NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED KINGDOM

2. Agency responsible: Department of Industry

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2, 2.6.1, 7.3.2, 7.4.1, Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Telecommunication attachments. Apparatus concerned falls mainly within SITC 764.1.

5. Title: Telecommunication Apparatus (Marking and Labelling) Order 1982.

6. Description of content: This notification is about certain rules and regulations arising from
   the British Telecommunications Act (1981). The Act allows the Secretary of State for Industry
   to open up any area of the British Telecommunications (BT) monopoly to competition. One of the
   first areas to be opened up to competition is terminal apparatus for which the British Standards
   Institution is responsible for setting appropriate standards. These standards will be approved
   by the Secretary of State. A new independent body, to be known as the British Approvals Board for
   Telecommunications (BAET), will then type approved apparatus to the appropriate standard. The
   Orders referred to above will require all relevant telecommunication apparatus to bear a mark
   stating whether or not it has been approved for connection to BT networks. There are parallel
   requirements covering advertisements.

7. Objective and rationale: The broad objective is to provide a free market in the United Kingdom
   for telecommunication attachments. The specific purpose of the above Orders is to ensure that
   would-be purchasers have adequate information about the approval status of apparatus on sale,
   since the connection of non-approved apparatus might be potentially hazardous both to users
   and telephone engineers, and also the networks themselves.

   Telecommunication Apparatus (Marking and Labelling) Order 1982.
   Explanatory Note.

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:

10. Final date for comments: -

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point or address of other body: