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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LIEUTENANT

Colonel J. Elliott Wilson, OBE, JP, Lord-Lieutenant for the County Borough of Belfast, has been pleased to appoint Mr. Thomas Francis Edward Donnelly, 13 Harberton Park, Belfast BT9 6TW, to be a Deputy Lieutenant for the County, his Commission bearing date the 20th day of February, 1995.

Dated: 21st February, 1995.

J. Elliott Wilson, Lord-Lieutenant for the County.

INLAND REVENUE

THE ARBITRATION CONVENTION

The Convention On The Elimination Of Double Taxation In Connection With The Adjustment Of Profits Of Associated Enterprises (The Arbitration Convention), has now been ratified and entered into force on 1st January, 1995. The Convention, which was signed by the 12 Member States of the European Community on 23rd July, 1990, is intended to help eliminate the double taxation which might arise in certain circumstances when transfer pricing adjustments are made. The Convention was published as a command paper (CM 1524), copies of which are obtainable from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

THE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES) ORDER 1995 (S.I. 1995 No. 266)

This order came into force on 1st January, 1995, the date on which the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation (Cm 2571) entered into force.

OFTEL

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE LICENCE OF BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLC ("BT")

1. The Director General of Telecommunications (the "Director") in accordance with section 12(2) of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (the "Act") hereby gives notice that he proposes to make modifications to the licence granted to British Telecommunications on 22nd June, 1984 (the "BT Licence"). The modifications which the Director proposes to make are set out in the following Schedule.
2. The Director proposes to make the modifications for the following reasons:
 - (a) the availability of number portability - the ability of a customer to keep a telephone number if he changes from one provider of telecommunications services to another - has been shown to be a significant factor in promoting competition in the supply of such services;
 - (b) although the BT licence makes provision for the introduction of number portability in certain circumstances, the important question of allocation of the costs of introducing such a service is excluded from the Director's powers of determination under those provisions;
 - (c) in the absence of such a power, progress in introducing number portability is being significantly impeded. In the Director's opinion, number portability needs to be introduced into the UK as quickly as possible and with a cost-distribution which fairly reflects the distribution of benefits to telecommunications customers as a whole;
 - (d) in addition, developments in the provision of telecommunications service since the BT Licence was modified to cater for the provision of number portability have indicated a need for portability to be provided in accordance with an industry-wide specification and to widen the scope of number portability beyond simple exchange-line portability.
3. The Director is required by section 12(2) of the Act to consider any representations or objections which are duly made and not withdrawn.
4. Representations or objections to the proposed modifications may be made to: Alex Blowers, OFTEL, 50 Ludgate Hill,