EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order revokes and remakes the Wireless Telegraphy (Control of Interference from Videosenders) Order 1997 (S.I.1997/1842; "the 1997 Order").

This Order restricts for the purposes of section 7 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1967 (c. 72) actions in relation to certain wireless telegraphy apparatus known as videosenders, which transmit in the frequency band 470—854 MHz. The restricted actions are importation, manufacture, sale, hire, offer or advertisement for sale or hire and having in one's custody or control (article 3). This Order corrects the 1997 Order in order to permit custody or control and importation of videosenders for the sole purpose of re-export from the United Kingdom.

A person who contravenes the Order may be guilty of an offence under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 (c. 54) and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

In addition to any other penalty, restricted apparatus is liable to forfeiture either under sections 14(3) or 14(3)(A) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 following a conviction or under sections 80 or 81 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12) following seizure of the restricted apparatus under a warrant or pursuant to section 79(3) of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

A full compliance cost assessment report of the effect that this Order would have on the costs of business is available to the public from the Radiocommunications Agency Library at New King's Beam House, 22 Upper Ground, London SE1 9SA (Tel: 0171—211 0211).