

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 493

The Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2021

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2021 and shall come into force on 12th May 2021.

Commencement Information

I1 Reg. 1 in force at 12.5.2021, see [reg. 1](#)

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006; and

“GHz” means gigahertz.

[^{F1}“MHz” means megahertz; and]

[^{F1}“non-geostationary satellite” means a satellite that does not remain fixed relative to a position on the surface of the earth.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in [reg. 2](#) inserted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), [regs. 1, 4\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

I2 Reg. 2 in force at 12.5.2021, see [reg. 1](#)

Revocations

3. The Regulations specified in the Schedule are revoked to the extent specified.

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 3 in force at 12.5.2021, see [reg. 1](#)

Short range devices

4. The establishment, installation and use of wireless telegraphy stations and wireless telegraphy apparatus complying with an interface requirement which forms part of the publication [^{F2}“IR 2030 – UK Interface Requirements 2030 Licence Exempt Short Range Devices”, published by OFCOM in March 2023, is exempt] from the provisions of section 8(1) of the Act, if—

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- (a) it does not cause or contribute to any undue interference to any wireless telegraphy; and
- (b) in cases where the interface requirement does not state that airborne use is permitted, use is not airborne.

Textual Amendments

F2 Words in [reg. 4](#) substituted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(3\)](#)

Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 4 in force at 12.5.2021, see [reg. 1](#)

Fixed wireless systems

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Textual Amendments

F3 [Reg. 5](#) omitted (23.3.2023) by virtue of [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(4\)](#)

Commencement Information

I5 Reg. 5 in force at 12.5.2021, see [reg. 1](#)

High density fixed satellite service systems

6. The establishment, installation and use of wireless telegraphy stations and wireless telegraphy apparatus complying with the interface requirements which form part of the publication [^{F4}c-IR 2066 – UK Interface Requirement 2066, High Density Fixed Satellite Service Systems (HDFSS)], published by OFCOM in March 2023, is exempt] from the provision of section 8(1) of the Act, if—

- (a) it does not cause or contribute to any undue interference to any wireless telegraphy; ^{F5}...
- (b) use is not airborne [^{F6}; and]
- [^{F7}(c) it is not connected to a non-geostationary satellite.]

Textual Amendments

F4 Words in [reg. 6](#) substituted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(5\)\(a\)](#)

F5 Word in [reg. 6\(a\)](#) omitted (23.3.2023) by virtue of [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(5\)\(b\)](#)

F6 Words in [reg. 6\(b\)](#) inserted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(5\)\(c\)](#)

F7 [Reg. 6\(c\)](#) inserted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(5\)\(d\)](#)

Commencement Information

I6 Reg. 6 in force at 12.5.2021, see [reg. 1](#)

Personal locator beacons

7. The use of wireless telegraphy apparatus in the frequency band 406 to 406.1 megahertz complying with the interface requirements which form part of the publication [^{F8}“IR 2084 – UK Interface Requirement 2084 Cospas-Sarsat locator beacons for use on land”, published by OFCOM in June 2021], is exempt from the provisions of section 8(1) of the Act, if—

- (a) it does not cause or contribute to any undue interference to any wireless telegraphy;
- (b) use is not airborne; and
- (c) it is not used on board a ship.

Textual Amendments

F8 Words in [reg. 7](#) substituted (30.8.2021) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/948\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(5\)](#)

Commencement Information

I7 Reg. 7 in force at 12.5.2021, see [reg. 1](#)

Earth stations [^{F9}in motion]

8. The use of wireless telegraphy apparatus complying with the interface requirements which form part of the publication [^{F10}“UK Interface Requirement (IR) 2093 Earth Stations in Motion”, published by OFCOM in March 2023], is exempt from the provisions of sections 8(1) of the Act, if—

- (a) it does not cause or contribute to any undue interference to any wireless telegraphy;
- (b) it is not used on board an aircraft and use is not otherwise airborne; ^{F11}...
- (c) it is not used on board a ship [^{F12}; and]
- [^{F13}(d) it is not connected to a non-geostationary satellite.]

Textual Amendments

F9 Words in [reg. 8](#) heading substituted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(6\)\(a\)](#)

F10 Words in [reg. 8](#) substituted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(6\)\(b\)](#)

F11 Word in [reg. 8\(b\)](#) omitted (23.3.2023) by virtue of [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(6\)\(c\)](#)

F12 Word in [reg. 8\(c\)](#) inserted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(6\)\(d\)](#)

F13 [Reg. 8\(d\)](#) inserted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(6\)\(e\)](#)

Commencement Information

I8 Reg. 8 in force at 12.5.2021, see [reg. 1](#)

Citizens' Band Radio Equipment

9. The use of wireless telegraphy apparatus complying with the interface requirements [^{F14}which form part of the publication “IR 2027.2 – UK Radio Interface Requirement 2027.2 for AM/SSB and

DSB use in the Citizens’ Band Radio Service”, published by OFCOM in June 2021], is exempt from the provisions of section 8(1) of the Act, if it does not cause or contribute to any undue interference to any wireless telegraphy.

Textual Amendments

F14 Words in [reg. 9](#) substituted (30.8.2021) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/948\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(7\)](#)

Commencement Information

I9 Reg. 9 in force at 12.5.2021, see [reg. 1](#)

[^{F15}**Safety related intelligent transport systems**

10.—(1) The establishment, installation and use of wireless telegraphy stations or wireless telegraphy apparatus within the frequency band 5875 MHz to 5925 MHz is exempt from the provisions of section 8(1) of the Act, if—

- (a) it complies with the interface requirements which form part of the publication “IR 2086 – UK Interface Requirement 2086 Safety Related Applications of Intelligent Transport Systems”, published by OFCOM in March 2023;
- (b) it does not cause or contribute to undue interference to any wireless telegraphy; and
- (c) the wireless telegraphy stations or wireless telegraphy apparatus are, or are part of, a safety-related intelligent transport system.

(2) In paragraph (1)(c) “intelligent transport system” means a system or service, based on information and communication technologies, including processing, control, positioning, communication and electronics, that is applied to a road transportation system.]

Textual Amendments

F15 [Reg. 10](#) inserted (23.3.2023) by [The Wireless Telegraphy \(Exemption\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/243\)](#), regs. 1, [4\(7\)](#)

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Changes to legislation:

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