STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1326

BROADCASTING

The Broadcasting (Percentage of Digital Capacity for Radio Multiplex Licence) Order 1998

> Made 26th May 1998 Coming into force 27th May 1998

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 54(3) of the Broadcasting Act 1996(1) and having consulted the Radio Authority, hereby makes the following Order, a draft of which has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Broadcasting (Percentage of Digital Capacity for Radio Multiplex Licence) Order 1998 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Percentage

2. In paragraph (h) of section 54(1) of the Broadcasting Act 1996 "80 per cent." shall be substituted for "90 per cent.".

26th May 1998

Chris Smith Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order substitutes 80 per cent. for 90 per cent. in section 54(1)(h) of the Broadcasting Act 1996 so as to provide that while a radio multiplex licence is in force, at least 80 per cent. of digital capacity on the frequency or frequencies to which the licence relates is available for the broadcasting of digital sound programme services, simulcast radio services, programme related services or relevant technical services. To date no radio multiplex licences have been awarded.