STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 1133

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*27th October 2026*
Coming into force - -	*10th November 2026*

The Office of Communications ("OFCOM") make these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8(3) and 122(7) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 ("the Act")(**1**).

Before making these Regulations OFCOM gave and published notice of their proposal to do so, and considered representations made to them before the time specified in the notice, as required by section 122(4) to (6) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2026 and shall come into force on 10th November 2026.

Amendment of the Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2021

2.—(1) The Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2021(**2**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4 (Short range devices) for "in April 2026, is exempt" substitute "in October 2026, is exempt".

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For and on behalf of the Office of Communications

27th October 2026

(**1**) 2006 c. 36. Section 8(3) and section 122(7) were extended to the Bailiwick of Guernsey by article 2 of the Wireless Telegraphy (Guernsey) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3325); to the Bailiwick of Jersey by article 2 of the Wireless Telegraphy (Jersey) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3324); and to the Isle of Man by article 2 of the Wireless Telegraphy (Isle of Man) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/278).

(**2**) S.I. 2021/493 as amended by S.I. 2021/948, S.I. 2023/243, and S.I. 2026/396.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/493) ("the 2021 Regulations"). The 2021 Regulations exempt the establishment, installation and use of wireless telegraphy stations or apparatus which comply with certain terms, provisions and limitations, from the requirement to be licensed under section 8(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (c. 36).

Regulation 2(3) amends the 2021 Regulations to change the publication date of technical interface requirement document IR 2030, published by OFCOM which relates to short range devices.

The interface requirement document is published by OFCOM and is available from OFCOM's website at https://www.ofcom.org.uk/siteassets/resources/documents/spectrum/interface-requirements/ir-2030.pdf?v=426935. Hard copies of the document can be obtained by writing to OFCOM at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect of these Regulations is available to the public from OFCOM's website at www.ofcom.org.uk. Hard copies of the document can be obtained by writing to OFCOM at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA. Copies of the assessment have also been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.