
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which revoke the Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) Regulations 1986 (S.I.1986/1039) and the Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1988, provide for the fees to be paid—

- (a) on the issue or renewal of 43 types of licence; and
- (b) in respect of 42 of those 43 types of licence, at the times thereafter prescribed by these Regulations.

These Regulations do not affect the fees to be paid in respect of television broadcast receiving licences, which continue to be set under the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) Regulations 1984 (S.I. 1984/1053) and amendments to those Regulations (S.I. 1985/490, 1988/376, 899 and 1989/325).

The principal changes are that the fees are increased in respect of five types of aeronautical licence, and that the fee structures for Fixed Radio-Relay Link Licences, Maritime Business Radio Licences and Aircraft Licences are altered.

There are three new types of licence. Nevertheless, the number of types of licence provided for which fees are set has been reduced to 43 on account of exemptions of certain wireless telegraphy apparatus from licensing under section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 and the merging of certain licences.