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STANDARDISATION MANDATE FORWARDED TO CEN/CENELEC/ETSI IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TITLE

Harmonised standards covering requirements imposed by Commission Decisions under [article 3.3](#) of the R&TTE Directive¹.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this mandate is to develop harmonised standards covering the requirements of the following and any further Commission Decision adopted under [article 3.3](#) of the R&TTE Directive²:

- Commission Decision of 25 March 2003 on the application of Article 3(3)(e) of Directive 1999/5/EC to radio equipment intended to be used on non -SOLAS vessels and which is intended to participate in the Automatic Identification System (AIS).
- Commission Decision of 21 February 2001 on the application of Article 3(3)(e) of Directive 1999/5/EC to avalanche beacons.
- Commission Decision of 22 September 2000 on the application of Article 3(3)(e) of Directive 1999/5/EC to radio equipment covered by the regional arrangements concerning the radiotelephone service on inland waterways.
- Commission Decision of 4 September 2003 on essential requirements relating to marine radio communication equipment which is intended to be used on non-SOLAS vessels and to participate in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).

JUSTIFICATION

This mandate derives from Directive 1999/5/EC. This Directive, following the New Approach on Technical Harmonisation and Standards³, defines the essential requirements R&TTE

¹ Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating Radio Equipment and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment and the Mutual Recognition of their Conformity

² A list of adopted Commission Decisions is maintained on the R&TTE Directive website: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/rtte/decision/present.htm>

equipment must meet to be placed on the market and to be put into service for its intended purpose.

Under this Directive the Commission, after consultation of TCAM⁴, may decide that apparatus within certain equipment classes or apparatus of particular types shall be so constructed that they meet certain specific requirements.

Compliance with these requirements may be demonstrated by complying with harmonised standards.

ORDER

The European Standardisation Organisations are mandated to:

- Develop harmonised standards to demonstrated compliance with the requirements of these Decisions.
- Report the progress of the work to the Commission at regular intervals and at least prior to each meeting of the TCAM;
- Maintain the work programme to enable the Commission to issue further standardisation mandates.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The experts should liaise intensively with regulatory bodies and their experts.
Organisation to be involved : the Electronic Communication Committee

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

31 January 2005	Work programme
31 December 2005	Adoption of first set of standards

ALIGNMENT WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL WORK

Where appropriate alignment with equivalent activities in the IMO, ICAO, ITU, ISO/IEC and other international organisations should be ensured.

STANDSTILL

For the terms of Article 7 of the Directive 98/34/EC, the standstill applies for the standards developed within the present mandate.

PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL

A title in the languages of the Community is required.

³ Council Resolution of 7 May 1985 on a new approach concerning technical harmonisation and standardisation (85/C 136/01).

⁴ Telecommunications Conformity Assessment and Market Surveillance Committee, which is the standing Committee set-up by the Directive.