

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

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In adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mrs Imelda READ (PSE, UK), the European Parliament proposed 15 amendments. While some of them merely reinstated amendments already adopted at first reading, others took account of amendments made by the Council in the common position. Parliament called, in particular, for the adoption of measures to facilitate free movement of equipment. It was important to lay down that Member States were not permitted to prohibit or restrict the placing on the market and putting into service in their territory of apparatus which met the criteria laid down in the Directive. Moreover, at trade fairs, exhibitions, demonstrations, etc., Member States must not create any obstacles to the showing of apparatus which did not comply with the Directive, on condition that a visible sign clearly indicated that such apparatus could not be marketed or put into service until it had been made to comply. Parliament called for the adoption of specific measures concerning equipment used by radio amateurs. It stressed the importance of protecting the health and safety of users or any other persons, which were essential requirements applicable to all equipment.