

Information Society services: procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules

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Commissioner Monti said that he could accept most of the amendments as they were specifically designed to strengthen the proposal or clarify the detail of its content. This was the case with Amendments Nos 2 (subject to rewording), 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20 and 14 (in part). However, other amendments were not compatible with the spirit of the proposal and could particularly impair the proper functioning of the current Directive 83/189/EEC. The Commission was restricted to extending the procedure currently applying to goods to the area of the new information society services, without any changes. This was why, according to Mr Monti, Amendments Nos 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 16 and 18 had to be rejected. This was also the case with Amendment No 21 as the Commission considered that transparency must apply to all the new services provided on the information highway, without excluding the cultural sphere.