

## 1985 No. 718

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**The Telecommunication Apparatus (Bell Noise—Labelling) Order  
1985**

<i>Made</i> - - - - -	<i>7th May 1985</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>10th May 1985</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>3rd June 1985</i>

Whereas it appears to the Secretary of State expedient that telecommunication apparatus to which this Order applies should be accompanied by certain information and instructions relating to that apparatus and its use:

Now, therefore the Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred on him by section 28 of the Telecommunications Act 1984(a) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation, commencement and revocation*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Telecommunication Apparatus (Bell Noise—Labelling) Order 1985 and shall come into operation on 3rd June 1985.

(2) The Telecommunication Apparatus (Bell Noise—Labelling) Order 1983(b) is hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

2. In this Order—

“the Act” means the Telecommunications Act 1984;

“the mark” and “the words which are to be written across the mark” shall be construed in accordance with Schedule 2 to this Order;

“offer to supply” and “supply” shall be construed in accordance with subsections (5) and (6) of section 28 of the Act respectively, and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

“relevant branch system” means a telecommunication system which is connected to, but does not form part of, a relevant system and which is run under a licence granted, or having effect as if granted, under section 7 of the Act such that apparatus comprised in that telecommunication system must be approved;

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(a) 1984 c. 12.

(b) S.I. 1983/1846, which by virtue of paragraph 3(a) of Schedule 5 to the Act had effect as if made under section 28 of the Act.

“relevant system” means a switched public telecommunication system providing voice telephony services and run by British Telecommunications plc or Kingston-upon-Hull City Council; and

“supply by retail” means, in relation to any apparatus, supply to a person who is not acquiring it for the purpose of supplying it to another person.

*Application*

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, this Order applies to the telecommunication apparatus specified in Schedule 1 to this Order, which is supplied or offered for supply to a person in the United Kingdom (whether the supplier is within or outside the United Kingdom).

(2) This Order does not apply to any apparatus which for a period of not less than three months immediately preceding the supply or offer for supply was connected to a relevant system or relevant branch system and which is supplied or offered for supply on the premises where it was so connected.

*Labelling requirements*

4.—(1) Apparatus to which this Order applies shall be labelled in accordance with the labelling requirements set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(2) No person shall, in the course of a trade or business, supply or offer to supply any such apparatus with respect to which the said requirements are not complied with.

*Information and Instructions*

5.—(1) When any apparatus to which this Order applies is supplied or offered for supply, and is accompanied by instructions as to how to use it, there shall be set out in the instructions in a prominent position the words which are to be written across the mark.

(2) When supplying, otherwise than by retail, any apparatus to which this Order applies, the supplier shall give a written statement to the person to whom the apparatus is supplied, stating:—

(a) whether the apparatus is labelled in accordance with this Order; and

(b) whether, where such apparatus is accompanied by instructions as to how to use it, such instructions comply with paragraph (1) above.

*John Butcher,*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Trade and Industry.

7th May 1985.

## Article 3

## SCHEDULE 1

## TELECOMMUNICATION APPARATUS TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

This Order applies to telecommunication apparatus with loop disconnect signalling, the total weight of which, together with any device integral to its operation which is incorporated within it, does not exceed 15 kilogrammes—

- (a) which is suitable for 2-wire connection through an analogue interface and for use in an installation allowing for the parallel connection of a number of items; and
- (b) in respect of which—
  - (i) an approval has been given under section 22(1) of the Act; or
  - (ii) an approval has been issued under section 16 of the British Telecommunications Act 1981(a) for direct or indirect connection to a telecommunication system run by British Telecommunications and has effect as if given under section 22(1) of the Act

and that approval is, or has effect as, an approval for its connection to a relevant system or a relevant branch system.

## Article 4

## SCHEDULE 2

## LABELLING REQUIREMENTS

1. Apparatus to which this Order applies shall be labelled in accordance with the following paragraphs.
2. The mark shall be in the form of a rectangle twice as broad as it is high and not less than 50mm broad and 25mm high, in the form shown below, having written across it the words, and only the words, in the arrangement there shown:—

During dialling, this apparatus  
may tinkle the bells in other  
telephones sharing the same line.  
This is not a fault and we advise  
you not to call the Fault Repair  
Service.

- 3.—(1) The label, which may be adhesive or otherwise, may be removable and shall—
  - (a) be secured to the apparatus; and
  - (b) bear a representation of the mark.
- (2) Where any apparatus to which this Order applies is supplied or offered for supply by retail and an example of that description of apparatus is displayed, the example so displayed shall be labelled in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule and the label shall be such and so placed that the mark is readily visible.

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(a) 1981 c. 38.

4. The background of the label and mark shall be plain white and all writing thereon and the line delineating the rectangle shall be black, and the writing shall be—

(a) clearly legible; and

(b) in the same size of type which shall be not less than 1.5 mm capital height.

5. Where apparatus consists of more than one component and the components are not designed to be separated except for repair, maintenance or testing, the requirement that the apparatus shall be labelled shall be treated as complied with if the label is secured to any one of the principal components of the apparatus.

6. Where apparatus is supplied or offered for supply on or after 1st May 1986 and is wholly or partially enclosed in packaging, in addition to the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 to 5 above, a label bearing a representation of the mark shall be firmly affixed to the outside of the packaging or, in a case where that is not practicable, the package shall be accompanied by such a label.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order replaces the Telecommunication Apparatus (Bell Noise- Labelling) Order 1983. It imposes requirements, in addition to those which may apply under the Telecommunication Apparatus (Marking and Labelling) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/717), upon suppliers of telecommunication apparatus which is approved for connection to any switched public telephone system run by British Telecommunications plc or Kingston-upon-Hull City Council or privately run branch system connected to those systems and which may cause bell tinkling in other apparatus sharing the same line, with respect to the labelling of the apparatus supplied or offered for supply and the information by which it is to be accompanied.

Contravention of the Order by any supplier in the course of any trade or business is an offence under section 28(2) of the Telecommunications Act 1984.

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