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□ QUALITY REGULATION AND NFAP

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved by determination adopted on 4 May the quality regulation applicable to the service of access to the public telephone network at a fixed location and to telephone service publicly available at a fixed location.

This regulation, prepared under articles 40 and 125 of the Electronic Communications Law (Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February), covers areas such as service quality parameters, the obligations of providing enterprises, information systems and procedures used to measure those parameters, unexpected and force majeure situations, the quarterly delivery of information to ANACOM and the availability of information for users.

The regulation, to soon be published in the 2nd Series of the *Diário da República*, should see its scope expanded in the future, with a view to setting the quality levels the providers of other electronic communication services should comply with.

The same determination also approved the final report of the general consultation procedure carried out in late 2004.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=151766>

Also on 4 May, ANACOM approved the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP), thus complying with the stipulations of article 16 of the Electronic Communications Law and the process of public hearing to which the document was subject in December of last year.

The NFAP comprises the frequency allocation table and indication of the frequencies allocated and reserved and to be made available in 2005, in the scope of electronic communications networks and services, whether publicly available or not.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=146185&contentId=272812>



□ DECISION CONCERNING MARKET 10

By determination adopted on 25 May, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) concluded that the transit market in the fixed location public telephone network (market 10 of Recommendation 2003/311/EC of 11 February) is a market with residual and competitive importance, and thus decided not to include it as a relevant market for effects of ex ante regulation.

This market, whose geographic extent is the national territory, includes the transit services that an operator provides when conveying calls originating and terminating in a network other than its own.

The transit market's relevance in the context of the narrowband interconnection markets is currently merely residual, representing just 1 percent of total routed interconnection traffic, considering the narrowband markets. Its importance is

not expected to increase substantially.

As companies with significant market power (SMP) were not identified, no ex ante regulatory obligations whatsoever will be upheld or imposed. Thus, and given the provisions of section 3 of article 59 of Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February, the obligations imposed on PTC in the fixed location public telephone network transit market, as the notified SMP holding operator in the national interconnection market under the previous regulatory framework, will be withdrawn within 50 working days.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=276403>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=4599&contentId=276399>



■ CONSULTATION ON COMMUNICATION SERVICES CONTRACTS

The guidelines on minimum content to include in the contracts for the provision of electronic communication services are undergoing a 30-day public consultation, as per the procedure envisaged in the Electronic Communications Law (Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February).

With the aim of ensuring protection of consumer rights and a transparent relationship between operators and customers, ANACOM proposes that various items should be included in such contracts, namely indication of the supplied services, quality levels, time period for initial connection, maintenance, prices, availability of information and anticipated situations of indemnity or reimbursement.

Interested parties may send comments, by 1 July, to cm_contratos@anacom.pt.



:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=152802>

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=4599&contentId=275327>

■ CURRENT EVENTS

“PT ADSL NETWORK” WHOLESALE OFFER

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved in a 9 May determination a draft decision on changes to be made to the “PT ADSL Network” (“Rede ADSL PT”) wholesale offer. Interested parties were given 10 days to comment on the probable outcome of this decision, as per articles 100 and 101 of the Code of Administrative Procedure. This measure did not affect the entrance into force on 9 May of this PT Comunicações (PTC) wholesale offer.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=276913>

CTT COST ACCOUNTING AUDITED

ANACOM has approved conclusions of the audit, carried out by the company KPMG & Associates - Chartered Accountants, of the cost accounting system of the *CTT-Correios de Portugal* (Portuguese postal service) for financial year 2003, as well as the statement of conformity of the system and the results obtained. The conclusions, determinations and recommendations resulting from the audit were subsequently transmitted to the CTT.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=277156>

RIO AND RIAO MODIFIED

Portugal Telecom has published updated versions of its reference interconnection offer (RIO) and reference internet access offer (RIOA).

