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Act on the Post and Telecom Administration

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EEA legislation: Annex XI,

Directives 2002/19/EC, 2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC,
2002/22/EC

Article 1

Ultimate administration, etc.

The Post and Telecom Administration (PTA) is responsible for administration of electronic communications and postal affairs in Iceland, as provided for in this Act and other legislation.

PTA is an independent institution under the ultimate administration of the Minister of Communications.

Article 2

Managing director and staff

The Minister of Communications shall appoint the Managing Director of PTA for a five-year term to direct its operations. The Managing Director of PTA shall engage the other staff of the Administration.

The staff of PTA may not serve on the Boards of or be employed by companies or other parties whom they are to supervise. They may not have interests at stake or financial connections with such parties or their organisations.

Article 3

Tasks

The Post and Telecom Administration shall be responsible for:

1. implementing the Electronic communications Act and the Postal Service Act and supervising electronic communications and postal services, as provided for in detail in the respective Acts. PTA is to enforce the Acts and support the achievement of their objectives;

2. encouraging competition in postal and electronic communications services and prevent unfair business practices, for instance, by:

a. working to prevent distortion or limitation of competition on electronic communications and postal service markets,

b. encouraging efficient investment in electronic communications infrastructure and promoting innovation,

c. support the efficient use of frequencies and numbers and maintaining effective management of the use of these resources;

3. participating in developing the market for electronic communications and postal service and information

technology (IT), for instance, by:

- a. working to remove obstacles to the provision of electronic communications networks, facilities and services connected with them, and electronic communications and postal services,
- b. encouraging the establishment and development of electronic communications networks and interoperability of services encompassing all EEA states ,
- c. contributing to ensuring non-discriminatory treatment of electronic communications undertakings and postal operators in similar circumstances,
- d. co-operating with other EEA regulatory authorities and the EFTA Surveillance Authority in order to establish harmonised surveillance practices and harmonised interpretation of legislation,
- e. contributing to the convergence of electronic communications and information technology,
- f. contributing to the development of the IT society through the focused introduction of new technology and working

practices;

4. safeguarding the public interest, for instance, by:

- a. working to ensure that all Icelanders have access to universal service,
- b. contributing to protection of consumers in their dealings with electronic communications undertakings and postal operators,
- c. working on measures to protect personal data and privacy,
- d. contributing to the publication of clear and comprehensible information for users and demanding transparent prices and conditions for the use of general electronic communications and postal services,
- e. protecting the interests of users, including individual social groups, such as the disabled, to the greatest extent possible with regard to selection, price and quality,
- f. ensuring that the integrity and security of public