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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Television broadcasting services, including interactive services

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The purpose of this Order is to establish the minimum technical specifications which signals transmitted in order to broadcast terrestrial over-the-air digital services must meet.

This Order refers to European standards laid down in the framework of the "Digital Video Broadcasting" project and approved by ETSI, or to international standards. In particular, the signals must:

- conform to European standards with regard to the transmission system, as defined by Directive 95/47 (formation of programme signals (source coding of audio signals, source coding of video signals, multiplexing of signals) and adaptation for transmission media (channel coding, modulation and, if appropriate, energy dispersal):
- include service information that will simplify recognition of the services available by the receiving terminals;
- include information concerning the programmes they carry, in particular, the information laid down in European Standard EN 300 468 in order to enable a parental control system to be implemented;
- conform to the European Standard with regard to signalling and security of applications which are broadcast;
- conform to the European Standard or to open but non-proprietary standards with regard to the applications which are broadcast themselves.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The introduction of terrestrial over-the-air digital television requires minimum specifications for signals to be established. In order to encourage the emergence of European digital television, the choice was made to lay down these specifications based on European or international technical standards.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Act No 86-1067 of 30 September 1986 on freedom of communication;

Draft Order on the specifications of receiving equipment for services transmitted by terrestrial over-the-air digital signals

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

13. Confidentiality

14. Fiscal measures

No

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