
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1271

**The Restriction on Agreements and Conduct
(Specified Domestic Electrical Goods) Order 1998**

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Restriction on Agreements and Conduct (Specified Domestic Electrical Goods) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 1st September 1998.

(2) In this Order—

“agreement”, as used in article 12 but not elsewhere in this Order, has the meaning given in article 12(4);

“Article 85.1” and “Article 85.3” have the meanings given in article 12(4);

“camcorder” means a machine which is—

- (a) designed to record sequences of live visual images onto video cassettes;
- (b) designed to be carried about easily while being used; and
- (c) intended primarily for the use of consumers;

“cold food storage equipment” means a machine which is—

- (a) designed to store food at a temperature near or below 0° Celsius; and
- (b) intended primarily for the use of consumers,

but does not include a machine designed to be connected to a gas supply;

“compliance measures” has the meaning given in article 10(2);

“consumer” has the same meaning as in section 137(2) of the Fair Trading Act 1973;

“dealer” means a person carrying on a business of selling specified goods, whether by wholesale or by retail;

“dishwasher” means a machine which is—

- (a) designed to wash cutlery, crockery, cooking equipment and similar items; and
- (b) intended primarily for the use of consumers,

but does not include a machine designed to be connected to a gas supply;

“hi-fi system” means a machine (whether or not it includes a radio receiver)—

- (a) which is designed, when connected to an electricity supply but without otherwise being linked to apparatus not forming part of the machine, to reproduce sounds recorded on both tapes and discs, whether digital or analogue; and
- (b) which is intended primarily for the use of consumers,

but does not include a machine—

- (a) which is designed to reproduce recorded visual images;
- (b) which is designed to be carried about easily while being used; or
- (c) which is designed for use in a motor vehicle,

and for the purposes of this definition “machine” includes a group of machines sold as a single package;

“permitted grounds” has the meaning given in articles 5 and 6;

“requesting dealer” has the meaning given in article 4(1);

“specified goods” means camcorders, cold food storage equipment, dishwashers, hi-fi systems, televisions, tumble dryers, video cassette recorders, washing machines or any of them;

“supplier” means a person carrying on a business of selling specified goods other than a business in which such goods are sold only by retail;

“supplier’s criteria” has the meaning given in article 6(2);

“television” means a television receiver as defined in section 1(7) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949(1);

“tumble dryer” means a machine which is—

- (a) designed to dry clothes or other fabrics by means of heated air blown into a rotating drum; and
 - (b) intended primarily for the use of consumers,
- but does not include a machine which is designed to be connected to a gas supply;

“video cassette recorder” means a machine which—

- (a) is designed to:
 - (i) record television programmes on to video cassettes; and
 - (ii) play video cassettes so that sounds and visual images recorded on them can be reproduced on a television receiver linked to the machine; and
- (b) is intended primarily for the use of consumers; and

“washing machine” means a machine which is—

- (a) designed to wash clothes and other fabrics; and
 - (b) intended primarily for the use of consumers,
- but does not include a machine which is designed to be connected to a gas supply.

Commencement Information

II Art. 1 in force at 1.9.1998, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

(1) 1949 c. 54; section 1(7) was added by the Broadcasting Act 1990 (c. 42), Schedule 18, paragraph 1(6).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Restriction on Agreements and Conduct (Specified Domestic Electrical Goods) Order 1998, Section 1.