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SUBJECT : COMMENTS ON THE FOURTH WORKING DRAFT OF THE
INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING AUTHORITY BILL BY
SENTECH (PTY) LIMITED

Ms. Armstrong,

Please refer to page 1, Chapter 3 (e), of the above document. The word "adapt" should read "adopt". Is there a way of changing this? (This page is enclosed for your easy reference).

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Thank you.

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COMMENTS ON THE FOURTH WORKING DRAFT OF THE INDEPENDENT
BROADCASTING AUTHORITY BILL BY SENTECH (PTY) LIMITED

A. GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Specific references (eg. Section 46) to technology and techniques such as FM and AM should be used with discretion because new techniques such as DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting) may make existing techniques obsolete, and could provide loopholes in the Act. A solution may be to cover such detail in the Regulations.
2. Technical activities such as the determination of signal standards, technical specifications and liaison with the Telecommunications Authority as well as frequency spectrum management could best be done by one standing committee, the Broadcasting Technical Committee, which is proposed to replace the Broadcasting Spectrum Management Committee.

B. SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Chapter 1

Add to definition of "broadcasting services frequency bands"

... and any other additional part of the electromagnetic radio frequency spectrum defined nationally for the use of broadcasting services.

"Broadcasting Spectrum Management Committee" should be changed to "Broadcasting Technical Committee".

Chapter 2

Section 3(5) Add (d)

(d) the need to provide signal distribution to all persons relevant to the services.

Chapter 3

Section 10(1) Add (e)

(e) adopt and enforce the present signal standards (e.g. PAL System I and Nicam 728) and to select and approve any new such standards.

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