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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

**The Wireless Telegraphy (Mobile Repeater) (Exemption)
(Amendment) Regulations 2019**

Made - - - - *4th November 2019*

Coming into force - - *27th January 2020*

The Office of Communications (“OFCOM”) make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8(3) and 122(7) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006^(a) (the “Act”) and in exercise of those sections of the Act^(b) as extended to the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey and the Isle of Man.

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 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 (Mobile Repeater) (Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 and shall come into force on 27th January 2020.

Amendments of the Wireless Telegraphy (Mobile Repeater) (Exemption) Regulations 2018

2. The Wireless Telegraphy (Mobile Repeater) (Exemption) Regulations 2018^(c) are amended in accordance with regulation 3.

3. In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

(a) for paragraph (e), substitute the following paragraph—

“(e) “IR2102.1” means section “IR2102.1: Minimum requirements for the use of: static mobile phone repeaters for indoor use” contained within the document entitled “UK Interface Requirement 2102 – Licence exempt static indoor and low gain mobile phone repeaters” published by OFCOM on 1st November 2019;”;

(b) for paragraph (f), substitute the following paragraph —

“(f) “IR2102.2” means section “IR2102.2: Minimum requirements for the use of: low gain mobile phone repeaters for in-vehicle use” contained within the document

(a) 2006 c. 36.

(b) Sections 8(3) and 122(7) of the Act were extended to the Bailiwick of Guernsey by article 2 of the Wireless Telegraphy (Guernsey) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3325); to the Bailiwick of Jersey by article 2 of the Wireless Telegraphy (Jersey) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3324); and to the Isle of Man by article 2 of the Wireless Telegraphy (Isle of Man) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/278).

(c) S.I. 2018/399.

entitled “UK Interface Requirement 2102 – Licence exempt static indoor and low gain mobile phone repeaters” published by OFCOM on 1st November 2019;”;

- (c) at the end of paragraph (k), insert “and”; and
- (d) omit paragraph (l).

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4th November 2019

For and by the authority of the Office of Communications

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend regulation 2 of the Wireless Telegraphy (Mobile Repeater) (Exemption) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/399) (the “principal Regulations”).

Regulations 3 and 4 of the principal Regulations exempt from the requirement to be licensed under section 8(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (c. 36) (the “Act”) the establishment, installation and use of a wireless telegraphy station or apparatus known as a “mobile repeater device” which complies with certain technical specifications and conditions set out in interface requirements published by the Office of Communications (“OFCEOM”).

The interface requirements which are referred to in the principal Regulations have been changed and new documents have been published by OFCEOM. These Regulations amend the principal Regulations to refer to the interface requirements published by OFCEOM on 1st November 2019. As a result, additional devices now benefit from the exemption from the requirement to be licensed under section 8(1) of the Act.

Copies of the interface requirements documents referred to in these Regulations are available to the public from OFCEOM’s library at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA (Tel. 020 7981 3000) and on OFCEOM’s website at <http://www.ofcom.org.uk>.

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

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