

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

RESTRICTED

S/C/N/10

31 January 1996

(96-0373)

Council for Trade in Services

Original: English

## NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III:3 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification has been received from the delegation of Norway.

**1. Members(s) notifying:**

Norway, The Ministry of Transport and Communications

**2. Notification under Article(s):**

GATS Article III, paragraph 3

**3. Date of entry into force/duration:**

1 January 1996

**4. Agency responsible for enforcement of the measure:**

The Ministry of Transport and Communications

**5. Description of the measure:**

New telecommunications act replacing three older acts with respect to telecommunications (Telegrafloven av 1899, telegrafanleggsloven av 1903 og tilleggsloven av 1914).

The act covers all telecommunications activities. It introduces licensing of telecommunications networks and use of networks and registration of service providers. There are measures with respect to approval and licensing of equipment, regulations on standards, marketing and technical requirements, inspection and control, open access to networks and services, provision of information and fees.

The act is a codification of the present regulatory situation and provides basis for secondary legislation. The act does not change the borderline between monopoly and competition.

The purpose of the act is not to affect trade in services, but the act/decisions authorised by the act may have impact on trade and the Norwegian specific commitments on telecommunications services. Cross-border supply and commercial presence are the modes of supply most likely to be affected.

./.

**6. Members specifically affected, if any:**

(Not relevant)

**7. Text available from:**

The Ministry of Transport and Communications  
P.O. Box 8010 Dep.  
0030 - Oslo  
Norway