COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 May 1997

on a common technical Regulation for the pan-European integrated services digital network (ISDN) primary rate access

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/347/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/263/EEC of 29 April 1991 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning telecommunications terminal equipment, including the mutual recognition of their conformity [1], as amended by Directive 93/68/EEC [2], and in particular Article 6 (2), second indent, thereof,

Whereas the Commission has adopted the measure identifying the type of terminal equipment for which a common technical Regulation is required, as well as the associated scope statement;

Whereas the corresponding harmonized standards, or parts thereof, implementing the essential requirements which are to be transformed into common technical Regulations should be adopted;

Whereas, in some Member States, national implementation of ISDN may exhibit incompatibilities with Euro-ISDN terminals; whereas any such variations should not be subject to type-approval; whereas any such national variations should be identified by the appropriate national authorities and information on them should be made available to the public;

Whereas in order to ensure continuity of access to markets for manufacturers presently serving one or more national markets, it is necessary to lay down transitional provisions regarding equipment approved pursuant to Commission Decision 94/796/EC [3];

Whereas Decision 94/796/EC should be repealed with effect from the end of the transitional period;

Whereas the common technical Regulation adopted in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of ACTE,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. This Decision shall apply to terminal equipment intended to be connected to a public telecommunications network and falling within the scope of the harmonized standard referrred to in Article 2 (1).

2. This Decision establishes a common technical Regulation covering the technical characteristics, electrical and mechanical interface requirements, and access control protocol to be provided by terminal equipment which is capable of and intended by the manufacturer or his representative for connection to a T, or coincident S and T, reference point for a primary rate access at an interface to a public telecommunications network presented as a pan-European ISDN (Euro-ISDN) primary rate access point.

Article 2

1. The common technical Regulation shall include the harmonized standard prepared by the relevant standardization body implementing, to the extent applicable, the essential requirements referred to in Article 4 (c), (d) and (f) of Directive 91/263/EEC. The reference to the standard is set out in at Annex I of which the parts not applicable thereof are identified in Annex II to this Decision.

2. Terminal equipment covered by this Decision shall comply with the common technical Regulation referred to in paragraph 1, shall meet the essential requirements referred to in Article 4 (a) and (b) of Directive 91/263/EEC, and shall meet the requirements of any other applicable Directives, in particular Council Directives 73/23/EEC [4] and 89/336/EEC [5].

Article 3

Notified bodies designated for carrying out the procedures referred to in Article 9 of Directive 91/263/EEC shall, as regards terminal equipment covered by Article 1 (1) of this Decision, use or ensure the use of the harmonized standard referred to in Article 2 (1) within one year after the notification of this Decision at the latest.

[1] OJ No L 128, 23. 5. 1991, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 220, 31. 8. 1993, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 329, 20. 12. 1994, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 77, 26. 3. 1973, p. 29.
[5] OJ No L 139, 23. 5. 1989, p. 19.

Article 4

1. Decision 94/796/EC shall be repealed with effect from one year after the notification of this Decision.

2. Terminal equipment approved pursuant to Decision 94/796/EC may continue to be placed on the market and put into service, provided that such approval is granted no later than one year after the notification of this Decision.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 May 1997.

For the Commission
Martin BANGEMANN
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

REFERENCE TO THE HARMONIZED STANDARD APPLICABLE

The harmonized standard referred to in Article 2 of the Decision is:

TBR 4

Integrated services digital network (ISDN)

Attachment requirements for terminal equipment to connect to an ISDN using ISDN primary rate access

ETSI

European Telecommunications Standards Institute

ETSI Secretariat

TBR 4 — November 1995

(excluding the foreword)

The full text of the harmonized standard can be obtained from:

European Commission,
DGXIII/A/2 — (BU 31, 1/7),
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200,
B-1049 Brussels.

ANNEX II

PARTS OF THE HARMONIZED STANDARD WHICH ARE NOT APPLICABLE

Paragraph 10.5.5.3. **Expiry of timer T202**

This requirement is not applicable.

Paragraph 10.6.1. **Establishment of multiple frame operation**

10.6.1.1. **General**

The requirement at the end of the second paragraph, *'All frames other than unnumbered frame formats received during the establishment procedures shall be ignored'* is not applicable.

Paragraph 11.4.6.5.1. **Mandatory information element missing**

The requirement specified in the paragraph beginning *'When a message other than SET UP, DISCONNECT...'* and ending *'... element is missing'* is not applicable.

The requirement specified in the paragraph beginning *'Other actions taken...'* and ending *'... had been received'* is not applicable.

The requirement specified in the paragraph beginning *'When a RELEASE message...'* and ending *'... was received (see subclause 11.4.3)'* is not applicable.

The requirement specified in the paragraph beginning *'When a DISCONNECT message...'* and ending *'... was received (see subclause 11.4.3)'* is not applicable.

The requirement specified in the paragraph beginning *'When a RELEASE COMPLETE message...'* and ending *'... normal, unspecified'* is not applicable.

The note at the end of the last paragraph is not applicable.

Paragraph 11.4.6.5.2. **Mandatory information element content error**

This requirement is not applicable.

Paragraph 11.4.6.6.1. **Unrecognized information element**

The following requirements specified in the penultimate paragraph are not applicable:

(a) when a DISCONNECT message is received which has one or more unrecognized information elements, a RELEASE message shall be returned,

(c) when a RELEASE COMPLETE message is received which has one or more unrecognized information elements, no action shall be taken on the unrecognized information.