### GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

**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 Trade and Industry

3. **Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:**

4. **Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):**
   - Private branch exchanges (85.13 B)

5. **Title:** Private branch exchanges for connection to British Telecom's (BT's) public switched telephone network - Part 5.1: Specification for facilities on private branch exchanges with terminating stations treated as an entirety.

6. **Description of content:** This Notification should be read in conjunction with TBT/Notif.83.45 of 17 March 1983. It draws attention to the proposed requirements which facilities on private branch exchanges must meet if they are to be connected to BT's public switched telephone network. The background to the approval arrangements is set out in TBT/Notif.82.98 of 21 June 1982.

7. **Objective and rationale:** The Standard sets down minimum technical requirements for facilities on private branch exchanges to be connected at the users' premises to BT's public switched telephone network when the terminating stations and their cabling can be treated with the private branch exchange as an entirety. This is to ensure that the operation of facilities provided by type-approved private branch exchanges of the above description will not, when such private branch exchanges are connected to one or more nominated BT systems, interfere with the service to any BT subscriber other than the one operating the apparatus or prevent or hinder compliance with any international obligations to which the United Kingdom or BT are party.

8. **Relevant documents:** As under item 5 above.

9. **Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:** July 1984

10. **Final date for comments:** 29 February 1984

11. **Texts available from:** National enquiry point [ ] or address of other body:
    - Sales Administration (Drafts)
    - British Standards Institution
      *(tel: Milton Keynes (0903) 320066)*
      *(Doc. reference No. 83/64473DC)*
    - Copies of the draft are available from BSI at £5.00 (£10.00 for non-members of BSI)