

Decision  
of the Government of the Russian Federation  
No. 180 of February 16, 1999  
on the Procedure for Regulating the Admission and Use  
of Global Mobile Personal Satellite Communication Systems  
on the Telecommunications Market of Russia

For the purposes of stepping up the cooperation and partnership relations of Russian operator and industrial companies in implementing the international projects oriented to the promotion of the new kind of services, i.e. global mobile personal satellite communication systems and providing further development of interrelated communications network of the Russian Federation on the basis of new technologies the Government of the Russian Federation hereby resolves:

1. To recognize a possibility in principle of the use on the Russia's telecommunications market of the communication services provided by the global mobile personal satellite communication systems in compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation on condition that Russian operator companies be set up with the exclusive right to provide the communication services of respective systems on the territory of the Russian Federation.

2. The exclusive right to the provision of confidential communication services within the global mobile personal satellite communication systems used on Russia's telecommunications market shall be granted to a special Russian operator responsible for setting up and developing a special federal confidential communication subsystem.

3. The State Committee for Communications and Information Technologies of the Russian Federation shall:

a) define the general terms and principles for the use on the territory of the Russian Federation of the global mobile personal satellite communication systems as well as the requirements to the provision of information security for the Russian segments of the said systems;

b) organize and conduct the interdepartmental expert examination and selection of projects for the formation of the global mobile personal satellite communication systems as represented by Russian and foreign companies.

It is hereby established that the decision on the uses of the said systems in the interrelated communications network of the Russian Federation shall be adopted by the State Commission for Communications with the State Committee for Communications and Information Technologies of the Russian Federation according to the results of the interdepartmental expert commission considering the system projects of the setting up the Russian segments of respective systems elaborated by communications industry design and scientific research institutes per the orders of the companies being the owners of the said communication systems including the use of the services of the necessary specialists of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation, the Federal Governmental Communications and Information Agency with the President of the Russian Federation, the State Technical Commission with the President of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation;

c) provide the organization of the consideration and resolution of the issues concerning the use of the radio frequency spectrum to operate the radio electronic means of the global mobile personal satellite communication systems on the territory of the Russian Federation.

It is hereby established that the allocation of frequency bands (range) for the said systems shall be performed in due course by the State Commission for Radio Frequencies with the State Committee for Communications and Information Technologies of the Russian Federation;

d) issue licenses to Russian operator companies for providing communication services in connection with the use of the global mobile personal satellite communication systems being set up by international companies, upon the submission of recognized guarantees by a respective company being the owner of a system (in the form of an agreement signed by a Russian operator company on the approval of the State Committee for Communications and Information Technologies of the Russian Federation and the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation). In such a case provision shall be made for the allocation of ten per cent of communication resources in the Russian segments of respective global mobile personal satellite communication systems being set up in the interests of the special federal confidential communication subsystem;

e) include in the licenses for the provision of the services of the global mobile personal satellite communication systems the requirements to give absolute priority to all messages on the menace to people's vital activity on earth, in the sea, air, outer space, on the expedient actions in the sphere of defense, security and law enforcement in the Russian Federation as well as messages on large-scale accidents, disasters, epidemics, epizootics and natural calamities. During natural calamities, quarantines and other emergencies in the events provided for in the legislation of the Russian Federation an empowered state body must provide the right to priority use as well as suspension of the operation of the Russian segments of respective global mobile personal satellite communication systems on the territory of the Russian Federation.

4. A paragraph of the following wording is hereby added to Item 2 of the Regulations on the Procedure for the Manufacturing, Import to the Russian Federation and Use on the Territory of the Russian Federation of Radio Electronic Means (High-Frequency Devices) endorsed by the Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 643 of June 5, 1994 (Collection of the Legislation of the Russian Federation, item 861, No. 8, 1994; item 4018, No. 33, 1998) after Paragraph 3:

"the user terminals, permitted in due course to be used on the territory of the Russian Federation (including multi-system terminals), of the global mobile personal satellite communication systems. The imports of the said systems shall be performed against a reexport obligation with the indication of the type of the terminal and details of the owner (per the owner's personal identity document in the country of residence) in the declaration in case of customs control".

5. The responsibility for control of the use of the user terminals on the territory of the Russian Federation is hereby vested in the operators of the Russian segments of respective satellite systems.

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of the Government  
of the Russian Federation

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