:: <http://www.ptcomunicacoes.pt/operadores/nacionais.asp?area=ori>

:: <http://www.ptcomunicacoes.pt/operadores/nacionais.asp?area=proposta>

(in Portuguese)

PORTED NUMBERS

ANACOM counted 243 648 ported telephone numbers at the end of May, of which 189 237 corresponded to telephone service at a fixed location (TSFL), 54 108 to mobile telephone service (MTS) and 303 to non-geographic services (NGS).

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template25.jsp?categoryId=39090>

INFORMATION ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

ANACOM has published updated information on electronic commerce.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=275980>

LUIS NAZARÉ AT THE HELM OF THE CTT

Former ANACOM president Luís Nazaré was confirmed as president of the *CTT-*

Correios de Portugal (Portuguese postal service) at its General Assembly on 31 May. The company’s five-member Board of Directors was entirely recomposed.

REGULATORY ENTITY FOR THE MEDIA

The proposed law establishing the Regulatory Entity for the Media (ERC - *Entidade Reguladora para a Comunicação Social*), approved by the 12 May Council of Ministers, has meanwhile been passed on to Parliament, where it is being considered by the Committee on Constitutional Issues, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees.

:: http://www.parlamento.pt/plc/Iniciativa.aspx?ID_Ini=20855 (Portuguese version)

COMPETITION AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of the newsletter *eConcorrência*, published by the Competition Authority, may be consulted at http://www.autoridadedaconcorrenca.pt/vImages/E-Concorrenca5_2005.pdf (in Portuguese only).

2005 LETTER WRITING CONTEST

Winners of the 2005 letter writing contest have been selected. The theme topic of this joint initiative of ANACOM and the *CTT-Correios de Portugal* was “Letter to my favourite fairy-tale character”.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=274265>

NEW LOOK FOR FPC WEBSITE

The commemoration of World Telecommunications Day on 17 May served as pretext for public presentation of the new internet website of the Portuguese Foundation for Communications (FPC) - <http://www.fpc.pt>. The Foundation is meanwhile accepting candidatures for the 2005/2006 FPC Prize, until 31 December.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=3730&contentId=274650>

OECD ANNOUNCES BROADBAND RANKINGS

At the end of 2004 Portugal ranked 19th of the total of 30 countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), with respect to broadband internet access.

:: http://www.oecd.org/document/60/0,2340,en_2825_495656_2496764_1_1_1_1,00.html


The OECD also published a profile of Portugal, with a number of statistical indicators.

:: http://www.oecd.org/country/0,3021,en_33873108_33873764_1_1_1_1,00.html



□ AICEP ASSEMBLY AND FORUM

The Association of Postal and Telecommunications Operators from the Portuguese-speaking Countries and Territories (AICEP) held its respective General Assembly on 31 May in Macau.

The 13th AICEP Forum was held on 1-3 June, this year focusing on the theme topic of “Digital Generations”, with panels on the digital society, regulation, industry and services, telecommunications, philately and postal service. 

■ NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Notices nos. 5523/2005 and 5524/2005** (II Series of the *Diário da República* of 1 June) - Concerning ANACOM internal delegations of powers.
- **Council of Ministers Resolution no. 94/2005** (I Series-B of the D.R. of 24 May) - Promotes the signing of a protocol by the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications, Portugal Telecom, and the *EP-Estradas de Portugal*, with a view to providing an updated information service on road artery conditions.
- **Council of Ministers Resolution no. 92/2005** (I Series-B of the D.R. of 20 May) - Establishes the regime governing the Technological Plan Co-ordination Unit.
- **Notice no. 215/2005** (I Series-A of the D.R. of 11 May) - Makes public that on 22 July 2004 Portugal deposited with the Director General of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) International Bureau the instrument ratifying various acts signed by the Congress held in Beijing in September 1999.



