

EUROPEAN RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

ERC Decision
of 1 November 1996
on the adoption of approval regulations for equipment
to be used for radio relay systems operating in
the fixed service for the transmission of
digital signals and analogue video signals operating
between 37 GHz and 39.5 GHz,
based on the European Telecommunications
Standard (ETS) 300 197

(ERC/DEC/(96)08)



WITHDRAWN

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. INTRODUCTION

The free movement of radiocommunications goods and the provision of Europe-wide services for radiocommunications are only achievable if there exist common regulations throughout Europe regarding availability of frequency bands, approval requirements and border crossing procedures. A basic requirement to fulfil these objectives is the Europe-wide implementation of regulations based on the European Telecommunications Standards (ETSS) developed by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

This Decision (ERC/DEC/(96)08) provides the necessary mechanism for CEPT Administrations to commit themselves to implement, within their national regimes, European Telecommunications Standard 300 197¹ and withdraw any conflicting national standard.

2. BACKGROUND

Both the ERC and ETSI are involved in the development of common regulations, as described in (1) above. The Memorandum of Understanding between ERC and ETSI explains the respective responsibilities of the two organisations and its annex describes the principles of co-operation. The ERC, for its part, should, *inter alia*, adopt Decisions on the introduction of ETSI standards into approval regimes.

ETS 300 197 has been prepared by the Transmission and Multiplexing (TM) Technical Committee of ETSI. The standard has undergone the ETSI standards approval procedure and is now published as an ETS.

The ETS is based on CEPT Recommendation T/R 12-01.

The use of the frequency range (37 to 39.5 GHz) covered by ETS 300 197 is not harmonised within CEPT. Administrations have adopted different arrangements, to meet national requirements, for channel separations (3.5, 7, 14, 28, 56 and 140 MHz). Further, the equipment used in this frequency range is subject to national licensing and frequency planning which requires specification of, *inter alia*, frequency of operation and equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.).

Nevertheless, there are a number of parameters, in particular those considered by the ERC as essential for spectrum management purposes², which can be harmonised by adopting within approval regulations the limit values and measurement methods provided in ETS 300 197.

3. REQUIREMENT FOR AN ERC DECISION

The allocation and assignment of radio frequencies and the complementary equipment approval regimes in CEPT Member countries are laid down by law, regulation or administrative action. The ERC recognises that for harmonised fixed and mobile radio services to be introduced successfully throughout Europe, manufacturers and operators must be given the confidence to make the necessary investment in the development and procurement of new systems. Commitment by CEPT Administrations to implement this ERC Decision will provide a clear indication that equipment conforming to approval regulations based on ETS 300 197 will have the benefit of a Europe-wide market.

¹ ETS 300 197: "Transmission and Multiplexing (TM); Parameters for radio relay systems for the transmission of digital signals and analogue video signals operating at 38 GHz" (Edition 1, 1994)

Amendment A1 (April 1995)

² See Annex 1 of the Decision

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The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

considering:

- a) that CEPT has a long term objective to harmonise the use of frequencies and the related regulatory regimes;
- b) that such harmonisation will benefit administrations, manufacturers, operators and users;
- c) that ETSI has published ETS 300 197 for equipment to be used for radio relay systems in the fixed service operating in the 37 to 39.5 GHz frequency range with channel separations of 3.5, 7, 14, 28, 56 and 140 MHz;
- d) that, for the foreseeable future, there will continue to be widespread use of radio relay systems in the fixed service having the technical characteristics described in (c) above;
- e) that, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between ERC and ETSI, the ERC shall adopt ERC Decisions on the introduction of ETSI standards into approval regimes;
- f) that the use of radio equipment is subject to national licensing and frequency planning requirements, in particular for frequency of operation and e.i.r.p.;
- g) that suitable transitional arrangements are given in CEPT Recommendation T/R 01-05.

DECIDES

1. to adopt, by 1 March 1997, approval regulations for equipment to be used for radio relay systems operating in the frequency range 37 GHz to 39.5 GHz with transmitter power levels of up to 1W, based on the limit values and measurement methods for spectrum management parameters contained in ETS 300 197, with the exclusion by national choice of those parameters which are subject to national licensing requirements³. A list of the spectrum management parameters to be included in approval regulations is given in Annex 1;
2. to withdraw any conflicting national approval regulation(s);
3. that CEPT Member Administrations shall communicate the national measures implementing this Decision to the ERC Chairman and the ERO when the Decision is nationally implemented.

Note:

Please check the ERO web site (www.ero.dk) under "Documentation / Implementation" for the up to date position on the implementation of this and other ERC Decisions.

