

Radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment and mutual recognition of their conformity

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In adopting the report by Mrs Imelda Mary READ (PSE, UK), the European Parliament largely approved the Commission proposal. However, it did adopt a number of amendments designed to make good certain lacunae in the proposal and particularly to render more stringent the basic requirements with which equipment must comply. The amendments particularly seek to make it possible to ascertain without difficulty the source of failures or disturbances caused by inadequate connections or non-compliant equipment and to ensure that the consequences are limited for users or networks. Parliament particularly wishes to ensure that equipment, or its use, does not compromise the health and safety of users or of anyone else, and that it is so designed as to take account of the needs of disabled users. Parliament considers that if a telecommunications operator shows that equipment which has been declared compliant with the Directive causes damage to his network or is not being used properly, the surveillance authority may authorize him to refuse to connect the equipment to his network. Parliament also stipulates that if a Member State ascertains that equipment within the scope of the Directive does not comply with its requirements, it should take all appropriate and proportionate measures in its territory to obviate the consequences of non-compliance, for example by authorizing operators to refuse to connect the equipment to their networks, by withdrawing the equipment from the market and by prohibiting its placing on the market or restricting its free movement. It calls on the Commission to keep a register of the cases notified by the Member States.