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### **Mobile phone chargers to become compatible under new requirements for radio equipment**

The Council today adopted<sup>1</sup> a directive laying down harmonised rules for placing radio equipment on the internal market ([PE-CONS 17/14](#) and [7928/14 ADD 1](#)).

All equipment which emits or receives radio waves for radio determination or communication purposes will fall within the scope of the directive. This includes devices such as cellular phones, car door openers and modems. Radio equipment used for public security and defence activities would be excluded.

The new rules aim to keep pace with the growing number and variety of radio equipment devices and ensure that they do not interfere with each other and respect essential health and safety requirements.

Under the new directive, the Commission will have the possibility to make the compatibility of battery chargers an essential requirement for types of mobile phones. Interoperability between radio equipment and accessories such as chargers should simplify the use of radio equipment and reduce unnecessary waste and costs.

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<sup>1</sup> The decision, which follows an agreement with the European Parliament at first reading, was taken without discussion at a meeting of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council. The Bulgarian and United Kingdom delegations abstained.

## **P R E S S**

The directive sets additional means for market surveillance in order to track and monitor products which fail to comply with the essential requirements. On the basis of information provided by member states, the Commission will be enabled to identify categories of radio equipment that will need to be registered before they can be put on the market.

Furthermore, the new directive seeks to improve the level of compliance, to increase the confidence of stakeholders, to clarify and simplify certain provisions so as to facilitate its application and eliminate unnecessary burden for economic operators, public authorities and end-users.

The revision also allows to better integrate the directive with other related EU legislation.

The new directive replaces directive 1999/5/EC, which established a common framework for the placing on the market, free movement and putting into service in the EU of radio and telecommunications terminal equipment.

Member states will have two years to implement the new requirements into domestic law and manufactures will have an additional year to comply.

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