³ Annex 2 and 3 are provided for information to show which options have been adopted by each administration in those cases where ETS 300 197 offers a choice

ANNEX 1

Parameters from ETS 300 197 to be included in approval regulations:

ETS 300 197	Section	Comments
Limits for parameters of digital systems (section 5)		
Transmission capacity	5.1	Options for transmission capacity with the appropriate channel spacings 3.5, 7, 14, 28, 56 and 140 MHz. Manufacturers declaration
Baseband parameters	5.3	
Transmitter characteristics	5.4	Options for channel spacings 3.5, 7, 14, 28, 56 and 140 MHz
Transmitter power range	5.4.1	
Transmitter output power tolerance	5.4.2	
RF spectrum mask	5.4.3	
Spurious emissions	5.4.4	
RF frequency tolerance	5.4.5	
Receiver characteristics	5.5	
Spurious emissions	5.5.2	
System performance	5.6	Options for channel spacings 3.5, 7, 14, 28, 56 and 140 MHz
BER performance	5.6.1	
Interference sensitivity	5.6.3	
co-channel interference	5.6.3.a	
adjacent channel interference	5.6.3.b	
CW spurious interference	5.6.3.c	
Limits for parameters of wide band analogue systems (section 6)		
Transmit/receive capacity	6.1	Options for transmission capacity with the appropriate channel spacings 28 and 56 MHz. Manufacturers declaration
Baseband parameters	6.3	
Transmitter characteristics	6.4	Options for channel spacings 28 and 56 MHz
Transmitter power range	6.4.1	

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Transmitter output power tolerance	6.4.2	
Spectrum mask	6.4.3.1	
Spurious emissions	6.4.4	
RF frequency tolerance	6.4.5	
Receiver characteristics	6.5	
Spurious emission	6.5.2	
Transmit/receive performance	6.6	
Receiver threshold	6.6.1	
co-channel interference	6.6.2.a	
adjacent channel interference	6.6.2.b	
CW spurious interference	6.6.2.c	

ANNEX 2

Adoption of the digital elements of ETS 300 197: National variations

Administration	Adoption of channel spacing options	Adoption of options for environmental conditions
Albania		
Andorra		
Austria	1 to 8	9, 14
Belgium		
Bosnia and Herzegovina		
Bulgaria		
Croatia		
Cyprus		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Estonia		
Finland	digital 1 to 8	to be specified by the customer
France	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	9, 16
Germany		
Greece		
Hungary	1, 3, 4, 6	10, 17
Iceland		
Ireland	1, 3, 4, 6	10, 16
Italy		
Latvia		
Liechtenstein		
Lithuania	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	10, 13, 14, 17
Luxembourg		
Malta		
Moldova		
Monaco		
Netherlands		
Norway		
Poland		
Portugal		
Romania		
Russian Federation		
San Marino		
Slovak Republic		
Slovenia		
Spain		
Sweden		
Switzerland		
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	10, 17
Turkey		
Ukraine		
United Kingdom		
Vatican City		

Key:	Channel spacing	Environmental conditions
	1 = 2 Mbits in a 3.5 MHz Channel	9 = Class 3.1
	2 = 2 Mbits in a 7 MHz Channel	10 = Class 3.2
	3 = 2x2 Mbits in a 3.5 MHz Channel	11 = Class 3.3
	4 = 8 Mbits in a 7 MHz Channel	12 = Class 3.4
	5 = 8 Mbits in a 14 MHz Channel	13 = Class 3.5
	6 = 34 Mbits in a 28 MHz Channel	14 = Class 4.1
	7 = 34 Mbits in a 56 MHz Channel	15 = Class 4.1E
	8 = 140/155 Mbits in a 140 MHz Channel	16 = -20°C to +40°C
		17 = -30°C to +50°C

ANNEX 3

Adoption of the analogue elements of ETS 300 197: National variations

Administration	Adoption of channel spacing options	Adoption of options for environmental conditions
Albania		
Andorra		
Austria	1 to 4	5, 10
Belgium		
Bosnia and Herzegovina		
Bulgaria		
Croatia		
Cyprus		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Estonia		
Finland	analog 1 to 4	to be specified by the customer
France		
Germany		
Greece		
Hungary	1, 2, 3, 4	6, 13
Iceland		
Ireland	1	6, 12
Italy		
Latvia		
Liechtenstein		
Lithuania	1, 2	6, 10, 13
Luxembourg		
Malta		
Moldova		
Monaco		
Netherlands		
Norway		
Poland		
Portugal		
Romania		
Russian Federation		
San Marino		
Slovak Republic		
Slovenia		
Spain		
Sweden		
Switzerland		
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1, 2, 3, 4	6, 13
Turkey		
Ukraine		
United Kingdom		
Vatican City		

Key: Channel Spacing

Environmental conditions

- 1 = <3.5 MHz Video bandwidth in a 28 MHz Channel
- 2 = <6 MHz Video bandwidth in a 56 MHz Channel
- 3 = <10 MHz Video bandwidth in a 56 MHz Channel
- 4 = <14 MHz Video bandwidth in a 56 MHz Channel

- 5 = Class 3.1
- 6 = Class 3.2
- 7 = Class 3.3
- 8 = Class 3.4
- 9 = Class 3.5
- 10 = Class 4.1
- 11 = Class 4.1E
- 12 = -20°C to +40°C
- 13 = -30°C to +50°C