

# **Electronic communications: common regulatory framework for networks and services. Framework Directive**

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COMMUNITY MEASURE : Commission Recommendation 2003/561/EC on notifications, time limits and consultations provided for in Article 7 of Directive 2002/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services.

CONTENT : under the new regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services, national regulatory authorities have an obligation to contribute to the development of the internal market by, inter alia, cooperating with each other and with the Commission in a transparent manner to ensure the development of consistent regulatory practice and the consistent application of the Directives making up the new regulatory framework. In order to facilitate and ensure the effectiveness of the cooperation and consultation mechanism set out in Article 7 of Directive 2002/21/EC (Framework Directive) and in the interests of legal certainty, this recommendation aims to lay down clear rules for the notification process and the examination by the Commission of a notification and for calculating the legal time limits. In order to simplify and expedite the examination of a notified draft measure, it is desirable for national regulatory authorities to use a standard format for notifications (summary notification form presented in the Annex). The Commission, together with the national regulatory authorities, will evaluate the necessity of reviewing these rules, in principle no earlier than 25 July 2004.