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Order ... of ... amending the Order of 24 December 2001 on terrestrial digital television, laying down the characteristics of broadcast signals

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4. Notification Number

2005/0051/F - V00T

5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Audiovisual communication services broadcast via terrestrial digital television (terrestrial digital television services)

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The notified amendment to the Order of 24 December 2001 changes the minimum technical characteristics to be met by signals transmitted for the terrestrial digital television broadcast of television services financed by means of user payments, or which are broadcast in high definition format.

This Order refers to European standards defined within the framework of the draft "Digital Video Broadcasting" and approved by the ETSI, or to international standards. In particular it stipulates that signals of these services conform to the specifications of standards ISO/IEC 13818-1 and ISO/IEC 14496-10.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Choosing standard ISO/IEC 14496-10, whose specifications for implementation in a DVB flow were published by the ETSI in January 2005, allows a clearly higher signal compression rate. The schedule for implementation of the standard is compatible with the launch of pay channels, scheduled by the CSA as between 1 September 2005 and 28 February 2006. Application of this standard to paid French terrestrial digital television will free up resources on planned terrestrial digital television frequencies with regard to the launch of high definition television services and television services for mobile receivers.

Conversely, it did not appear desirable to select standard ISO/IEC 13818-2 for free channels broadcast in standard definition, in implementation of this Order.

Standard ISO/IEC 13818-2, which is a proven technology and is used for terrestrial digital television in all European countries and is already largely developed at industrial level, is, owing to the moderate cost of adapters, the only technology that enables homes to be equipped for a reasonable price, and it also allows rapid and large-scale initiation of terrestrial digital television, which is necessary for the economic equilibrium of



channels financed by advertising and is essential prior to the cessation of terrestrial analogue broadcasting.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a-1) The notified text amends the Order of 24 December 2001 on terrestrial digital television, laying down the characteristics of broadcast signals

a-2) The above-mentioned Order of 2001, as well as the notified draft amending Order of 2005, are both laid down in implementation of Article 12 of Law No 86-1097 of 30 September 1986 on the freedom of communication.

c-1) The Order of 24 December 2001 on broadcast signals notified under Notification No 2001/288/F

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT and SPS aspects (Agreements drawn up within the framework of the WTO)

b) ii) The draft conforms to an international standard.

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