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

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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

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

#### **6. Products Concerned**

Terrestrial over-the-air digital television receiving equipment (decoders and television sets)

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

The purpose of this Order is to establish the minimum technical specifications which receiving equipment of services transmitted by terrestrial over-the-air digital television signals, in accordance with European Standard



EN 300 744 (DVB-T), 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, devices designed to receive services transmitted by terrestrial over-the-air digital signals and distributed on the French market must:

- receive digital signals transmitted on the defined VHF and UHF frequency bands;
- display the services available and, where a service is selected, provide information regarding the current programme and subsequent programme on this service;
- put in place a parental control system using the information laid down in European Standard EN 300 468;
- process video formats 16/9 and 4/3;
- permit the selection of the sound components contained in the signal where there are several;
- display subtitles, and distinguish those intended for the hard of hearing.

### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The introduction of terrestrial over-the-air digital television requires minimum specifications of receiving devices to be established. In order to encourage the emergence of a European market for this type of equipment, the choice was made to lay down these specifications based on European or international technical standards. By laying down these specifications, together with the specifications of transmitted signals (see the second Order enclosed for information purposes), the satisfactory functioning of the devices can be ensured for consumers and a first level of equipment interoperability has been introduced, while permitting ranges of devices with more advanced functions to be manufactured.

### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

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

Draft Order on terrestrial over-the-air digital television signals laying down the specifications of transmitted signals

### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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### **13. Confidentiality**

No

### **14. Fiscal measures**

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