:: <http://www.governo.gov.pt/Portal/EN/>

**■ MUNICIPAL FEE FOR RIGHTS OF WAY -
PERCENTAGES SET BY MUNICIPALITIES AND POST CODE CORRESPONDENCE TABLES***

Municipal Council	Percentages approved 2004	Percentages approved 2005
Abrantes		0,25%
Aguiar da Beira	0,25%	
Albergaria-a-Velha	0,25%	0,25%
Albufeira	0%	
Alcoutim	0,25%	
Alfândega da Fé		0,25%
Alijó	0,25%	
Almeida	0,25%	
Almodôvar	0,25%	
Alpiarça	0,25%	
Alter do Chão	0,25%	0,25%
Alvito	0,25%	0,25%
Arcos de Valdevez	0,25%	0,25%
Armamar	0,25%	
Azambuja	0,25%	0,25%
Barcelos	0,25%	0,25%
Batalha		0,25%
Boticas	0,25%	
Bragança	0,25%	0,25%
Câmara de Lobos	0,25%	0,25%
Cantanhede	0,25%	0,25%
Carraceda de Ansiães	0,25%	0,25%
Carregal do Sal	0,25%	0,25%
Cascais		0,25%
Castanheira de Pêra	0,25%	0,25%
Castelo Branco		0,25%
Celorico de Basto	0,25%	
Chamusca	0,25%	0,25%
Constância	0,25%	
Covilhã		0,25%
Estarreja	0,25%	
Ferreira do Alentejo	0,25%	
Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo	0,25%	
Góis	0,25%	0,25%
Gondomar		0,25%
Grândola		0,25%
Guarda	0,25%	0,25%
Guimarães	0,20%	0,20%
Horta		0,25%
Lagos	0,25%	0,25%
Leiria		0%**
Loures	0,25%	0,25%
Lourinhã		0,25%
Mafra	0,25%	0,25%
Maia	0,25%	
Mangualde	0,25%	0,25%
Marinha Grande		0,25%
Mealhada	0,25%	0,25%
Mesão Frio	0,25%	

Municipal Council	Percentages approved 2004	Percentages approved 2005
Montalegre	0,25%	0,25%
Montemor-o-Velho	0,25%	0,25%
Mourão	0,25%	0,25%
Murtosa	0,25%	0,25%
Nelas	0,25%	
Nisa	0,25%	
Nordeste	0,25%	0,25%
Odivelas	0,25%	
Oliveira de Azeméis	0,25%	
Oliveira de Frades	0,25%	0,25%
Ourém	0,25%	0,25%
Ourique		0,25%
Ovar	0,25%	0,25%
Pampilhosa da Serra	0,25%	
Penacova	0,25%	
Penafiel	0,25%	0,25%
Penalva do Castelo	0,25%	0,25%
Ponta Delgada	0,25%	
Ponte de Lima	0,25%	0,25%
Ponte de Sor	0,25%	0,25%
Portimão	0,25%	0,25%
Porto de Mós	0,25%	0,25%
Póvoa do Varzim	0,25%	
Praia da Vitória	0,25%	0,25%
Resende	0,25%	
Rio Maior	0,25%	0,25%
São Pedro do Sul	0,25%	0,25%
Sabrosa		0,25%
Santa Comba Dão	0,25%	0,25%
Sever do Vouga	0,25%	0,25%
Silves	0,25%	0,25%
Sousel	0,25%	0,25%
Tarouca	0,25%	0,25%
Tavira		0,25%
Terras de Bouro	0,25%	0,25%
Torre de Moncorvo	0,10%	0,10%
Torres Novas		0,25%
Torres Vedras	0,25%	
Valença	0,25%	0,25%
Velas		0,25%
Vieira do Minho		0,25%
Vila do Conde	0,25%	0,25%
Vila Nova da Barquinha	0,25%	
Vila Nova de Gaia	0,25%	0,25%
Vila Real	0,25%	0,25%
Viseu	0,25%	0,25%
Vizela	0,25%	

