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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1988 No. 47**

**TELEGRAPHS**

**The Wireless Telegraphy (Content of Transmission) Regulations 1988**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>18th January 1988</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>27th January 1988</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>17th February 1988</i>

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

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Content of Transmission) Regulations 1988 and shall come into force on 17th February 1988.

2. In these Regulations —

“the Act” means the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949;

“authorised broadcasting station” means a station for the time being duly authorised to conduct a broadcasting service pursuant to the Radio Regulations published by the General Secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union and for the time being in force;

“public telecommunication system” has the meaning given by section 9(1) of the Telecommunications Act 1984<sup>(5)</sup>.

3. Save as excepted by regulation 4, a person shall not use any station for wireless telegraphy or any wireless telegraphy apparatus to send a message, communication or other matter in whatever form that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character.

4. Regulation 3 shall not apply in relation to the use by any person of an authorised broadcasting station or a public telecommunication system.

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(1) 1949 c. 54.  
(2) S.I.1952/1900.  
(3) S.I. 1952/1899.  
(4) 1969 c. 48; S.I. 1969/1369, 1371, 1974/691.  
(5) 1984 c. 12.

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18th January 1988

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations prohibit the use of a station for wireless telegraphy and wireless telegraphy apparatus as set out in regulation 3 for the purpose of sending a message, communication or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character. A person who sends such a message, communication or other matter is guilty of an offence under the Act and may be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.