



European Radiocommunications Committee (ERC)
within the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)

ERC RECOMMENDATION (00)03

ON PMR DEFINITION, PROCESSING TIME AND PMR LICENCE DURATION

Recommendation adopted by the "European Radiocommunications Committee" (ERC)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

INTRODUCTION

At present there are many wide ranging variations in licensing and fee policy and procedures across CEPT Administrations. Details can be found in ERC Report 73 - Investigation of the possibilities of harmonising (licensing and fees for) the PMR service within CEPT Administrations.

BACKGROUND

PMR (Professional Mobile Radio) is part of the land mobile radio service based on the use of simplex, half and possibly full duplex at the terminal level in order to provide closed group communications. PMR products follow specific standards such as ETS 300 086, ETS 300 113 and equivalents. Citizens Band – CB – (eg PR27) is not part of PMR.

PMR provides professional users with immediate access to two way tailored networks, customised features and specific coverage for voice and data, using appropriate signalling and protocols through owned or shared infrastructures with easily controllable costs even when connected to Public Switched Telephone Networks (PSTN).

A major characteristic of PMR is the very wide range of users, from small users sharing spectrum through to large users using national exclusive spectrum. It is felt by many that a number of existing regulatory requirements need to be relaxed.

ERO studies carried out to investigate the PMR service, and ERC Report 73 discovered various differences between the PMR licensing procedures of CEPT Administrations. The Recommendations in this document were generated during the work of the study, which produced ERC Report 73.

"The European conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

considering

- a) that PMR (self provided self used or closed user group mobile radio) is used throughout Europe;
- b) that there is a desire within CEPT Administrations to harmonise PMR licensing procedures;
- c) that to achieve complete harmonisation of PMR throughout Europe will require further effort;
- d) that at present there are considerable differences in national laws, policies, licensing and procedures;
- e) that there are wide variations in the time taken to process a licence application;
- f) there are differences in licence duration within CEPT Administrations

noting

that harmonisation can only be introduced gradually;

recommends

that CEPT Administrations

- 1) Adopt the PMR definition **self provided, self used, or closed user group mobile radio systems – i.e. Professional Mobile Radio**¹.
- 2) Implement an average processing time (the time between the receipt of a fully complete application and the issue of a licence), excluding co-ordination, of two weeks for smaller systems, and six weeks for larger systems.²
- 3) Implement a minimum licence duration period of five years, except where notice of band re-planning has been given."

Note:

Please check the ERO web site (<http://www.ero.dk>) for the up to date position on the implementation of this and other ERC Recommendations.

¹ It should be noted though that not all administrations require PMR to be used for professional use only.

² However it should also be noted that, EU administrations need to comply with the EU Licensing Directive (97/13/EC) which states that all licence applications need to be granted within a six week period, but that a longer time is permitted when co-ordination has to be undertaken.