* Updated on 31.05.05

** As the TMDP cost is supported by the end customer, this municipality decided not to apply this fee in 2005.

Relevant Markets - ANACOM notifications to the European Commission*

Markets	Consultation procedures		Commission notification - document		Commission comments		Decision		Notification to the Commission of adopted measures - document	
	Market Analysis and SMP Assessment	Imposition of obligations	Market Analysis and SMP Assessment	Imposition of obligations	Market Analysis and SMP Assessment	Imposition of obligations	Market Analysis and SMP Assessment	Imposition of obligations	Market Analysis and SMP Assessment	Imposition of obligations
Narrowband retail markets										
Access to the public telephone network at a fixed location for residential customers (market 1)	12.03.04 20.05.04	26.07.04	28.05.04	22.07.04	25.06.04	03.09.04	08.07.04	14.12.04	16.07.04	21.12.04
Access to the public telephone network at a fixed location for non-residential customers (market 2)	12.03.04 20.05.04	26.07.04	28.05.04	22.07.04	25.06.04	03.09.04	08.07.04	14.12.04	16.07.04	21.12.04
Publicly available local and/ or national telephone services provided at a fixed location for residential customers (market 3)	12.03.04 20.05.04	26.07.04	28.05.04	22.07.04	25.06.04	03.09.04	08.07.04	14.12.04	16.07.04	21.12.04
Publicly available international telephone services available at a fixed location for residential customers (market 4)	12.03.04 20.05.04	26.07.04	28.05.04	22.07.04	25.06.04	03.09.04	08.07.04	14.12.04	16.07.04	21.12.04
Publicly available local and/ or national telephone services provided at a fixed location for non-residential customers (market 5)	12.03.04 20.05.04	26.07.04	28.05.04	22.07.04	25.06.04	03.09.04	08.07.04	14.12.04	16.07.04	21.12.04
International telephone services publicly available at a fixed location for non-residential customers (market 6)	12.03.04 20.05.04	26.07.04	28.05.04	22.07.04	25.06.04	03.09.04	08.07.04	14.12.04	16.07.04	21.12.04
Telephone services for non-geographic numbers publicly available at a fixed location (market 19 - new)	12.03.04 20.05.04	26.07.04	28.05.04	22.07.04	25.06.04	03.09.04	08.07.04	14.12.04	16.07.04	21.12.04
Wholesale Narrowband Markets										
Call origination in the public telephone network at a fixed location (market 8)	12.03.04	26.07.04	28.05.04	22.07.04	25.06.04	03.09.04	08.07.04	17.12.04	16.07.04	29.12.04
Call termination in individual public telephone networks at a fixed location (market 9)	12.03.04	26.07.04	28.05.04	22.07.04	25.06.04	03.09.04	08.07.04	17.12.04	16.07.04	29.12.04
Transit services in the public fixed telephone network (market 10)	01.03.05		04.03.05		01.04.05		25.05.05		02.06.05	
Wholesale Broadband Markets										
Wholesale provision of unbundled access (including shared access) to metallic loops and sub-loops to provide broadband and voice services (market 11)	25.11.04	25.11.04	25.11.04	25.11.04	20.12.04	20.12.04	30.03.05	30.03.05	01.04.05	
Wholesale provision of broadband access (market 12)	25.11.04	25.11.04	25.11.04	25.11.04	22.12.04	22.12.04				
Retail Leased Line Markets										
Minimum set of leased lines (market 7)	18.03.05	18.03.05	17.03.05	17.03.05						
Wholesale Leased Line Markets										
Wholesale market for leased line terminal segments (market 13)	18.03.05	18.03.05	17.03.05	17.03.05						
Wholesale market for leased line transit segments (market 14)	18.03.05	18.03.05	17.03.05	17.03.05						
Wholesale Mobile Service Markets										
Call access and origination in public mobile telephone networks (market 15)										
Voice call termination in individual mobile networks (market 16)	27.12.04	27.12.04	23.12.04	23.12.04	04.02.2005	04.02.2005	25.02.2005	25.02.2005	08.03.2005	
National wholesale market for international roaming services in public mobile networks (market 17)										
Wholesale Broadcasting Markets										
Broadcasting services for the delivery of content transmitted to final users (market 18)										

