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Implementation of new EC Electronic Communications Directives

A new packages of Directives that will establish a framework for the regulation of electronic communications networks, services and associated facilities throughout the EU has been agreed between the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament. The Directives entered into force on 24 April 2002 upon publication in the Official Journal of the European Community.

The new package of directives consists of:

- a) Directive 2002/21/EC - a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services.
- b) Directive 2002/20/EC - on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services.
- c) Directive 2002/22/EC - on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services.
- d) Directive 2002/19/EC - on access to, and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and services.
- e) Directive 2002/58/EC - concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector.

The Directives are expected to be implemented in all member states on 25 July 2003. The provisions of these Directives will be transposed into national legislation. Individual national regulations will be brought into line with the new Directives.

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