



Regulation

ON TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TELEVISION RECEIVERS, DECODING SYSTEMS AND WIDE-SCREEN TELEVISION NETWORKS

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The Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority (FICORA) has, under sections 129 and 132 of the Communications Market Act of 23 May 2003 (393/2003), prescribed as follows:

Section 1

Scope of application

This Regulation applies to television receivers, decoding systems and television networks that receive and redistribute wide-screen television services and programmes.

This Regulation implements

- Article 24 and Annex VI to the Directive 2002/22/EC of the Parliament and of the Council¹ and
- Article 4.2 of the Directive 2002/19/EC of the Parliament and of the Council².

Section 2

Television receivers

Any analogue television set with an integral screen of visible diagonal greater than 42 cm which is put on the market for sale or rent is to be fitted

¹ Directive 2002/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services (Universal Service Directive)

² Directive 2002/19/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on access to, and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and associated facilities (Access Directive)

with at least one standardised open interface socket, permitting simple connection of peripherals, especially additional decoders and digital receivers.

Any digital television set with an integral screen of visible diagonal greater than 30 cm which is put on the market for sale or rent is to be fitted with at least one standardised or corresponding open interface socket, permitting simple connection of peripherals, and able to pass all the elements of a digital television signal, including information relating to interactive and conditionally accessed services.

Section 3

Decoding systems

All consumer equipment intended for the reception of digital television signals, for sale or rent or otherwise made available in the Community, capable of descrambling digital television signals, is to possess the capability to:

- allow the descrambling of such signals according to the common European scrambling algorithm;
- display signals that have been transmitted in clear provided that, in the event that such equipment is rented, the rentee is in compliance with the relevant rental agreement.

Section 4

Wide-screen television networks

Public electronic communications networks established for the distribution of digital television services shall be capable of distributing wide-screen television services and programmes. Network operators that receive and redistribute wide-screen television services or programmes shall maintain that wide-screen format.

Section 5

Validity

This Regulation enters into force on 1 July 2008 and will remain in force until further notice.

Section 6

Information and publication

This Regulation is included in the Series of Regulations issued by the Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority and it can be obtained from the FICORA Customer Service Office:

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