General authorizations and individual licences in the field of telecommunications services (common framework)

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The amended proposal for a Directive on a common framework for general authorizations and individual licences in the field of telecommunications services incorporates, in full or in part, 26 of the 37 amendments adopted by Parliament at first reading. The Commission accepted those amendments which: - increase the transparency of the proposed regulatory framework for authorization; - improve the clarity of the text, in particular with regard to its scope; - offer better guarantees to new entrants; - introduce flexibility in the procedures for the granting of authorizations and the conditions attached to authorizations; - support the need to review in the future the balance between regulation at the European level and at the national level, including the possibility of a European regulatory authority for telecommunications after 1998. Amendments not accepted by the Commission concern the following points: - national regulatory authorities; - limitation of the facilitation of entry by new operators; - consistency with the proposed Directive on interconnection (reference to number portability); - fees not related to administrative costs; - anticipation of deadlines; - commitology; - research and training conditions in licences; - individual licences for telephony services between the Community and third countries; - individual licences for town and country planning or protection of environment reasons.