

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Trade & Industry - Radiocommunications Agency Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Cordless telephone apparatus - defined as wireless telegraphy apparatus consisting of a base station and one or more mobile stations designed to send and receive verbal messages conveyed over a telecommunications system.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Wireless Telegraphy (Cordless Telephone Apparatus) (Restriction and Marking) Order 1999
6.	Description of content: The proposed Order revokes and replaces the existing Wireless Telegraphy (Cordless Telephone Apparatus) (Restriction and Marking) Order 1992. The 1999 Order continues the prohibition, as laid down in the 1992 Order, on manufacture, sale, hire, offer or advertisement for sale or hire and possession within the United Kingdom and import into the United Kingdom of cordless telephone apparatus designed for use on frequencies not exceeding 853MHz which do not conform to relevant Department of Trade and Industry specifications MPT 1322 or MPT 1371. The 1999 Order introduces a new specification PMT 1384 which allows manufacture of an additional range of cordless telephones. The new Order is therefore deregulatory.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The intention of the Order is to offer more choice for consumers by allowing manufacturers to market an additional range of analogue cordless telephones to specification MPT 1384. It is necessary to retain prohibitions on cordless telephones which operate on frequencies below 853MHz which do not conform to specifications as set out in the Order because they are liable to cause interference to other radio users, including the emergency services which has safety of life implications. Although apparatus covered by the Order would be restricted from importation into the United Kingdom, importation for the purpose of re-export to other states both inside and outside the European Community would be allowed.
8.	Relevant documents: Draft Statutory Instrument

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: }	October 1999
10.	Final date for comments: 31 August 1999	
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: Doug Raynes, Radiocommunications Agency, 22 Upper Ground, London SE1 9SA. Telephone: +44 171 211 0463, Fax: +44 171 211 0588, Email: raynesd@ra.gtnet.gov.uk	