



Relief Measures for Radiofrequency Users in Areas Stricken by Fires

In cooperation with the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the General Secretariat of Communication, the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, and given the situation in areas stricken by fire, with the direct consequences to the social and financial development of the region, EETT proceeded with the preparation of a pertinent Draft Regulation, which is currently in the process of Public Consultation. The aim of the Regulation is to facilitate radiofrequency users of electronic communication networks in areas stricken by the fires of June, July and August of 2007. The Regulation under Consultation comes under the framework of a set of measures by the government for relieving the victims and reconstructing the area affected by the fire.

According to the Draft Regulation which is subjected to Consultation from March 31st, 2008 to April 30th 2008, the annual radiofrequency spectrum utilization fees for the radiofrequency stations are reduced by 80%. This favorable provision will apply for years 2008, 2009 and 2010 with the specific terms and condi-

tions described in the Consultation document. As a result, the ability is offered to specific categories of enterprises to receive financial facilitations for the radiofrequencies they use.

In particular, these measures exclusively concern the following:

- (a) Networks used to transfer FM or/and TV signal from the point of production to the point of transmission.
- (b) Special radio networks of category A, (e.g. taxi companies).
- (c) Special radio networks of category B (e.g. security companies).

In all cases, the headquarters of the enterprise in which the right of radio-frequencies usage has been authorized to according to the National Radio-frequency Register, must be located within the area stricken by the fire. It should be noted that mobile telephony networks are not included in the above categories.

The beneficiaries of the facilitations are those meeting the following conditions:

- (a) Owners of radiofrequency usage right on a permanent basis, or about to be granted with such right.

(b) Those whose financial obligations to EETT have been settled.

(c) The headquarters of the legal entity, to which the radiofrequency usage right has been granted or is stated in the application form for the right to use radiofrequencies, is located within the area stricken by the fire, according to the National Radiofrequency Register.

Fire stricken areas are the areas affected by the fires in June, July and August of 2007, within the administrative boundaries of the following Prefectures: Argolida, Arcadia, Arta, Etoloakarnania, Achaia, Viotia, Evia, Zakynthos, Iliia, Kefalonia, Korinthia, Lakonia, Larisa, Magnesia, Messinia, Fthiotida.

With the Regulation, EETT contributes in the field of information, leisure, as well as the financial and social development of the region.

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