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To all interested parties

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Meeting at the European commission of May 14th on coexistence of WAS/RLANS and radio controlled models in the 2.4GHz band

The official minutes of the meeting are to be drafted by the CE and become available at a later stage. Here are just some notes on this meeting skipping most of the technical jargon

There is still no "absolute guarantee" that our equipment on 2.4GHz is completely in concordance with all the EC regulations.

Today's existing approach by the member states is based on existing directives that did not account for this kind of transmission when made and by then leaving room for interpretation.

No one at the meeting did make any objections against 10mW units, so the rest of the meeting was about the more powerful 100mW ones. Most countries will tolerate the use of such equipment, (even at 100mW) whilst waiting for an adapted regulation

Only Belgium, Austria and Spain officially defended a different point of view based on the fact that these devices are not described as a wireless network. Using the same room of interpretation than the "yes they are ok" group to declare the opposite...

However the meeting was in general positive, main resistance coming from the Wifi-Alliance and the Belgian administration. But in the end nearly everyone could agree to follow the mainstream of ideas put on the table as well as proceedings:

In short (very short): 10Mw radios will have to comply with subclass 21 rulings.

The more powerful ones (100Mw) to the subclass 22 rules and to some extra conditions like proof of "polite" use of the available channels. As said before these rules and specifications still have to be made (note: seems that not only the EFRA AGM is confronted with technologies evolving faster than the bodies who need to make the rules)

The Chairman of the EC TCAM will contact the restraining administrations (Belgium, Austria and Spain) after the meeting to try to move them to a more tolerant attitude, but states can decide independently and do not have to follow the point of view of the Chairman

Wrapping up: this meeting is not the end of the story but only the beginning of it:

The ideas coming out of this meeting have to be presented at another meeting on June 10/11 (TCAM) who will draft the technical proposals that should clarify the situation.

These Technical texts must then be turned into directives and regulations to be processed by the European Member states before they can become effective.

A definitive ruling may be expected around June 2009 if everything goes well

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