Recommendation T/R 01-05 (Madrid 1992)

TRANSPOSITION OF NATIONAL STANDARDS TO ENABLE INTRODUCTION OF EUROPEAN STANDARDS

relating to the implementation by CEPT members of European Telecommunication Standards and Interim European Telecommunication Standards

Recommendation proposed by the "Radio Regulatory" Working Group (RR)

Text of the Recommendation adopted by the "European Radiocommunications Committee" (ERC):

1. INTRODUCTION

The Recommendation is applicable to radio equipment which is not the subject of the EC Council Directive 91/263/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning telecommunications terminal equipment, including the mutual recognition of their conformity.

Consideration has been given to the EC Council Directives 86/361 EEC, 91/263 EEC, 83/189 EEC with Council Decision 87/95, and ETSI Rules of Procedure. These documents are not specific to radio equipment.

A common policy in CEPT Member countries on the introduction of the newly developed European Telecommunication Standards (ETSs) will greatly benefit the user by introducing new products more quickly to the market and reduce unit costs.

2. SCOPE

The Recommendation relates to the implementation of both ETSs and I-ETSs in CEPT Member countries. It also proposes a relationship between a national technical standard and the ETS or I-ETS to be implemented.

The ETSs or I-ETSs shall be implemented after the formal approval by ETSI as foreseen in the ETSI voting procedure.

Following the approval of an ETS, where a national standard exists, necessary steps shall be taken to ensure that the ETS becomes the only applicable national standard after a period of two years.

A published I-ETS, however, has a limited validity of three years, after which it shall be either converted into an ETS, extended for a further year, or withdrawn. Therefore, following the approval of an I-ETS, where a national standard exists, necessary steps shall be taken to ensure that the I-ETS can be used as a national standard having at least the same status as the existing standard.

3. REMARKS

The definition of "existing national standard" has been taken to include both the national standard and the implemented ETS or I-ETS. This makes it possible to use the Recommendation for the replacement of earlier ETS and I-ETS.

"The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

affirming

that for this Recommendation:

- (a) A "European Telecommunication Standard" (ETS) is a technical specification produced and approved after the formal voting procedure by the European Telecommunication Standards Institute,
- (b) An "Interim European Telecommunication Standard" (I-ETS) is an interim technical specification produced and approved after the formal voting procedure by the European Telecommunication Standards Institute, which shall, within three years from its date of approval, either be replaced by a European Telecommunication Standard, or withdrawn, or prolonged for a period of one year,

considering

- a) that CEPT Member countries may apply different existing national standards for type approval of radio equipment,
- b) that apart from national standards European standards are being developed for both existing and new applications for radio equipment,
- c) that European standards will greatly facilitate the introduction of new systems and services,
- d) that it is essential for economic and industrial development in Europe that European standards apply to all CEPT Member countries,
- e) that, when existing national and European standards are applicable to the same type of product or class of service, it is important to replace the existing national standard by a national standard based on the European standard,
- f) that a transition period is essential, in order to introduce new standards without causing difficulties for manufacturers and users, complying with ETSs,
- g) that standstill arrangements exist within ETSI and the European Community in accordance with Directive 83/189/EEC,

recommends

- 1. that the CEPT Member countries shall abstain from adopting a new national technical standard, considered by the national regulatory authority as an equivalent to a future ETS, as required by the Directive 83/189/EEC and the Rules of Procedure of the European Telecommunication Standards Institute (ETSI) as appropriate,
- 2. that the CEPT Member countries shall implement national standards based on ETSs or I-ETSs within two years of their adoption by ETSI, by appropriate national technical regulations,
- 3. for a period of two years from the date of national implementation, by an appropriate national technical regulation, of a national standard based on an ETS or I-ETS, the applicant shall be granted type approval either to the original national standard or the national standard based on the ETS or I-ETS as chosen by the applicant,
- 4. in the case of national implementation of a national standard based on an ETS at the end of this two-year period, type approval shall only be granted against that standard,
- 5. in the case of the national implementation of a national standard based on an I-ETS, at the end of the three-year period, type approval shall only be granted against one of the following:
 - (a) a national standard based on the new ETS derived from the I-ETS;
 - (b) a national standard based on a revised issue of the original I-ETS if the new ETS is not available;
 - (c) in the case of the withdrawal of the I-ETS, an appropriate national standard."