

SCHEDULE 8

PUBLICATION OF INTERFACES

Publication Requirements

15.6 The requirements as to publication are that:

- (a) the description of the Technical Characteristics must be such as to assist in securing the effective interoperability of telecommunication systems and apparatus, and, in particular, (although without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) the correct operation of Terminal Equipment;
- (b) the Interface Specification published shall: (i) be in sufficient detail to permit the design of telecommunications terminal equipment capable of utilising all services provided through the corresponding interface; (ii) detail any changes in existing Interface Specifications; and (iii) include, inter alia, all the information necessary to allow manufacturers to carry out, at their choice, the relevant tests for the essential requirements applicable to the telecommunications terminal equipment;
- (c) the Interface Specifications shall be made readily available by the Licensee;
- (d) the Licensee shall ensure that each Interface Specification is published in a manner appropriate for bringing the matters to which the Interface Specification relates to the attention of:
 - (i) the Secretary of State, the British Standards Institution, all persons to whom functions have been delegated pursuant to section 25 of the Act, all Operators with whom the Licensee is obliged to negotiate Interconnection under Condition 9, or offer to enter into Interconnection agreements with, as the case may be, under Part C of this Licence, appropriate representatives of suppliers, and manufacturers of Telecommunication apparatus and systems and appropriate representatives of users or consumer interests; and
 - (ii) any person whom the Director considers likely to be affected by or to have an interest in such matters and whom the Director has determined for the purpose of this sub-paragraph; and
 - (iii) any other person likely to be affected by or to have an interest in such matters; and
- (e) where the Director considers it necessary to enable Interested Parties to obtain easy access to the information contained in Interface Specifications, he may direct the Licensee to send copies of any Interface Specification, or any class of Interface Specification, to any person specified by him for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.