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The Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) Order 1998.

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical
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3. Originating Department

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Department of Trade and Industry



4. Notification Number

98/0277/UK

5. Title

The Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) Order 1998.

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. Wireless telegraphy apparatus designed or adapted for the purpose of transmitting messages in the frequency band 28 MHz to 29.7 MHz and in no other band.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The proposed 1998 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 1998 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 1998 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 1998 Order is to offer more choice for CB radio users 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 Order was previously submitted under Notification 94/0334/UK but clause 3 (4) has been amended so that, although apparatus covered by the Order would be restricted from importation into the United Kingdom, importation for the purpose of re-export to other states both inside and outside the European Community would be allowed.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Draft copy of the Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) Order 1998

Performance Specification MPT 1382 Revised January 1997 (Ref Notification 94/0334/UK).

The Wireless Telegraphy (Citizens' Band and Amateur Apparatus) (Various Provisions) Order 1988 (SI 1988/1215) (Ref Notification 86/0149/UK).

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

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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