□ EUROPEAN UNION

EUROPEAN WSIS PRINCIPLES ANNOUNCED

The European Commission adopted on 6 June a communication containing the European positions for the second stage of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), to be held in Tunis on 16-18 November of this year.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/672&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

CONSULTATION ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE

Debate on revision of the universal service concept in the current regulatory framework for electronic communications has been re-launched by the Commission, with the 24 May publication of a communication on this subject. The document is under consultation until 15 June.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/594&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/165&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

COMMUNICATION ON DIGITAL TELEVISION

The Commission proposed in a communication adopted on 24 May a 2012 deadline for the transition of television transmission to digital technology.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/595&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/166&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

i2010 INITIATIVE

The i2010 initiative was adopted by the Commission on 1 June. It consists of a strategy to boost the digital economy over the next five years.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/643&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/184&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

On the occasion, the Information Society and Media Commissioner, Viviane Reding, summed up the situation of broadband internet access in Europe as at 1 January 2005.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/642&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/185&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

GERMAN REGULATOR VETOED

The decision of the German national communications regulatory authority RegTP (Regulierungsbehörde für Telekommunikation und Post) to not apply *ex ante* regulation to alternative operator call termination has been vetoed by the Commission.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/564&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

FAQs on this subject have been published at <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/162&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>.

MICROSOFT PROPOSALS STUDIED

The Commission has announced that it will test the new measures presented by Microsoft to enable Windows system interoperability, with a view to implementing its March 2004 decision.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/673&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

The agenda of the 6-7 June Competitiveness Council in Luxembourg may be consulted at http://www.eu2005.lu/en/actualites/ordres_jour/2005/05/31odjcomp/06comp.pdf.

MARKET ANALYSIS IN FRANCE

The French regulator has informed the Commission of its intention to deepen market analysis in mobile networks, particularly with regard to the access of virtual mobile operators.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/632&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

INTERNET USE IN THE 25

Half of all Europeans and nine out of ten companies used the internet in 2004, according to the most recent Eurostat report, which besides the Union's 25 member States also covers Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Norway and Iceland.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=STAT/05/62&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

BROADBAND SUPPORT IN WALES

The United Kingdom's subsidy for broadband investment in the more remote areas of Wales has been approved.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/646&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

GALILEO-RELATED NEGOTIATIONS

Ukraine reached agreement on 3 June to participate in the Galileo project. The Commission submitted to the Council on 23 May the approval of the launch of negotiations envisaging the start of co-operation with South Korea in the Galileo context. Countries such as India, Russia, Ukraine, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Malaysia and Australia are also involved in talks with the European Union about eventual partnerships vis-à-vis the European satellite radio-navigation system.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/666&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/showInformation.do?pageName=middayExpress&guiLanguage=en>

JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN BELGACOM AND SWISSCOM

The Commission announced on 20 May that it did not oppose the joint venture of the incumbents Belgacom and Swisscom that led to the creation of BICS.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/582&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

EC WORKSHOPS

Two workshops organised by the Commission were held on 8 June in Brussels, focusing on premium rate services and freephone services.

:: http://europa.eu.int/information_society/topics/ecommerce/doc/useful_information/library/public_consult/premium_rate/documents/prov_agenda_prs.pdf

:: http://europa.eu.int/information_society/topics/ecommerce/doc/useful_information/library/public_consult/freephone/documents/prov_agenda_freephone.pdf

LISBON STRATEGY DEBATED

Brussels hosted on 1-2 June the colloquium on "The Lisbon Strategy: a motor market reform of network industries".

