Basic information

2005/0147(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Radiocommunications, broadcasting, transport: coordinated introduction of pan-European land-based public radio paging (repeal. Directive 90/544 /EEC) **Subject** 3.30.04 Radiocommunications, broadcasting	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	CHICHESTER Giles (PPE-DE)	13/09/2005

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2695	2005-12-01

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Communications Networks, Content and Technology	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/08/2005	Legislative proposal published	COM(2005)0361	Summary
06/09/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
11/10/2005	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
18/10/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A6-0303/2005	
15/11/2005	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T6-0418/2005	Summary

15/11/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
01/12/2005	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
14/12/2005	Final act signed		
14/12/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/6/29843

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0303/2005	18/10/2005	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0418/2005	15/11/2005	Summary

Council of the EU

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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1261/2005 OJ C 028 03.02.2006, p. 0088	27/10/2005	

Additional information		
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Final act	
Directive 2005/0082 OJ L 344 27.12.2005, p. 0038-0039	Summary

Radiocommunications, broadcasting, transport: coordinated introduction of pan-European land-based public radio paging (repeal. Directive 90/544 /EEC)

2005/0147(COD) - 03/08/2005 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to repeal Directive 90/544/EEC (the ERMES Directive) in order that the Commission may adopt a new harmonised spectrum plan for this band pursuant to Decision 676/2002/EC (the Radio Spectrum Decision.)

PROPOSED ACT : Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT : The Commission proposes to repeal the ERMES Directive so that a new plan of the 169.4 to 169.8 MHz band could meet current and new EC policy needs, to be established by a Commission decision adopted pursuant to the Radio Spectrum Decision.

The ERMES Directive specifying spectrum use for pan-European land-based public radio paging services (ERMES) no longer meets EC policy needs as it requires reservation in the 169.4 to 169.8 MHz band of four channels for ERMES and of the whole band according to commercial demand. Use of the band by ERMES has decreased or even ceased and ERMES has been replaced by other technologies such as short messaging systems (SMS) over GSM.

Upon the ERMES directive repeal, the Commission will adopt a new frequency plan and channel arrangement allowing for six types of applications to share the band to meet EC needs in consistency with other EU policies and objectives. These applications include hearing aids for hearing impaired people, which would improve

travelling conditions in the EC and benefit from economies of scale and price decreases; social alarms allowing elderly people to send alarm messages; asset tracking or tracing devices to track stolen goods in the EC; meter reading systems for water and electricity utility companies, and existing paging systems such as ERMES and private mobile radio systems.

The new plan would benefit various EC sectors and businesses including radio communications equipment, water and electricity sectors, communications services, theatres, exhibition and conference halls, schools and social care entities. Positive economic impacts include reduction in prices for hearing aids and social alarms, increased employment and travelling possibilities for impaired people, lower insurance costs and increased retrieval of stolen goods, lower monitoring and operating costs for utility companies, new manufacturing, investment and services opportunities, new types of applications, increased competitiveness and economies of scale with radio equipment operational throughout EC.

Radiocommunications, broadcasting, transport: coordinated introduction of pan-European land-based public radio paging (repeal. Directive 90/544 /EEC)

2005/0147(COD) - 14/12/2005 - Final act

PURPOSE : to repeal Directive 90/544/EEC, the ERMES Directive, in order to adopt a new harmonised spectrum plan for this band in accordance with Decision 676/2002 on Radio Spectrum.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive 2005/0082 of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Directive 90/544 on the frequency bands designated for the co-ordinated introduction of pan-European land-based public radio paging in the Community.

CONTENT: this legislative act has been adopted in response to the declining use of the 169,4 to 169,8 MHz spectrum band, four channels of which (through Directive 90/544) were reserved for the pan-European land-based public radio paging service (ERMES). Under provisions spelt out in

Decision 676/2002 on Radio Spectrum the Commission has been given the authority to adopt technical implementing measure which guarantee harmonised conditions for the availability and efficient use of the spectrum band. The Commission proposes using the 169,4 – 169,8 band to better use including applications which could benefit people with impairments of disabilities. As such, the Commission mandated the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administration (CEPT) to examine applications for this band related to assistance for people with disabilities. Accordingly, the CEPT produced a new frequency plan and a channel arrangement, which allow six types of preferred application to share the band. For these reasons, Directive 90/544 has been repealed by the adoption of this Decision.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27 December 2005.

Radiocommunications, broadcasting, transport: coordinated introduction of pan-European land-based public radio paging (repeal. Directive 90/544 /EEC)

2005/0147(COD) - 15/11/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Giles **CHICHESTER** (EPP-ED, UK) and approved the proposal.