

(3) In Schedule 3, Part IV (Interface requirement), after the entry “IR 2072—UK Interface Requirement 2072 Terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the band 2500 to 2690 MHz”, published by the Office of Communications in March 2013” insert the following entries—

“—IR 2098—UK Interface Requirement 2098 Terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the 2.3 GHz band, published by the Office of Communications in February 2016.

—IR 2097—UK Interface Requirement 2098 Terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the 3.4 to 3.8 GHz band, published by the Office of Communications in February 2016.”

8th November 2016

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For and by the authority of the Office of Communications

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”) to widen the classes of wireless telegraphy apparatus whose establishment, installation and use are exempted from the requirement to be licenced under section 8(1) of the Wireless Telegraph Act 2006 (c.36) (“the Act”).

Regulation 2 amends Part III of Schedule 3 to the Principal Regulations to extend the licence exemption for Long term evolution (LTE) radiotelephones and Worldwide interoperability for microwave access (WiMax) radiotelephones to cover additional frequency bands.

Regulation 2 also amends Part IV of Schedule 3 to the Principal Regulations to refer to the technical requirements that must be complied with in order for the exemptions to apply.

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

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