
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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TELEGRAPHS

**The Wireless Telegraphy (Reciprocal Exemption
of European Radio Amateurs) Regulations 1988**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>29th November 1988</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>6th December 1988</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st January 1989</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred by section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949⁽¹⁾ (“the Act”) as enacted, and as extended by the Wireless Telegraphy (Channel Islands) Order 1952⁽²⁾ and the Wireless Telegraphy (Isle of Man) Order 1952⁽³⁾, and now vested in him⁽⁴⁾, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Reciprocal Exemption of European Radio Amateurs) Regulations 1988 and shall come into force on 1st January 1989.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“amateur service” and “amateur—satellite service” have the same meanings as they have in the 1982 edition of the Radio Regulations, as revised in 1985, 1986 and 1988, annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention 1982⁽⁵⁾ pursuant to Articles 43 and 83 of that Convention;

“CEPT” means the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations⁽⁶⁾, and “CEPT country” means a country which is a member of CEPT;

“CEPT amateur radio licence” means a licence issued by a CEPT country, pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of CEPT recommendation T/R 61—01;

(1) 1949 c. 54.

(2) S.I. 1952/1900.

(3) S.I. 1952/1899.

(4) Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48), section 3; S.I. 1969/1369, article 3; S.I. 1969/1371, article 2; and S.I. 1974/691, article 2.

(5) The International Telecommunication Convention (Cmnd. 9557) was adopted by the International Telecommunication Union at Nairobi on 6th November 1982, and was ratified by the United Kingdom on 15th November 1984.

(6) CEPT was set up in June 1959 in Montreux by the “Arrangement Instituant de la Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications”.

“CEPT Recommendation T/R 61—01” means CEPT Recommendation T/R 61—01 entitled “Concerning the CEPT Amateur Radio Licence”, as adopted by CEPT in Nice in 1985;

“CEPT radio amateur” means a radio amateur who holds a CEPT amateur radio licence issued by a CEPT country, other than the United Kingdom, where that CEPT country permits UK radio amateurs to establish, instal and use relevant amateur stations in its territory in accordance with CEPT Recommendation T/R 61—01 without making application in that behalf;

“host country” means, in relation to a radio amateur who holds a CEPT amateur radio licence, a CEPT country, other than the CEPT country which issued that licence, which he is for the time being visiting;

“radio amateur” means a person who, being duly authorised so to do by the country in which he resides, uses the amateur service, or the amateur—satellite service, or both;

“relevant amateur station” means a station for wireless telegraphy, being—

- (a) any portable station, including any station using mains electricity at a temporary location;
- (b) any mobile station; or
- (c) the station of a radio amateur holding a licence in the host country, in the amateur service, or in the amateur—satellite service, or both; and

“UK radio amateur” means a radio amateur who holds a CEPT amateur radio licence granted under section 1 of the Act.

Exemption

3. Subject to Regulations 4 and 5, the establishment, installation and use of relevant amateur stations are hereby exempted from the provisions of section 1(1) of the Act.

Terms, provisions and limitations

4. The exemption provided for in Regulation 3 shall be limited to establishment, installation and use of relevant amateur stations by CEPT radio amateurs.

5. The exemption provided for in Regulation 3 shall be subject to the terms, provisions and limitations contained in “Terms and Limitations Booklet BR68” as published in English in October 1988 by the Department of Trade and Industry.

29th November 1988

Robert Atkins
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations permit radio amateurs from certain other European countries who are visiting the United Kingdom (including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands) to use certain amateur radio stations without obtaining a licence under section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949.

The Regulations exempt such visitors from the requirement of a licence. The stations which they may use pursuant to this exemption are portable or mobile amateur stations, and the station of a radio amateur licensed in the United Kingdom.

The exemption applies on a reciprocal basis amongst member countries of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) which have implemented CEPT Recommendation T/R 61—01.

The Department of Trade and Industry publishes from time to time a list of CEPT countries which permit UK radio amateurs to establish, instal and use relevant amateur stations in their territories in accordance with CEPT Recommendation T/R 61—01 without making application in that behalf.

To take advantage of the exemption, a visitor must hold a CEPT Amateur Radio Licence issued by his national authority, and must comply with “Terms and Limitations Booklet BR68”. Copies of English, French and German versions of Terms and Limitations Booklet BR68, an English translation of CEPT Recommendation T/R 61—01, and copies of the list of CEPT countries, published by the Department of Trade and Industry, are all obtainable from the Radio Amateur Licensing Unit, Post Office Counters Ltd., Chetwynd House, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S49 1PF, free of charge.