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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 1902**

**The Wireless Telegraphy (Limitation  
of Number of Licences) Order 2003**

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Limitation of Number of Licences) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 25th July 2003.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Order—

“RA” means the Radiocommunications Agency of the Department of Trade and Industry;

“the Radio Regulations” means the 2001 edition of the Radio Regulations made under Article 13 of the Constitution of the International Telecommunication Union<sup>(1)</sup>; and

“wireless telegraphy licence” means any licence granted under section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949<sup>(2)</sup> other than a television licence as defined in section 1(7) of that Act.

**Wireless telegraphy licences to be limited in number**

3. The Secretary of State will grant only a limited number of wireless telegraphy licences at the frequencies and for the uses specified in Part 1 of each of Schedules 1 to 11 to this Order.

**Criteria for limiting the number of wireless telegraphy licences**

4.—(1) The Secretary of State shall in relation to the frequencies and uses set out in Part 1 of each of Schedules 1 to 11—

(a) apply the criteria relating to the persons to whom wireless telegraphy licences may be granted specified in Part 2 of the Schedule concerned;

(b) apply the criteria limiting the number of wireless telegraphy licences specified in Part 3 of the Schedule concerned; and

(c) take into account the ability of each applicant for a wireless telegraphy licence to meet the licence terms, provisions and limitations applying to that wireless telegraphy licence,

in determining the limit on the number of wireless telegraphy licences to be granted and the persons to whom wireless telegraphy licences will be granted.

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(1) The Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union were adopted in Geneva in 1992 and ratified by the United Kingdom in 1994 (Cm 3145). They were modified by the Plenipotentiary Conference in Kyoto in 1994 as ratified by the United Kingdom in 1997 (Cm 3779).

(2) 1949 c. 54.

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