



# ECC Decision (17)02

The withdrawal of ECTRA Decision ECTRA/DEC/(97)02

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### 1 INTRODUCTION

Within CEPT, a regulatory regime applicable for Satellite Personal Communications Services (S-PCS) was established in 1997. The four CEPT Decisions (listed in section Background) established the basis for authorising S-PCS systems throughout Europe. The decision ECTRA/DEC/(97)02 on 'Harmonisation of Authorisation Conditions and Co-ordination of Procedures in the field of Satellite Personal Communications Services (S-PCS) in Europe, operating within the bands 1610-1626.5 MHz, 2483.5-2500 MHz, 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz' was one of them.

In 2006, the ECC revised the regulatory framework for the Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) in the bands 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz in order to accommodate a new generation of MSS including those supplemented by a Complementary Ground Component (CGC). Decision ECC/DEC/(06)09 was developed.

In 2009, the ECC reviewed the regulatory framework of Decisions affecting the mobile-satellite service for the bands 1610-1626.5 MHz and 2483.5-2500 MHz to take account of changes since 1997, when satellite PCS systems were in development. ECC/DEC/(09)02 was approved and consequently decision ERC/DEC/(97)03 was withdrawn.

Therefore ECC at their June 2016 meeting determined that decision ECTRA/DEC/(97)02 was no longer necessary as a tool that provides harmonisation of authorisation conditions and co-ordination of procedures within the CEPT, therefore needs to be withdrawn.

### 2 BACKGROUND

Within CEPT, a regulatory regime applicable for Satellite Personal Communications Services (S-PCS) was established in 1997. The four CEPT Decisions established a the basis for authorising S-PCS systems throughout Europe and decision ECTRA/DEC/(97)02 was one of them.

- ERC/DEC/(97)03 relating to the Harmonised Use of Spectrum for Satellite Personal Communications Services (S-PCS) operating within the bands 1610-1626.5 MHz, 2483.5-2500 MHz, 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz;
- ERC/DEC/(97)04 relating to the Transitional Arrangements for the Fixed Service and the Mobile-Satellite Service in the Bands 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz in order to Facilitate the Harmonised Introduction and Development of Satellite Personal Communications Services;
- ERC/DEC(97)05 on Free Circulation, Use and Licensing of Mobile Earth Stations of Satellite Personal Communications Services (S-PCS) operating within the bands 1610-1626.5 MHz, 2483.5-2500 MHz, 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz within the CEPT; and
- ECTRA/DEC/(97)02 on Harmonisation of Authorisation Conditions and Co-ordination of Procedures in the field of Satellite Personal Communications Services (S-PCS) in Europe, operating within the bands 1610-1626.5 MHz, 2483.5-2500 MHz, 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz.

Current situation with the MSS framework looks as follows:

- ERC/DEC/(97)03 has been withdrawn by ECC/DEC/(09)02;
- ERC/DEC/(97)04 has been withdrawn due the fact that not all conditions of it were fulfilled by the deadline and also certain conditions for the MSS usage of the spectrum were necessary to modify;
- ERC/DEC/(97)05 was withdrawn by ECC/DEC/(07)04;
- In March 2004 CEPT undertook the revision of the Mobile-Satellite Service framework in the bands 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz and developed ECC/DEC/(06)09.

### **3 REQUIREMENT FOR AN ECC DECISION**

The ECC Rules of Procedure foresee that the withdrawal of a Decision is subject to the same procedure as the development and adoption of a new Decision. This Decision therefore is developed to withdraw the ECTRA/DEC/(97)02.

## ECC DECISION OF 03 MARCH 2017 ON WITHDRAWAL OF ECTRA/DEC/(97)02

“The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

*considering*

- a) that the existing ECTRA/DEC/(97)02 is not considered any longer as a tool that provides harmonisation of authorisation conditions and co-ordination of procedures within the CEPT and was superseded by a number of ECC decisions, therefore is no longer needed.

### DECIDES

1. to withdraw the Decision ECTRA/DEC/(97)02 of 23 October 1997 on Harmonisation of Authorisation Conditions and Co-ordination of Procedures in the field of Satellite Personal Communications Services (S-PCS) in Europe, operating within the bands 1610-1626.5 MHz, 2483.5-2500 MHz, 1980-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz;
2. that this ECC Decision enters into force on 03 March 2017.

*Note:*

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