MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE OPERATION OF BROADCASTING STATIONS ON BOARD SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT OUTSIDE NATIONAL TERRITORIAL LIMITS

Recommendation adopted by the Working Group Radio Regulatory

“The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

considering

a) Recommendation No. 9 adopted by the Word Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva, 1979,

b) the provisions of articles 23.2 and 42.4 of the Radio Regulations, Edition of 2001,

c) that emissions from broadcasting stations on board ships or aircraft outside national territorial limits could pose serious threats to safety of life radio communications,

d) that the harmful interference caused by the above-mentioned stations has prevented the reception of broadcasting stations brought into use in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations, and risks disrupting the broadcasting service in the European broadcasting area,

e) that the European Agreement on the suppression of broadcast emissions from stations outside national territories, signed in Strasbourg on 22 January 1965, makes provision for appropriate steps to be taken to suppress the above stations,

recommends

1. that CEPT Member Administrations take all the requisite steps to prevent the installation of broadcasting stations on board ships or aircraft that affect their respective countries,

2. that each Administration informs the others immediately, by circular letter, of any new information it may obtain on this subject,

3. that the attention of the respective Governments and, more especially, that of the authorities capable of intervening in the maritime and aeronautical spheres, be drawn to the unlawful nature of such broadcast emissions, contravening as they do the provisions of the Radio Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention which is the subject of ratification by each country,

4. that Administrations ask their respective Governments to study possible means, direct or indirect, by which the operations of the above-mentioned stations may be prevented or suspended, and, where appropriate, take the necessary action,

5. that the attention of the Governments of CEPT Member Countries be drawn to the need to ratify or accept the European Agreement (Strasbourg, 1965), or accede thereto as soon as possible.”

Note:
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