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IV. LICENSING

The issuance, amendment, suspension and withdrawal of individual licenses continued during the year 2002. The process of amendment of granted licenses upon request by the operators was quite active.

The process of creation and improvement of auxiliary documents necessary for issuance of individual licenses and registration under general licenses kept on as well: applications, declarations, technical attachments for the respective types of activity, requirements concerning technical projects etc.

1. INDIVIDUAL LICENSES

In 2002 CRC issued, amended, cancelled, withdrew and terminated the following number of individual licenses for the respective types of activity:

1.1. Individual licenses issued under the Telecommunications Act

Table 9

Code	Activity	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total:
100	Licenses for more than one activity /BTC, Embassy of France/	2	-	-	-	2
101	TV broadcasting with national coverage	-	2	1	-	3
102	TV broadcasting with local coverage	-	12	1	-	13
103	Radio broadcasting with national coverage	-	-	2	-	2
104	Radio broadcasting with local coverage	-	54	148	-	202
105	Cable telecommunications networks for distribution of radio and TV signals	-	593	492	155	1240
106	Telecommunications paging networks	-	3	4	1	8
107	Telecommunications mobile TRUNK networks	-	2	-	-	2
109	Public telecommunications VSAT networks	-	1	3	2	6
110	Telecommunications mobile cellular networks in the NMT, GSM standard	-	-	3	-	3
112	Telecommunications terrestrial fixed satellite networks	5	15	12	6	38
113	Telecommunications fixed radio-relay networks*	1	1	11	2	15
117	Public telecommunications data transmission networks	1	1	2	7	11
119	Installation and operation of systems of public phones	2	-	-	-	2
120	Private telecommunications mobile networks PMR **	4	43	454	263	764
500	Licenses issued on the grounds of international contracts and agreements to which Bulgaria is a party, as well as other instruments stipulating obligations for Bulgaria	-	-	1	-	1
Total:		15	727	1134	436	2312

* The total number of hops included in the licenses granted for telecommunications fixed radio-relay lines was 2750

** The total number of frequencies granted to private telecommunications mobile networks PMR under the issued licenses was 3397

1.2. Amendments to individual licenses under the Telecommunications Act

Table 10

Amendments and transfers	Number
2000	104
2001	879
2002	298
Total:	1281

1.3. Canceled, withdrawn, suspended and revoked licenses under the Telecommunications Act

Table 11

Code	Activity	Number
101	TV broadcasting with national coverage	1
104	Radio broadcasting with local coverage	17
105	Cable telecommunications networks for distribution of radio and TV signals	40
112	Telecommunications terrestrial fixed satellite networks	2
113	Telecommunications fixed radio-relay networks	2
117	Public telecommunications data transmission networks	1
120	Private telecommunications mobile networks PMR	31
Total:		94

2. GENERAL/CLASS LICENSES

2.1. Registration certificates issued under a general license

Table 12

Code	Activity	2000	2001	2002	Total:
202	Satellite news gathering terminals	-	3	5	8
203	News gathering radio-relay lines	1	2	1	4
205	Radio stations on board of ship and aircraft	35	20	18	73
206*	Networks and devices using ISM frequency bands	9	8	-	17
207	Radio amateurs	2562	1403	139	4104
208*	HF stations CB 27 MHz	190	3	-	193
210*	Installation and operation of public phones	2	-	-	2
212	Private telecommunications mobile networks	-	-	3	3
214	Private telecommunications networks for wide-band data transmission - WBDTS	-	-	2	2
215**	For telecommunications activity for personal needs in fixed satellite service – VSAT networks and stations	-	-	1	1
Total:		2799	1439	169	4407

* The activity was placed under free regime as of 22 May 2001

** The registration covers 74 VSAT stations

2.2. Other documents issued in relation to the general licenses

Table 13

Activity	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total:
Amateur radio skills permits	645	304	202	92	1243
CEPT licenses	-	83	67	19	169
HAREC certificates	-	51	33	17	101
Attachment to general license 203	-	-	-	1	1
Attachment to general license 208	-	201	3	-	204
Attachment to general license 212	-	-	-	3	3
Attachment to general license 215	-	-	-	1	1
Maritime radio station permits	52	55	60	37	204
Aeronautical radio station permits	46	147	41	34	268
Total:	743	841	406	204	2194

2.3. Amateur radio skills tests:

Table 14

Tests/Tested	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total:
Number of tests	5	6	9	5	4	29
Number of tested persons	309	397	220	53	75	1054

New booklets for the tests of radio amateurs were released during the year.

Communications Regulation Commission keeps public registers in Internet with updated information about granted licenses and introduced amendments and supplements, as well as about registrations under general licenses.

3. ACTIVITIES OF CRC ON THE JOINT WORK WITH THE COUNCIL FOR ELECTRONIC MEDIA (CEM)

- A number of work meetings were conducted between CEM and CRC for coordination of the activities related to the bound licensing;
- Preparation was made on launching competitions for TV broadcasting in 8 settlements and for radio broadcasting in 7 settlements;
- Drafts of tender documentation and licenses were worked out;
- A draft of Strategy for Development of Radio and TV Activities Through Terrestrial Broadcasting was prepared and moved in November 2002 for adoption by the National Assembly.