EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/74) (the "principal Regulations").

Schedule 5 of the principal Regulations is amended to refer to the updated IR 2016 which makes provision for land mobile-satellite service stations.

Schedule 6 of the principal Regulations is amended to refer to the updated IR 2030 which makes provision for short range devices. This amendment also ensures compliance with Commission Decision 2008/432/EC of 23rd May 2008 amending Decision 2006/771/EC on harmonisation of the radio spectrum for use by short-range devices (OJ No L 151, 11,6,2008, p. 49).

These Regulations also provide for a new exemption from wireless telegraphy licensing for high density fixed satellite applications through the addition of a new Schedule 11 to the principal Regulations.

Copies of IR 2016 and IR 2030 referred to in the principal Regulations and IR 2066 referred to in these Regulations may be obtained from OFCOM at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA and are available on the OFCOM website at http://www.ofcom.org.uk.

A full regulatory impact assessment and report of the effect that these Regulations will have on the costs to business is available from the OFCOM Library at Riverside House and the OFCOM website. Copies of the regulatory impact assessment have also been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.