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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order provides for the charging of fees in respect of the approval of telecommunication apparatus under section 22 of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

The Telecommunication Apparatus (Approval Fees) (British Approvals Board for Telecommunications) Order 1990 (S.I. No. 1679) is revoked (article 2); that Order set fees for cellular mobile radio (CMR) apparatus and apparatus other than CMR apparatus. This Order sets specific fees for call routing apparatus, and re-imposes the fees for CMR apparatus and apparatus other than CMR and call routing apparatus set by the revoked Order at the same or lower levels.

The Secretary of State, after carrying out the consultation required by the Act, appointed the British Approvals Board for Telecommunications (BABT) on 10th September 1990 under section 25 of the Act, to the extent and subject to the conditions set out in the appointment, to carry out the functions conferred on him in respect of the approval of apparatus. The appointment authorises BABT to retain the fees which are provided for in this Order and which BABT will charge in respect of exercising the Secretary of State's approval functions under section 22.

The fees provided for in this Order are payable in respect of the activities of BABT necessary for the exercise of the approval function. The application fee (articles 4(a) and 5 and Schedule 1) covers the consideration of applications for approval, which includes assessment of the apparatus against a standard designated under section 22(6) of the Act. The continuation fee (articles 4(b) and 6 and Schedule 2) covers the monitoring of apparatus subsequent to the grant of approval in accordance with conditions imposed under section 22(4).

The letter of appointment of BABT, and standards designated under section 22(6) of the Act, may be inspected at the Office of Telecommunications, Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JJ.