriction on importation does not apply in respect of imports from a Member State of the European Community or the European Economic Area.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Draft copy of the Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) Order 1997

Performance Specification MPT 1382 Revised January 1997
(Notification No. 94/0334/UK. Definitive text enclosed)

The Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) Order 1988 (SI 1988/1215)
(Notification No. 86/0149/UK. Definitive text enclosed)

The Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1995 (SI 1995/2588)

Authority given under section 7 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1967 to any person to import CB apparatus from another Member State of the European Community or the European Economic Area, the importation of which would otherwise be prohibited by the above 1988 Order and 1995 Amendment Order.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

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