COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1998

on amendment of Annex II to Council Directive 92/44/EEC

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/80/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/44/EEC of 5 June 1992 on the application of open network provision (ONP) to leased lines [1], as last amended by Directive 97/51/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council [2], and in particular Article 7(3) thereof,

Whereas Article 7(3) of Directive 92/44/EEC provides for the modification of its Annex II in order to adapt it to new technical developments and to changes in market demand, taking into account the state of development of national networks;

Whereas, following a standardisation mandate issued by the Commission, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) has adopted European Telecommunications Standards (ETSs) for leased lines, developed on the basis of the relevant recommendations of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU);

Whereas there is no requirement for telecommunications organisations to withdraw any existing leased lines offerings;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 7(3) of Directive 92/44/EEC, the Commission has submitted the draft Decision for an opinion of the ONP Committee, under the procedure provided for in Article 10 of Council Directive 90/387/EEC [3];

Whereas the amendment of Annex II to Directive 92/44/EEC adopted in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the ONP Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex II to Directive 92/44/EEC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Member States shall take the necessary measures to comply with this Decision within two months of the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1998.

For the Commission
Martin BANGEMANN
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 165, 19. 6. 1992, p. 27.
[2] OJ L 295, 29. 10. 1997, p. 23.
[3] OJ L 192, 24. 7. 1990, p. 1.

ANNEX

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Definition of a minimum set of leased lines with harmonised technical characteristics, in accordance with Article 7

Leased line type	Technical characteristics	
	Interface presentation specifications	Connection characteristics and performance specifications
Ordinary quality voice bandwith analogue	2 wire ([1]) - ETS 300 448 ([3]) or 4 wire ([2]) - ETS 300 451 ([4])	2 wire - ETS 300 448 ([3]) 4 wire - ETS 300 451 ([4])
Special quality voice bandwith analogue	2 wire ([1]) - ETS 300 449 ([5]) or 4 wire ([2]) - ETS 300 452 ([6])	2 wire - ETS 300 449 ([5]) 4 wire - ETS 300 452 ([6])
64 kbit/s digital ([7])	ETS 300 288 ETS 300 288/A1 ([8])	ETS 300 289
2048 kbit/s digital unstructured ([9])	ETS 300 418	ETS 300 247 ETS 300 247/A1
2048 kbit/s digital structured ([10])	ETS 300 418 ([11])	ETS 300 419 ([12])

([1]) The attachment requirements for terminal equipment to be connected to these leased lines are described in Common Technical Regulation 15 (CTR 15).

([2]) The attachment requirements for terminal equipment to be connected to these leased lines are described in Common Technical Regulation 17 (CTR 17).

([3]) Previously provided in accordance with CCITT Recommendation M.1040 (1988 version) instead of ETS 300 448.

([4]) Previoulsy provided in accordance with CCITT Recommendation M.1040 (1988 version) instead of ETS 300 451.

([5]) Previously provided in accordance with CCITT Recommendations M.1020/M.1025 (1988 version) instead of ETS 300 449.

([6]) Previously provided in accordance with CCITT Recommendations M.1020/M.1025 (1988 version) instead of ETS 300 452.

([7]) The attachment requirements for terminal equipment to be connected to these leased lines are described in Common Technical Regulation 14 (CTR 14).

([8]) For an interim period extending beyond 31 December 1997, these leased lines may be provided using other interfaces, based on X.21 or X.21 *bis*, instead of ETS 300 288.

([9]) The attachment requirements for terminal equipment to be connected to these leased lines are described in Common Technical Regulation 12 (CTR 12).

([10]) The attachment requirements for terminal equipment to be connected to these leased lines are described in Common Technical Regulation 13 (CTR 13).

([11]) Previously provided in accordance with CCITT Recommendations G.703, G.704 (excluding section 5) and G.706 (cyclic redundancy checking) (1988 version) instead of ETS 300 418.

([12]) Previously provided in accordance with relevant G.800 series CCITT Recommendations (1988 version) instead of ETS 300 419.

For the types of leased lines listed above, the specifications referred to also define the network termination points (NTPs), in accordance with the definition given in Article 2 of Directive 90/387/EEC.'