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=CES/05/59&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE WORKSHOP

The Free and Open Source Software and International Co-operation workshop was held in the Belgian capital on 21 April.

:: http://www.cordis.lu/ist/directorate_d/st-ds/workshop_210405_os.htm

NEW SCIENCE PORTAL SET UP

The new AthenaWeb audiovisual information portal on science is now available at <http://www.athenaweb.org/>.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/665&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

□ CEPT (EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS) MEETINGS

WG NNA

The Numbering, Names and Addressing working group (WG NNA) met on 3-4 May in Malta, where it approved a recommendation on voice over internet protocol (VoIP) services and a report on numbering resources allocation practices in various CEPT countries.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=138642&contentId=277186>

ECC PT2 TRIS

Lisbon hosted the 12-13 May meeting of this group, whose mission concerns access and interconnection in networks and service interoperability.

On the occasion, PT2 TRIS approved a report on access to emergency services in VoIP and another on IP interconnection models.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=154002&contentId=277189>

ECC TG3

The main goal of the ECC TG3 meeting held on 26-29 April in Helsinki was to find a regulatory solution for UWB (ultra wideband) communication applications and for GPR (ground probing radar) and WPR (wall probing radar) visualisation

:: <http://www.cept.org> :: <http://www.ero.dk>

systems, a task that should be completed in October.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110399&contentId=277286>

CPG PT4

The preparation of European positions on agenda items of the 2007 World Radio-communications Conference (WRC07), concerning maritime mobile service, amateur service and radiocommunication systems operating in the frequency bands between 4 and 10 MHz was undertaken at the 11-12 May meeting in the Greek city of Piraeus.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110359&contentId=277290>

ECC PT SE7

The development of a border co-ordination methodology for mobile service, dependent on the new version of the SEAMCAT compatibility calculation tool, and the use of GSM mobile terminals on board aircraft were some of the issues discussed at the project team (PT) SE7 meeting in Helsinki on 17-18 May.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109952&contentId=277296>

□ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

TERRESTRIAL DELIVERY GROUP (WP 6E)

The proposed new recommendation on the protection requirements for broadcasting systems below 80 MHz, against interference caused by wireless telecommunication systems, was one of the nearly 40 documents approved at the WP 6E meeting held in Geneva from 31 March to 7 April.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=113839&contentId=277301>

STUDY GROUP - SG 9B (FIXED SERVICE)

Tunis served as venue for the 20-28 April meeting of Study Group 9B, dedicated to matters involving fixed service. Special attention was given to studies and recommendations on radio-frequency planning, fixed wireless system (FWS) features, interconnection, maintenance and various applications.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110042&contentId=277303>

□ SATELLITE ORGANISATIONS

IMSO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Subjects debated during the 24-25 May International Mobile Satellite Organisation (IMSO) Advisory Committee meeting in London included the elaboration of a draft Public Service Agreement (PSA) model to be signed by IMSO and future satellite service providers in the scope of the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS).

Also discussed were the future financing of IMSO, as well as the expansion of its activities, specifically supervision of the new system for long-distance ship identification and localisation. ANACOM participated in the meeting as an observer by means of audio-conference.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=85990&contentId=277194>

■ OJEU

• **Commission Calls (2005/C111/13 and 2005/C116/10)** - For proposals for indirect IDT actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration. Published on 11 and 18 May.

• **Commission Decision (2005/369/EC)** - Lays down rules for monitoring member States' compliance with Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, concerning waste electrical and electronic equipment, and establishes formats for reporting the required data. Dated 3 May and published on 11 May.

:: <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOIndex.do?ihmlang=en>

NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

SPAIN - Ministerio de Industria, Turismo y Comercio (MICYT) - Four companies - Amena, Tele2, Telefónica Móviles and Vodafone - presented on 12 May their bid in the tender to award three GSM mobile telephony licences in the 900 MHz band.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/5/concursosmoviles120505.htm>

The registration price for the .es domains should drop on the order of 71 percent. Plans call for the new fees to take force on 7 June.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/HistoricoNoticias/2005/5/dominios230505.htm>

The 2nd Digital Cities Forum was held on 31 May.

