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AMATEUR RADIO USE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

The Department of Trade and Industry today announced changes to the Amateur Radio Licence (A), allowing additional types of transmission and higher powers on the 18 and 24 MHz bands.

The World Administrative Radio Conference 1979 agreed that the 18.068 to 18.168 MHz and 24.890 to 24.990 MHz bands should be transferred to the amateur service on a primary basis. In order to protect existing users, while replacement frequencies were being found, these bands were made available to Class A amateurs on a restricted basis, with limitations on type of transmission, maximum power and antenna characteristics, subject to causing no interference to other services.

Arrangements have now been completed for the transfer of these other services. As from July 1, Class A radio amateurs may use these bands with all their permitted types of transmission (Morse, Telephony, Radio Teletype, Data, Facsimile and Slow Scan Television) subject only to the usual maximum power limitations applying to the amateur high frequency bands (20 dBW Carrier or 26 dBW PEP).

NOTE TO EDITORS

1. There are two types of amateur radio licence on issue in the United Kingdom; both require a pass in the Radio Amateurs Examination conducted by the City & Guilds Institute of London. But unlike Class A for which a pass in the Morse Test run by the Radio Society of Great Britain is required, Class B amateurs do not have access to frequencies below 30 MHz and therefore are unaffected by these changes.

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