

RESOLUTION RAST 9/2 (Sapporo, Japan): Global Circulation of Radio Equipment

The RAST 9 meeting

noting

- a) that radio equipment available on international and domestic markets will circulate globally and be used in countries other than those in which the equipment was procured;
- b) that the regulatory regimes within the global community differ in that in many cases an “a-priori” product approval regime is required before market access can be enjoyed;
- c) that some radio products such as IMT-2000 equipment are intended for global application and hence users expect such products to enjoy global circulation;
- d) that the availability of common or harmonized standards that define the radio co-existence and electromagnetic characteristics will facilitate the global circulation of radio equipment;
- e) that regulatory regimes use equipment regulations as a means of describing the acceptability of a radio product;
- f) that the World Trade Organization recommends the availability of standards in that they assist in reducing “technical barriers to trade”;
- g) that a number of “Memorandum of Understandings” or “Determinations” already exist between regional trading blocks designed to facilitate the free movement of radio equipment;

further noting

- h) that the availability of either harmonized spectrum or multi-function/frequency agile radio equipment is a pre-requisite to facilitate global roaming;
- j) that the ITU has addressed this issue for satellite terminal equipment and concluded the GMPCS MoU and Arrangements which is intended to facilitate the global circulation of satellite equipment terminals ;

resolves

to encourage PSOs to advise their respective regulatory bodies:

- 1) of the advantage of harmonized spectrum use;
- 2) of their hope that ITU establish Recommendations on the global circulation of terrestrial IMT-2000 equipment;

and

further resolves

- 3) to encourage PSOs to cooperate in the provision of compatible/harmonized standards that can be used by manufacturers to define the equipment characteristics for market access.
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