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The Wireless Telegraphy (Cordless Telephone Apparatus) (Exemption) Regulations 1988

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred by section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949(a) ("The Act") as enacted, and as extended by the Wireless Telegraphy (Channel Islands) Order 1952(b) and the Wireless Telegraphy (Isle of Man) Order 1952(c), and now vested in him(d), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

**Citation and Commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Cordless Telephone Apparatus) (Exemption) Regulations 1988 and shall come into force on 24th October 1988.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations, "relevant cordless telephone apparatus" means wireless telegraphy apparatus consisting of -

- (a) a base station; or
- (b) a cordless handportable set,

which is designed or adapted to convey messages, in digitised packets in time division duplex mode bi-directionally in a single channel of 100kHz bandwidth within the band 864.1 to 868.1 MHz between a telecommunication system to which such a base station is connected and such a cordless handportable set; and for the purpose of this definition, "connected", "convey" and "telecommunication system" shall be construed in accordance with section 4 of the Telecommunications Act 1984(e).

**Exemption**

3. Subject to the terms, provisions and limitations contained in regulation 4, relevant cordless telephone apparatus is hereby exempted from the provisions of section 1(1) of the Act.

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(a) 1949 c.54. (b) S.I. 1952/1900. (c) S.I. 1952/1899. (d) The Post Office Act 1969 (c.48), section 3; S.I. 1969/1369, article 3, S.I. 1969/1371, article 2, and S.I. 1974/691, article 2. (e) 1984 c.12.

**Terms, provisions and limitations**

4. The exemption provided for in regulation 3 shall be subject to the following terms, provisions and limitations –

- (a) the apparatus must comply with Department of Trade and Industry Performance Specification MPT 1334 as published in December 1987; and
- (b) the apparatus must not cause undue interference with any wireless telegraphy.

26th September 1988

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations provide for the exemption from the provisions of section 1(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 of certain cordless telephone apparatus. Such apparatus may therefore be installed and used without a wireless telegraphy licence.

The regulations apply to cordless handportable sets and base stations which operate in the band 864.1 MHz to 868.1 MHz using digital technology.

The exemption is subject to the condition that the Department of Trade and Industry MPT Performance Specification 1334 is complied with, and that the apparatus does not cause undue interference. Copies of MPT 1334 may be obtained free of charge from the Librarian, Radiocommunications Division, Department of Trade and Industry, Waterloo Bridge House, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UA.

The use of the exempt apparatus remains subject to the requirement of a licence under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984. Details of the licensing arrangements applicable may be obtained from the Office of Telecommunications, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HQ.

This exemption is additional to the existing exemption for certain other cordless telephone apparatus contained in the Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 1982 (S.I. 1982/1697) as amended by the Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) (Amendment) (Cordless Telephone Apparatus) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/775).

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