Agreement

between the Administrations of Austria
Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg,

The Netherlands, and Switzerland concerning the Co-ordination of frequencies

in the frequency bands 876-880MHz and

921-925 MHz

(for Railways)

1. Preamble

Within Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg and The Netherlands the frequency bands 876-880 MHz and 921-925 MHz are planned to be used for the railways and their ancillary services in conformity with the CEPT recommendation T/R 25-09 (Budapest 1995).

The provisions of this Agreement will form a common basis for complementary bilateral co-ordination agreements in which the compatibility with the existing mobile services must be taken into account.

The application of the provisions of this agreement by the signatory administrations does not imply any comment by these Administrations on the sovereignty of a country

Accordingly, the Administrations of Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg and The Netherlands agree on the following procedures.

2. Co-ordination procedures

The co-ordination procedures laid down in the main text and annexes of the current version of the Vienna Agreement shall be applied.

The co-ordination procedures shall be based on the concept of preferential frequencies (see Article 4 of the current version of the Vienna Agreement). The frequency bands 876-880 MHz and 921-925 MHz shall be split into preferential frequencies which shall be assigned equally between countries involved.

2.1. Technical Characteristics

2.1.1. Preferential frequencies:

For a preferential frequency the field strength should not exceed the trigger value of 19 dB μ V/m at 3 m above ground at the 15 km line inside the other country.

2.1.2 Non-preferential frequencies:

For a non-preferential frequency the field strength should not exceed the trigger value of 19 dB μ V/m at 3 m above ground at the borderline of the other country.

2.2. Division into preferential frequencies

The division into preferential frequencies will be in accordance with Annex 1.

3. Review

Each Administration may request a review of this Agreement. Any part of this Agreement may be revised in the light of future developments and experience in the operation of the networks covered by the Agreement.

4. Withdrawal

Each country may withdraw from the Agreement subject to giving notice six months prior to the date of withdrawal.

5. Language

This Agreement exists in the French and English language, each being equally authoritative.

The English original of this Agreement will be laid down in the Belgian Institute for Postal services and Telecommunications in Brussels and the French original will be laid down in the Agence Nationale des Fréquences in Maisons-Alfort.

6. Date of entry into force

This agreement will enter into force on 1st of July 1999.

Done at Vienna, 25th of June 1999

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Annex 1

Preferential division of the frequency band 876 - 880 / 921 - 925 MHz

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Use of common channels: Channel I may also be used for Direct Mode Operation channels (12.5 kHz) Channel 20 may be considered as guardchannel to other services in adjacent bands