

FCS Cellular Manufacturers Group

Introducing the FCS and Cellular Manufacturers Group

The Federation of Communication Services is the trade association for the communications services industry. FCS supports and represents businesses delivering products and services throughout the vertical markets of the mobile, fixed telephony and radio spectrum sectors of the converging communications industry.

FCS is a key part of the business world offering consumers better standards and keeping government and regulators in touch with the industry. FCS provides an important forum for companies. FCS serves its members by providing representation, services and a forum for discussion through a series of industry sector groups.

The Cellular Manufacturers Group - CMG, formed in 1991, represents the interests of companies that make and supply mobile voice, data and PDA terminals, the network infrastructure that supports them and the associated equipment and accessories. The group carries out stand alone programmes for manufacturers and also works with other industry sub-sectors on cross industry programmes.

Working for the interests of manufacturers

CMG members participate in an accurate and confidential market data project to benchmark their progress with the delivery of products into the UK market. Unlike general surveys the CMG members value the high accuracy and confidentiality of the CMG monthly reports. Operated by a professional team the project is open to companies that are members of the FCS.

CMG Members

- are members of the FCS
- have access to forums for the exchange of non-competitive information
- provide input to policy making

- are represented to regulators and governments
- receive regular industry information
- have access to the FCS Helpline

Collaborating with others in the mobile phone industry

CMG members participate in the Mobile Takeback Forum, the FCS group that brings manufacturers and importers alongside the mobile operators, larger retailers and reverse logistics sector to consider the implications of the new environmental and waste reduction European Directives. This cross industry forum has been instrumental in influencing UK government and international organisations, as well as promoting the corporate social responsibility of the mobile phone industry in the UK.

CMG members participate in the FCS working groups that maintain and update industry codes of good working practice. In 2005 the 1362 code of practice for installation of phones data terminals and other equipment in vehicles was updated by a collaborative group including installers, the vehicle industry and phone manufacturers. The code of practice forms the basis of the Silver Award Scheme for Installers.

Other codes of practice originally held by Ofcom and now owned by the FCS on behalf of the industry are reviewed from time to time.

FCS links to the broad communications industry offers a unique point of contact for UK Government departments such as the DTI, Defra, Home Office and the regulator Ofcom, as well as the European Commission. FCS members benefit from this fertile exchange by receiving up to the minute news and information as well as the ability to influence policy.

How can I join CMG?

Manufacturers and importers into the UK market automatically become members of the CMG when they join the FCS. Contact Anton Matthews, FCS Marketing Manager, on 020 8249 6363 or email to fcs@fcs.org.uk or visit website www.fcs.org.uk

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Further information may be found on
the FCS web site www.fcs.org.uk

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