

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives a number of directions to the Office of Communications (OFCOM).

Part 1 of the Order contains general provisions. Article 2 states the purpose of the directions.

Part 2 of the Order contains directions to OFCOM to vary existing wireless telegraphy licences to include certain provisions, to amend regulations made by OFCOM in respect of spectrum trading and charges for the grant of a licence, and to make regulations to govern auctions of frequencies and impose certain provisions in certain licences granted pursuant to an auction.

Article 18 makes further directions to OFCOM in relation to their role.

This Order implements Directive [2009/114/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 amending Council Directive [87/372/EEC](#) on the frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications in the Community (OJ L 274, 20.10.2009, p. 25) and Commission Decision [2009/766/EC](#) on the harmonisation of the 900MHz and 1800MHz frequency bands for terrestrial systems capable of providing pan-European electronic communications services in the Community (OJ L 274, 20.10.2009, p. 32)

Copies of the ETSI standards referred to in this Order are available from The European Telecommunications Institute website <http://www.etsi.org/WebSite/Standards/Standard.aspx> or from The British Standards Institute (BSI), 389 Chiswick High Road, London, W4 4AL.

A full Impact Assessment and Transposition Note have been produced. Copies may be obtained from Information Economy, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.