

**NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE****POLICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970**

Notice is hereby given that the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1998 have been made by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Copies of the regulations may be obtained from the Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (DEFINITION OF TREATIES) (THE ENERGY CHARTER TREATY) ORDER 1996**

Notice is hereby given that the United Kingdom lodged its instrument of ratification of the Energy Charter Treaty in Lisbon on the 16th December 1998, following signature of the European Energy Charter in the Hague on 17th December 1991, negotiations were completed on the legally binding Energy Charter Treaty which came into provisional effect on 17th December 1994.

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**OFFICE OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS OF THE LICENCES OF  
MERCURY PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED  
AND ORANGE PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICES LIMITED**

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 Mercury Personal Communications Limited ("MPCL") on 9th May, 1995 and to the licence granted to Orange Personal Communications Services Limited ("OPCL") on 27th July, 1995.

2. Modifications were made to the licences of MPCL and OPCL on 2nd April 1998, to remove the obligations contained in those licences to provide airtime to mobile service providers subject to a transitional period of one year from the date the modifications were made. At the same time changes were made to the licences, the effect of which was to remove the obligations under section 8(1) of the Act to publish charges and not to show undue preference or discrimination in respect of some of the services which the Licensees are obliged to provide under the licences. The Director now proposes to make the modifications described in the Schedule below in order to restore these obligations which are necessary to ensure that section 8 of the Act applies to the licences of MPCL and OPCL.

3. The proposed modifications apply to the telecommunications services which the licensees are currently obliged to provide. The position relating to other services will be subject to review as part of the implementation of the Directive 97/13 EC of the European Parliament and Council ("the Licensing Directive") on which the Department of Trade and Industry propose to issue a consultation document later this year.

4. The Director is required by section 12(2) of the Act to consider any representations or objections which are duly made and not withdrawn. Subject to such considerations and the consent of MPCL and OPCL, the Director proposes to make the modifications forthwith.

5. The consultation procedure comprises two stages. In the first stage, representations on or objections to the proposed modifications may be made to Rosemary Buck, OFTEL, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JJ (telephone 0171-634 8822, fax 0171-634 8847) by no later than Friday, 21st August, 1998.

6. It is OFTEL's usual practice to have a two stage consultation, where the second stage of the consultation is for the purpose of providing comments on the responses to the consultation itself.

However on this occasion, in view of the technical nature of these modifications which serve only to remedy a possible defect in the modifications made on 2nd April 1998, it is not intended that a further period of 14 days will be granted.

**THE SCHEDULE**

It is proposed to modify the licences as follows:

Condition 8 (Prohibition of charges, terms and conditions to be applied – by applying the obligation to publish charges to services which the licensees are currently obliged to provide under their licence; and

Condition 9 (Prohibition on undue preference and undue discrimination) – by applying the prohibition on undue preference and undue discrimination to services which the licensees are currently obliged to provide under their licences.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
AND PERSONNEL**

**INDEX LINKED ULSTER SAVINGS CERTIFICATES**

*Retirement, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh,  
Eighth and Ninth 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, Eighth and Ninth Index Linked Issues the Index figure issued by the Central Statistical Office in the month of July 1998 and applicable to the month of August 1998 is 163.4. 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 644.6 has been calculated.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966, AS  
AMENDED**

*Application for Fish Culture and Shellfish Fishery Licences*

Notice is hereby given that Sean McCaul t/a Ballyduff Seafoods in pursuance of the provisions of the above Act, has made application to the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland for fish culture and shellfish fishery licences for the purposes of shellfish cultivation at two sites in Belfast Lough. One site is at the North Shore of the Lough off Jordantown and is 11.8 hectares and the other is adjacent to the South shore off Hollywood and is 40.3 hectares.

The applicant intends to cultivate (*Mytilus edulis*) and European or Native Oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) on both sites allowing the shellfish to grow naturally and therefore no structures would be placed on the seabed.

The application, including a map showing the location of the area, may be examined at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Division, Annexe 5, Castle Grounds, Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3PW, between 1000 hours - 1200 hours and 1400 hours - 1600 hours, Monday - Friday (public holidays excepted).

Any objections to the application must be presented in writing to the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland at the aforementioned address on or before 2nd September, 1998.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Education in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 49(4)(a) and 134 (1)(b) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, has made a Statutory Rule entitled: Schools (Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998.