EUROPEAN RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

ERC Decision of 30 June 1997 on the provision of information for a data base of licensing requirements for VSAT/SNG

(ERC/DEC/(97)09)





EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1 INTRODUCTION

There is a growing demand for operators of VSAT and SNG services to be able to work in more than one country. Since licences are required in order to operate the equipment in each country, it is considered helpful to have a central point to acquire information about the regulatory framework in the different countries.

With the aim of harmonisation and in order to simplify the procedures for applying for licences to operate VSAT and SNG services, administrations will provide information to the European Telecommunications Office (ETO) so that applicants can find out from a central point the requirements of individual administrations. It has been agreed that the ETO will maintain the database. The European Committee for Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs (ECTRA) in CEPT is responsible for telecommunications matters and will issue a decision to cover similar aspects on the telecommunications side.

The database will contain information about the terms and conditions of licences, licence fees, technical parameters of the services, information about applicable legislation and contact details within administrations. Detailed requirements for the contents of the data base are set out in the annex to this Decision.

2 REQUIREMENT FOR AN ERC DECISION

Since this data base contains information which administrations need to provide and regularly update, an ERC Decision is necessary.

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The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

considering:

- a) that the licensing regimes differ from country to country;
- that it could be timeconsuming for the future applicants to get the necessary information from each individual administration;
- c) that it is useful to have access to this information from a central data base;
- d) that ETO has been mandated by ECTRA to establish and maintain a data base and to make its information publicly available;
- e) that it is necessary that the administrations provide the appropriate information and keep this information updated;

DECIDES

- 1. that administrations shall provide the information detailed in annex 1 to the ETO whenever this information is available according to national legislation;
- 2. that the administrations provide up-dated information whenever substantial changes take place;
- 3. that this Decision shall enter into force on 1 October 1997;
- 4. 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 ($\underline{www.ero.dk}$) under "Documentation / Implementation" for the up to date position on the implementation of this and other ERC Decisions.

ANNEX 1

Framework for a database on VSAT and SNG

1 Background / General information

Reference to the date when the information in items 1-23 is valid.

2 Description of services or systems

Description of VSAT: Description of SNG:

3 Information on frequencies preferred for uplinks

VSAT: SNG:

4 Information on other available frequencies

VSAT: SNG:

5 Licensing regime for each system

VSAT:

individual licence registration/notification class licence free regime

SNG:

individual licence registration/notification class licence free regime

6 Time-schedule for the processing of requests for authorisations

VSAT (with ITU co-ordination): VSAT (without ITU co-ordination): SNG (with ITU co-ordination): SNG (without ITU co-ordination):

7 Scope of the licence

VSAT: (network or station per station) SNG: (same)

8	Organisations issuing the licence(s) including contact information VSAT: SNG:
9	Information required in the application form VSAT: SNG:
10	Duration of licence VSAT: SNG:
11	Renewal conditions VSAT: SNG:
12	Fees VSAT: SNG:
13	Rights and obligations of the licensee VSAT: SNG:
14	Cases of rejection of a request for authorisation VSAT: SNG:
15	Procedures when appealing VSAT: SNG:
16	Sanctions and penalties VSAT: SNG:
17	Revocations and changes of licences VSAT: SNG:
18	Data protection rules VSAT: SNG:
19	"Essential requirements" VSAT: SNG:

20	Resolution of disputes VSAT: SNG:
21	National laws and regulations (titles of acts, decrees etc.) VSAT: SNG:
22	National application form (titles and references) VSAT: SNG:
23	Transfer of licences VSAT: SNG:
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