:: <http://www2.mityc.es/es-ES/Servicios/GabinetePrensa/NotasPrensa/ciudadesdigitales310105.htm>

FRANCE - Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes (ARCEP) - The former Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications (ART) has changed its designation to Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes (ARCEP). The regulation law for postal activities (Law no. 2005-516 of 20 May) was published in the Official Journal of the French Republic on 21 May.

:: <http://www.arcep.fr/textes/lois/loi-2005-516-poste.pdf>

The Letter of Intent to Facilitate Access by the Handicapped to Mobile Telephony was signed on 10 May.

:: <http://www.arcep.fr/communiqués/communiqués/2005/index-c05-22.htm>

Institut Belge des Services Postaux et de Télécommunications (IBPT) - June 15 is the deadline to submit comments in a consultation on the process of exchanging information envisaged by the electronic communications law.

:: http://www.bipt.be/Actualites/Consultations/consultation01062005_fr.pdf

The IBPT released on 23 May a communication on the installation of antennas for the new telecommunication services that will replace the second mobile generation.

:: http://www.bipt.be/Actualites/Communications/Mededeling_Bijkomende_antennesites_FR.pdf

UNITED KINGDOM - Office of Communications (OFCOM) - The regulator recently published its view of the process of transition to digital television emission

and the switchover, subject to public consultation in early February of this year.

:: <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/pods/statement/>

A proposed reform of radio amateur service licensing is under public consultation until 18 August.

:: <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/aradio/>

UNITED KINGDOM - Postal Services Commission (Postcomm) - A consultation is open until 30 June with the aim of adjusting postal operator licensing to the new conditions of full competition after 1 January 2006.

:: <http://www.psc.gov.uk/documents/Media/15219PN20050519.pdf>

IRELAND - Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) - In a recently conducted survey ComReg concluded that 24 percent of Irish homes use only mobile network communications.

:: http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR290405.pdf

Results of the consultation on spectrum management strategy for 2005-2007 are available at http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/PR160505.pdf.

ANGOLA - Instituto Angolano das Comunicações - The number "112" has been adopted as Angola's new national emergency number, according to a decision by 27 May Council of Ministers.

:: <http://www.inacom.og.ao/> (in Portuguese only)

BRAZIL - Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL) - The "Regional ITU-ANATEL Workshop for the Americas on Wireless Broadband Access to Rural and Remote Areas", a joint initiative of ANATEL and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), took place on 23-25 May in Brasilia.

:: http://www.anatel.gov.br/biblioteca/Releases/2005/release_20_05_2005.pdf (Portuguese version).

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) - Meeting in Japan, the World Wide Web 2005 Conference announced on 11 May by means of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) the launch of the Mobile Internet initiative, which aims to promote web access using mobile devices.

:: <http://www.w3.org/2005/05/mwi-pressrelease.html.en>



POSTAL UNION OF THE AMERICAS, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL (UPAEP)

PORTUGAL/ SPAIN CO-ORDINATION MEETING

Analysis of the UPAEP Acts and the Technical Co-operation Manual that should be presented during the Union's 19th Congress, to be held in Rio de Janeiro in August, were in focus at the last Portugal/ Spain co-ordination meeting, held on 4 May in Madrid.

Portugal was represented by the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) and by the *CTT-Correios de Portugal*, and Spain by the Ministry of Development and *Correos de España*.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=154003&contentId=277193> <

ANNUAL ETNO CONFERENCE

The European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association (ETNO) held its annual conference on 31 May in Brussels, focusing on the theme topic of

"Next Generation Networks: the next telecoms revolution".

