

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives a number of directions to the Office of Communications (OFCOM). It directs OFCOM to vary existing wireless telegraphy licences to include provisions regarding the revocation of those licences, the duration of those licences, and coverage of services. In addition it directs OFCOM to amend their spectrum trading regulations to permit the trading of licences. OFCOM is also directed to amend their regulations to provide for amended charges for the grant of a licence, and to make regulations to set the rules for an auction of licences to use frequencies.

This Order implements Directive [2009/114/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive [87/372/EEC](#) on the frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications in the Community (OJ L 274, 20.10.2009, p25) and Commission Decision [2009/766/EC](#) on the harmonisation of the 900MHz and 1800MHz frequency bands for terrestrial systems capable of providing pan-European electronic communications services in the Community (OJ L 274, 20.10.2009, p32)

Copies of the ETSI standards listed in Schedule 2 are available from The European Telecommunications Institute website <http://www.etsi.org/WebSite/Standards/Standard.aspx> or from The British Standards Institute (BSI), 389 Chiswick High Road, London, W4 4AL.

A full Impact Assessment and a Transposition Note have been produced. Copies may be obtained from Information Economy, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.