EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order extends to the Isle of Man provisions of the Office of Communications Act 2002, which establishes a single regulator (OFCOM) for communications and media and provisions of the Communications Act 2003 which confer on OFCOM certain regulatory functions in respect of wireless telegraphy and broadcast media.

The modifications with which those provisions of the two Acts that are extended, will apply in the Isle of Man are set out in Schedule 1 and 2, respectively, to the Order.

The provisions of the 2003 Act extended include amendments of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949, the Marine, &c, Broadcasting Act 1967, the Telecommunications Act 1984, the Broadcasting Act 1990, the Broadcasting Act 1996 and the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1998, as those Acts have been extended to the Isle of Man.

The Order will come into effect on 29 December 2003 except for the provisions relating to the licensing of television receivers, which will come into effect on 1st April 2004.