

European Commission: Directive on Satellite Communications and Draft Directive on Liberalisation of Cable TV Networks (Article 90)

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On 13 October 1994 the Commission of the European Communities adopted a Directive amending Directive 88/301/EEC and Directive 90/388/EEC in particular with regard to satellite communications. The Directive aims at the harmonisation and liberalization of the markets in satellite equipment and services. Its provisions enter into force on 8 November 1994 and Member States are to show the Commission before 8 August 1995 that they comply with these provisions.

On 21 December 1994, the Commission adopted a draft Directive on liberalisation of Cable TV Networks. The draft Directive complements the Satellite Directive of 13 October 1994 and, like the Satellite Directive, amends the telecommunications services Directive 90/388/EEC of 1990. The main goal is to lift Europe-wide, by 1 January 1996, the restrictions on the use of cable TV networks for the carriage of all liberalised telecommunications services in order to foster pilot projects and new initiatives in the multi-media field (such as home shopping, home transaction packages (banking, reservations, buying, trading), Edu-tainment (interactive video games) and specialised interactive on-line databases involving moving images.

Before a formal decision is taken, the Commission intends to consult the European Parliament, the Member States and other interested parties on the draft.

Commission Directive 90/388/EEC of 28 June 1990 on competition in the markets for telecommunications services, OJ No L 192 of 24.7.1990: 10

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Commission Directive 94/46/EC of 13 October 1994 amending Directive 88/301/EEC and Directive 90/388/EEC in particular with regard to satellite communications, OJ L 268 of 19.10.1994: 15.

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Draft Commission Directive of 1995 amending Commission Directive 90/388/EEC regarding the abolition of the restrictions on the use of cable television networks for the provision of telecommunications services.

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Commission Directive 88/301/EEC of 16 May 1988 on competition in the markets in telecommunications terminal equipment, OJ No L 131 of 27.5.1988: 73.

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