:: <http://www.etno.be/article.asp?ID=927> <

□ NEW PT COMUNICAÇÕES PRICE TABLES

By determination of 17 May, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) decided not to oppose the entrance into force on 1 July of the proposed retail price table for telephone service provided at a fixed location, presented by *PT Comunicações* (PTC) on 5 May, without jeopardising compliance with the obligation to divulge and publish, as per the terms of section 3 of article 48 of Law no. 5/2004 of 10 February.

This price table modification is substantiated by an annual average variation of the price basket (installation, monthly fee, and local, regional and national calls) of -0.75 percent, with spot variation of -2.75 percent.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template15.jsp?categoryId=8777>

ANACOM also determined, on 9 May, that it would not oppose the proposed price table for fixed-mobile calls presented by PTC on 26 April, which took force on 11 May.

In average terms, the retail price associated to fixed-mobile calls presents a -16.3 percent variation compared to the previous price table, substantiated by harmonisation between the value levels for retention of calls to each of the mobile operators.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template12.jsp?categoryId=151226>



□ EUROPEAN REGULATORS GROUP (ERG)

The adoption of a common position on the wholesale international roaming offer was one of the main agenda topics of the last ERG meeting, held on 25-26 May in Bled, Slovenia.

This common position has meanwhile been placed under public consultation until 15 July. Interested parties may send comments to erg-secretariat@cec.eu.int.

The group also decided to begin defining and analysing market 17 of the European Commission recommendation and to set up a working group to promote tariff transparency.

The Commission announced its intention to begin revising in 2006 the regulatory framework for electronic communications currently in force. In that regard, a consultation on the revision of universal service is under way; revision of the recommendation on relevant markets should begin by the end of 2005.

Additional information on this meeting at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=109881&contentId=277304> and http://www.erg.eu.int/whatsnew/index_en.htm.



□ INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)

CONTACT NETWORK

The IRG Contact Network met on 9-10 May in Berlin, where it studied revision of the working programme for 2005, the report on community practices regarding termination charges in fixed networks, guidelines for implementing the recommendation on accounts separation and cost accounting systems, and the work undertaken by the International Roaming working group.

:: <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110121&contentId=277183>

WG SMP

The Significant Market Power working group (WG SMP) met on 24 May in Stockholm. Details of the meeting at <http://www.anacom.pt/template20.jsp?categoryId=110122&contentId=277185>.



■ IN JUNE 2005

EU

- RSC (1)
- Telecommunications and IS Group (2;9)
- RSPG (17)
- Next Generation Networks workshop (22)
- Telecommunications Council of Ministers (27-28)

CEPT

- ECC
- CPG07-04 (31/5-6/6)
- WG SE (6-10)
- TG3 (13-15)
- WG RRC06 (14-16)
- Plenary session (20-24)
- SE7 (30/6-1/7)

CERP

- Plenary session (2-3)

ITU

- NCOG (14)

UPAEP

- ANACOM/ Spanish Ministry co-ordination meeting (6-8)

OTHER

- TeleBrasil executive panel 2005 (23-26)

ANACOM

- Advisory Council (21)

EVENTS

- **13th Conference on Postal and Delivery Economics**
Antwerp, 1-4
- **European Information Society Conference**
Krakow, 2-4
- **Internet Global Congress**
Barcelona, 6-10
- **Mobile Communications: past, present and future**
Tavira, 8

- **Safe Networks, Intelligent Solutions in Public Administration**

Lisbon, 8

- **Content Management, Workflow & Portals - Content Management and the Integration Process**

Lisbon, CCB, 15

- **The 5th European Conference on eGovernment**

Antwerp, 16-17

- **14th IST Mobile & Wireless Communications Summit**

Dresden, Germany, 19-22

- **IEEE International Symposium on Industrial Electronics**

Dubrovnik, Croatia, 20-23

- **Good Practices in Iberian eGovernment**

Lisbon, ISCTE, 21

- **The 5th International Conference on ITS Telecommunications**

Brest, France, 27-29

