

[ES] Developments in telecommunications in 1995

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During the last quarter of 1995 various Acts which are going to revolutionise the telecommunications market were adopted and entered into force.

In October 1995, the following European Community Directives were implemented in Spanish law:

- Act No 27/1995 of 11 October 1995 implementing Council Directive 93/98/EEC of 29 October 1993, harmonising the term of copyright and certain related rights (OJEC of 24.11.1993, No L 290, p. 9); and

- Act No 28/1995 of 11 October 1995 implementing Council Directive 93/83/EEC of 27 September 1993, on the coordination of certain rules concerning copyright and rights related to copyright applicable to satellite broadcasting and cable transmission (OJEC of 6 October 1993, No L 248, p. 15). Meanwhile, in December 1995 Spain got on board the telecommunications train. The fruits of this were, firstly, Act No 39/1995 of 12 December 1995, relating to Telecommunications by Satellite. Later, and as a part of a regulatory marathon, Act 42/1995 of 22 December, relating to Telecommunications by Cable; Act No 41/1995 of 22 December 1995, relating to Local Terrestrial Broadcasting; Special Majority Act No 14/1995 of 22 December 1995, relating to the Terrestrial Broadcasting of Electoral Propaganda by Local Television Stations; and, last but not least, Royal Decree No 2074/1995 of 22 December 1995, which fixes the rate of the annual tax established by Article 15 of Act No 31/1987 of 18 December 1987, relating to concessions for certain telecommunications services. (Dolors Fenollosa, Attorney at the Court of Appeal, BUFETE MULLERAT & ROCA, Barcelona)

