

London, EC4M 7JJ (telephone 0171 634 8798) no later than 22nd March 1995. Copies of the proposed modifications may be obtained from Peter Hammond at the above address (telephone 0171 634 8830). All responses will be publicly available, on receipt, in the OFTEL library, unless clearly marked "Confidential".

Schedule

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO CONDITION 34B OF THE BT LICENCE

The existing condition 34B of BT's licence allows, at paragraph 34B.11-15, for the introduction in a geographical area of number portability (defined as being enabled to retain a telephone number at an address if a person arranges for an exchange line to be provided by an operator other than BT, and vice versa), following the completion of a cost-benefit analysis which shows a net benefit from its introduction outweighing the likely costs. Such an analysis has been carried out and provided the requisite indication. Paragraph 34B.15 of the condition allows for BT to recover from other operators the "reasonable costs" incurred in providing, inter alia, number portability. But it does not specify how these costs are to be measured or allocated. On this point, the proposed modification would introduce a power for the Director to determine the charges levied by BT on other operators to provide number portability. Any such determination would not permit BT to recover from other operators the costs of establishing the basic ability to provide portability of numbers (the "set-up costs"), nor could BT wholly recover from one other operator the costs of routing a ported call within the BT system which are over and above those which are incurred in routing an ordinary call (the "additional conveyance costs").

The modification also expands the definition of number portability to encompass mobility of the customer to another address either at the time the telephone number is ported to another operator, or subsequently, and obliges BT to provide number portability in accordance with an industry-agreed functional specification.

The modification also allows for the introduction of number portability in respect of "non-geographic numbers" - numbers which are associated with a particular service, such as freephone and personal numbers. Other operators would be able to ask BT to port a number of this kind which was of a category specified in a list by the Director, where a customer wished to take a non-geographic service from that other operator rather than BT.

In addition, the modification allows for a simplification of the procedure for introducing number portability. This will no longer require a direction to the parties involved by the Director, but will be at the request of the other operator, subject to that operator being willing to enter a reciprocal agreement to provide number portability to BT, and to the technical feasibility of the request.

DEPARTMENT FOR NATIONAL SAVINGS

INDEX-LINKED NATIONAL SAVINGS

Movement of the United Kingdom General Index of Retail Prices

For the purposes of revaluing on repayment Index-linked National Savings Certificates (Retirement Issue, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Index-linked Issues) and contributions under Save As You Earn savings contracts (Third Issue) and for revising the annual rate of interest for Indexed-Income Bonds, the Index figure issued by the Central Statistical Office in the month of February and applicable to the month of March is 146.0. This figure is based on the revised reference base of 100 adopted in January 1987. In accordance with the relevant prospectuses a notional Index figure of 576.0 has been calculated and will apply to Index-linked Savings Certificates and Indexed-Income Bonds purchased in March 1987 or earlier and SAYE contributions which were due for payment and made in February 1987 or earlier.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

INDEX LINKED ULSTER SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Retirement, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Issues

MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GENERAL INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES

For the purpose of revaluing on repayment Index Linked Ulster Savings Certificates of the Retirement, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Index Linked Issues the Index figure issued by the Central Statistical Office in the month of February 1995 and applicable to the month of March 1995 is 146.0. This figure is based on the revised reference base of 100 adopted in January 1987. In accordance with the relevant Ulster Savings Certificates Regulations an Index figure of 576.0 has been calculated.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PESTICIDES (MAXIMUM RESIDUE LEVELS IN CROPS, FOOD AND FEEDING STUFFS) (EEC LIMITS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, has made on 13th February 1995, the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (EEC Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995, S.R. No. 33.

The Regulations will come into operation on 24th April, 1995.

Copies of the Regulations may be purchased from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD. ISBN 0 337 91249 1, £6.35 net.

PESTICIDES (MAXIMUM RESIDUE LEVELS IN CROPS, FOOD AND FEEDING STUFFS) (NATIONAL LIMITS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 16(2)(k) and (l), (15) and 24(3) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, has made on 13th February, 1995, the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (National Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995, S.R. No. 32.

The Regulations will come into operation on 24th April, 1995.

Copies of the Regulations may be purchased from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD. ISBN 0 337 91248 3, £5.70 net.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FAIR EMPLOYMENT (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1989

Fair Employment Tribunal For Northern Ireland

MINUTE OF APPOINTMENT

The Department of Economic Development, in pursuance of regulation 3 of the Fair Employment Tribunal Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989, hereby appoints the following persons to the panel of persons representative of employers, that is to say: Mr. E. Bridle, Mrs. H. D. Gault.