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1 Legislative underpinning

The Regulatory Authority for Telecommunications and Posts (RegTP) is not authorised by the Telecommunications Act (TKG) to request data from companies directly in response to enquiries from international organisations such as the ITU.

RegTP is required under Section 81 of the TKG to submit an Activity Report every two years, giving an account of, amongst other things, the situation in and development of the telecoms market. To answer enquiries from international organisations, RegTP uses data collected and published as part of the above reporting requirement. It can also provide data from generally accessible sources.

We should also point out that RegTP is not required to provide any official statistics. This task falls to the Federal Statistics Office, which publishes data on the telecoms market such as the retail price index, durable goods in German households, etc.

2 Provision of data for the ITU

The *Telecommunication Indicators* requested by the ITU are provided on the basis of reports published by RegTP.

Reports and data on the German telecoms market can be viewed on the Internet using the following links:

RegTP's homepage

<http://www.regtp.de>

Publication of notification of telecoms services:

http://www.regtp.de/reg_tele/start/in_05-02-01-00-00_m/index.html

List of providers:

http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/reg_tele/anbietertk/anbietertk.doc

Market information:

http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/start/in_03-06-00-00-00_m/index.html

List of RegTP's annual and mid-year reports:

http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/start/in_03-05-00-00-00_m/index.html

Annual Report 2001 (published 1 February 2002):

<http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/aktuelles/jahresb2001.pdf>

(German)

<http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/en/aktuelles/annualreport2001.pdf>

(English)

Press release 1 February 2002 on the Annual Report 2001:

<http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/pm/02436/index.html>

Notes 1 February 2002 on the Annual Report 2001:

<http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/aktuelles/sprechzettel2001.pdf>

Activity Report 2000/2001

<http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/aktuelles/Bericht2001.pdf>

(German)

Press release 6 December 2001 on the Activity Report 2000/2001:

<http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/pm/02364/index.html>

Competition in the Local Access Market 2000 – Situation Report on Competition in the German Local Access Market

<http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/aktuelles/ON-Wettbewerb.pdf>

(German)

<http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/02161/01/index.html>

(Press release)

http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/en/aktuelles/report_2001.pdf

(English)

Annual Report 2000 (published 13 February 2001):

<http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/aktuelles/21.pdf>

(German)

<http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/en/aktuelles/5.pdf>

(English)

Mid-Year Report 2000 (published 24 July 2000):

<http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/aktuelles/10.pdf>

(German)

RegTP Activity Report 1998/99 (published 3 December 1999):

<http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/00004/01/index.html>

Annual Report 1999 (published 26 January 2000):

<http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/01440/01/index.html>

(German)

<http://www.regtp.de/imperia/md/content/en/aktuelles/2.pdf>

(English)

Press release on the Annual Report 1999

<http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/pm/01443/index.html>

Mid-Year Report 1999:

<http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/00001/01/index.html>

Annual Report 1998:

<http://www.regtp.de/aktuelles/00002/01/index.html>

3 Situation as regards gathering data on the telecoms market

3.1 Organisational responsibility

The following organisational unit at RegTP is responsible for watching the market.

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3.2 Data gathering

In describing the telecoms market it must be remembered that there is a large number of providers.

In all, there were **more than 2,000** registered providers of telecoms services in Germany as of **1 July 2002**. This figure includes both licence holders and licence-exempt companies that have to notify RegTP, however, under Section 4 of the TKG, of their service offer.

RegTP uses the following secondary sources to describe the market:

- Annual reports from companies and groups obliged to disclose their business development,
- Specialist publications and press reports,
- Market research institutes,
- Trade associations, institutes and universities,
- Internet searches,
- External and internal studies,
- *Statistisches Bundesamt*, or Federal Statistics Office (<http://www.destatis.de>).

If existing secondary sources are not sufficient to describe the German market and RegTP is required by law to provide statements on it, *primary data surveys* of telecoms companies are carried out.

German companies are relatively cautious when it comes to providing data. Not all of them support RegTP in its surveys, so that it is necessary to supplement certain segments with estimates.

As we have already mentioned in section 1, the Federal Statistics Office also collects and publishes statistics on particular parts of the telecoms industry. Yet its data, as regards scope and up-to-dateness, do not fully meet the requirements RegTP has to satisfy in describing the telecoms market, and can thus only contribute to a limited extent to enquiries from international organisations such as the ITU.