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**2003 No. 3281**

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**The Telephone Number Exclusion (Domain  
Names and Internet Addresses) Order 2003**

*Made - - - - 15th December 2003*

*Coming into force - - 29th December 2003*

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 56(7) of the Communications Act 2003(1), hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Telephone Number Exclusion (Domain Names and Internet Addresses) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 29th December 2003.

**Exclusion**

2. Any number which is used as—
- (a) an internet domain name;
  - (b) an internet address; or
  - (c) an address or identifier incorporating either an internet domain name or an internet address, including an email address,

shall be excluded from treatment as a telephone number for the purposes of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Communications Act 2003.

15th December 2003

*Stephen Timms,*  
Minister of State for Energy, E-Commerce and  
Postal Services,  
Department of Trade and Industry

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order excludes domain names, internet addresses and any other address or identifier incorporating either of them from treatment as telephone numbers under Chapter 1 of Part 2 (networks and services) of the Communications Act 2003.