

35th RADIO SPECTRUM COMMITTEE MEETING
23 MARCH 2011

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY REPORT

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1. CONTEXT

The 35th meeting of the Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC#35) took place in Brussels on 23 March 2011. This document provides an account of the outcome of discussions on the main topics on the agenda (*RSCOM11-01 Final*).

2. OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

- **Implementation of EU law on spectrum:** The Commission services launched the verification of implementation of EC Decision 2010/368/EU amending Decision 2006/771/EC on short-range devices (*RSCOM11-03*). RSC delegates took note of the written status report by ECO on spectrum information in the EFIS database as of March 2011 (*RSC#35 Item3*). The Commission services recalled the obligation of Member States to periodically update information regarding radio interface specifications and individual rights of use in EFIS database as required by the EC Decision 2007/344/EC.
- **Short-Range Radars (SRR):** The RSC was informed about the outcome of public consultation (*RSCOM11-08*) on the proposed amendment to Commission Decision 2005/50/EC on SRR in 24 GHz band, the latest version of which (*RSCOM11-07 Rev1*) was considered at the meeting. The discussion showed broad support of RSC members for the draft amendment proposal which the Commission will circulate to RSC members after having proceeded with agreed editorial changes in the draft text.
- **169 MHz:** The RSC discussed the options proposed by the Commission with regard to the review of EC Decision 2005/928/EC (*RSCOM11-09*). It was agreed that RSC members would receive a revised text of a draft Mandate to CEPT on the 169 MHz band taking into account comments by RSC members and CEPT, and that the Commission would launch a written regulatory procedure in view of adopting an advisory Opinion on the Mandate.
- **900/1800 MHz:** The RSC gave a favourable opinion under the examination procedure to the draft Commission Implementing Decision on the harmonisation of the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz frequency bands for terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications

services in the European Union (see *RSCOM11-06*) amending Decision 2009/766/EC. This opens the way to the adoption of the Decision by the Commission, envisaged for April 2011.

- **GSM-R:** Representatives of the railway community and mobile operator community presented their views on the issue of co-existence between GSM-R and public mobile networks (*RSC#35 item 7 Railways and RSC#35 item 7 GSMA*). The Commission provided an update on recent relevant meetings in this context and pointed out the existing legal obligations of Member States to ensure appropriate protection of GSM-R systems under EC Decision 2009/766/EC on the 900 and 1800 MHz band (*RSCOM11-05*). A reference was made to the ongoing work within the CEPT on a guidance document (draft ECC Report 162) which aims at providing a toolbox that can be used to reduce interference on a case-by-case basis to ensure seamless co-existence between GSM-R and public mobile networks. RSC members shared the view that proper coordination and network planning are crucial and that all stakeholders must make efforts to ensure compatibility of their networks.
- **SRD:** The RSC members discussed a first draft of the technical annex for the fourth update of Commission Decision 2006/771/EC on SRD (*RSCOM11-04*). The CEPT representative presented the final CEPT Report 38 on SRD (*RSCOM11-16*). Following written comments by RSC members, the Commission services will prepare a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2006/771/EC which will be discussed at the next RSC meeting in July.

3. AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

All publicly available documents relating to this RSC meeting may be found on the CIRCA website at:

<http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/infso/radiospectrum/home>

and on the Commission Radio Spectrum Policy website at:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecomm/radio_spectrum/manage/eu/rsc/index_en.htm

4. NEXT RSC MEETING

RSC#36 is scheduled for 6 and 7 July 2011 in Brussels.

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