
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 2290

CONTRACTING OUT

**The Contracting Out (Functions relating
to Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996**

Made - - - - 3rd September 1996

Coming into force - - 4th September 1996

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament pursuant to section 77(2) of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994⁽¹⁾;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 69 of that Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Contracting Out (Functions relating to Wireless Telegraphy) Order 1996.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order —

“the Act” means the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949;⁽²⁾ and

“programme making” includes the making of a programme for broadcast, the making of a film, presentation, advertisement or audio or video tape, and the staging or performance of an entertainment, sporting or other public event.

(2) In this Order, “broadcast” and “programme” shall be construed in accordance with section 202(1) of the Broadcasting Act 1990⁽³⁾.

Contracting out of functions

3. The functions of the Secretary of State under section 1 (licensing of wireless telegraphy) of the Act insofar as they relate to programme making may be exercised by, or by employees of, such person (if any) as may be authorised in that behalf by the Secretary of State.

(1) 1994 c. 40.
(2) 1949 c. 54.
(3) 1990 c. 42.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

3rd September 1996

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for
Science and Technology,
Department of Trade and Industry

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision to enable the Secretary of State to authorise another person, or that person's employees, to exercise the Secretary of State's functions under section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 (c. 54) insofar as they relate to programme making.

Programme making is defined in article 2(1) of the Order to include the making of a programme for broadcast, the making of a film, presentation, advertisement or audio or video tape, and the staging or performance of an entertainment, sporting or other public event. Radio may be used in programme making in a variety of ways, for example:

- (a) to allow directors to communicate with performers and technicians;
- (b) to transmit programme material at outside broadcast locations to mobile control rooms, for recording or onward routing to a studio centre;
- (c) to link mobile cameras (for example those used in news gathering) to fixed reception points for onward routing; and
- (d) for radio microphones, which are extensively used in broadcasting and in film production and entertainment generally.