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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

**The Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) (Amendment)
Regulations 2008**

Made - - - - - *6th February 2008*

Coming into force - - - - - *27th February 2008*

The Office of Communications (“OFCOM”) make the following Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 8(3) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006(a) (the “Act”).

Before making these Regulations, OFCOM have given notice of their proposal to do so in accordance with section 122(4)(a) of the Act, published notice of their proposal in accordance with section 122(4)(b) of the Act and have considered the representations made to them before the time specified in the notice in accordance with section 122(4)(c) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and shall come into force on 27th February 2008.

Amendment of the Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2003

2.—(1) The Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2003(b) are amended in accordance with the following paragraph of this regulation.

(2) In Schedule 7 (PMR 446), in Part III (interface requirement) for the entry relating to IR 2009 substitute the following entry—

“IR 2009 – UK Radio Interface Requirement for Private Mobile Radio operating in the licence exempt analogue PMR446 and Digital PMR446 bands, published by OFCOM in November 2007.”.

6th February 2008

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Chief Executive of the Office of Communications
For and by the authority of the Office of Communications

(a) 2006 c.36
(b) S.I. 2003/74, amended by S.I. 2003/2155, S.I. 2005/3481 and S.I. 2006/2994

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/74) (the “principal Regulations”).

Both the principal Regulations and these Regulations do not specify the detailed technical requirements directly, but instead refer to published interface requirements (IRs) where those technical requirements are fully set out.

Regulation 2 amends Part III (interface requirement) of Schedule 7 to the principal Regulations (PMR 446) to refer to the updated IR 2009, which makes provision for PMR 446 “walkie talkie” equipment using both analogue and digital technology.

Copies of IR 2009 referred to in these Regulations may be obtained from OFCOM at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA and available on the OFCOM website at <http://www.ofcom.org.uk>.

A full regulatory impact assessment and report of the effect that these Regulations will have on the costs to business is available to the public from the OFCOM Library at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA (Tel: 020 7981 3000) or on the OFCOM internet website at <http://www.ofcom.org.uk>. Copies of the regulatory impact assessment have also been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

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