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CABLE PROGRAMME SERVICES

The Cable (Prescribed Diffusion Service) Order 1984

Made - - - - -	19*th December* 1984
Coming into Operation	1*st January* 1985

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 2(3) of the Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984**(a)**, and after consultation with the Cable Authority, I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Cable (Prescribed Diffusion Service) Order 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1985.

2.—(1) For the purposes of Part I of the Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984, "prescribed diffusion service" means a diffusion service consisting of sounds and visual images sent by means of a telecommunication system which—

(*a*) is connected to apparatus by means of which the service is received; and

(*b*) is capable of conveying simultaneously visual images on at least 16 channels of 8 MHz from the place from which it is run.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (*a*) above, a system shall not be regarded as connected to apparatus unless it would be so regarded for the purposes of section 4 of the Telecommunications Act 1984**(b)**.

Leon Brittan,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office.

19th December 1984.

(a) 1984 c. 46.

(b) 1984 c. 12.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

Under the Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 the Cable Authority are charged with a number of duties in relation to "prescribed diffusion services", the most important of which is their duty, under section 4(9), to exercise their licensing powers in the manner which they consider is best calculated to promote the provision of such services. By virtue of section 2(3) a "prescribed diffusion service" means a diffusion service of such description as the Secretary of State, after consultation with the Cable Authority, may by order prescribe. This Order describes a "prescribed diffusion service" as a diffusion service in which sound and television programmes are relayed direct to the home by means of a wideband cable system capable of carrying at least 16 video channels simultaneously.

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