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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry: Telecommunications and Posts Division
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Terminal equipment for connection to the United Kingdom PCN networks operating to the European standard for DCS 1800 equipment
5. Title: Specification for the Type Approval of Terminal Equipment for Use in the Personal Communications Network (PCN) - Issue 1 - April 1992
6. Description of content: The draft Regulation is a sub-set of tests from ETSI GSM Specification 11.10-DCS which is the agreed European type approval specification for DCS 1800 terminal equipment. This is the DCS 1800 version of the GSM 900 Type Approval Specification (NET 10). The draft Regulation has been produced to provide an interim type-approval specification and follows closely the agreed test for the GSM Interim Type Approval Specification adopted by TRAC and the GSM MoU Group in April 1992. It is envisaged that a suitable system simulator can be made available to test this specification in an acceptable time-scale. It is therefore considered that the draft Regulation covers all of the essential requirements for equipment to be connected to the DCS 1800 networks. At present this only applies to the United Kingdom but if networks using the DCS 1800 Standard become available in other countries the draft Regulation should ensure that roaming can be implemented between networks.
7. Objective and rationale: The GSM specification has been approved by TRAC as NET 10, but the DCS 1800 version is not scheduled to become a NET. It will however be merged with the GSM 900 specification for Phase 2 mobile equipment and ETSI are scheduled to produce this specification by March 1993. A CTR is also planned for this stage of development incorporating both GSM 900 and DCS 1800.

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The United Kingdom is actively seeking to develop a CTR for DCS 1800 and will adopt such a CTR as soon as possible, but has to make alternative national arrangements pending the availability of the CTR for DCS 1800 in order to allow United Kingdom DCS 1800 networks to compete in the market place with GSM 900 networks.

As with the GSM specification a suitable system simulator which is required for testing to the specification is not available and cannot be made available in a suitable time-scale. An interim specification is therefore required which covers the essential features of the specification. This is also consistent with the recent TRAC Agreement on the Application of NET 10 for GSM.

8. Relevant documents: Specification for the Type Approval of Terminal Equipment for Use in the Personal Communications Network (PCN) - Issue 1 - April 1992

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 March 1993

10. Final date for comments: 30 September 1992

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