

**Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council extending Decision No 710/97/EC on a coordinated authorisation approach in the field of satellite personal communication services in the Community**

(2000/C 150 E/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 7 January 2000)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION,

(2) It is appropriate to extend this Decision until 31 December 2003.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 47, 55 and 95 thereof,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

*Article 1*

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

The words of Article 12 of Decision No 710/97/EC 'and shall remain in force for three years after that date' are replaced by the following:

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty,

'and shall remain in force until 31 December 2003.'

Whereas:

(1) Decision No 710/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 1997 on a coordinated authorisation approach in the field of satellite personal communication services in the Community will expire on 13 May 2000.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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