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MINI BRIEFING NOTE (*Commission Internal*)

Scene setter/Context of the meeting/ Objective of the meeting:



Common Charger: ANEC and BEUC have been advocating the use of a common charger for consumer's convenience. Consequently some MEPs have asked the Commission to make the use of a common charger mandatory through the adoption of a delegated act under the Radio Equipment Directive 2014/53/EU (RED). We have so far favoured the voluntary approach. Recently, we received a new proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the manufacturers which, however, we consider unsatisfactory. A letter has been sent from Director Cozigou to DigitalEurope expressing our concerns on the new MoU. Internal consultation on possible next initiatives is taking place. We have planned a meeting with the Legal Services of the three institutions to seek a common understanding on the extent of the Commission's empowerment under RED.

KEY messages

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Common Charger

- The Commission is working with the manufacturers in order to achieve a suitable voluntary agreement.
- If the voluntary approach fails, the Commission is ready to look at alternative ways to achieve this policy goal.
- In the meantime, we should also look at costs and benefits of different options. It would be good if you could share with us any information you may have in this respect.

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Defensives / Q&A

Question: When will you start the legislative procedure for delegated acts under Articles 3(3)(a) – Common Charger – and 3(3)(e/f) [REDACTED]

Answer: The path for a delegated act requires first the identification of specific issues, technical options and related cost-benefit assessment. [REDACTED]

In addition, in order to develop any delegated act, we would need to establish an expert group. The call is expected by the end of Q2 2018 and ANEC is invited to participate. The outcomes of the discussions of the group will be taken into account in the draft of any possible act.

Background information

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CVs of the interlocutors

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