

2. The three year period laid down under paragraph 1 shall start on the first day of the month following the entry into force of the present Agreement. After the expiry of this three year period the rates levied for such transmission paths, which would be higher under the General Terms and Conditions than those calculated on the basis of the provisions under subparagraph (a) to (f) of paragraph 1, shall be calculated as follows during a subsequent transitional period:

Adjustment of the rates for each of the transmission paths concerned shall be effected over a period of another three years. In this case the monthly rates as mentioned under paragraph 1 (a) to (f) shall be applied plus

- 25% in the first year,
- 50% in the second year and
- 75% in the third year

of the difference between the monthly tariff laid down in the current General Terms and Conditions and the monthly rate indicated under paragraph 1 (a) to (f). After the expiry of this second transitional period the rates shall be calculated on the basis of the tariffs applicable under the General Terms and Conditions.

ARTICLE 7

Connection of Equipment

With reference to subparagraph (b) of paragraph 7 of Article 60 of the Supplementary Agreement, the force may interconnect equipment to the public communications networks of the Federal Republic if the equipment is technically compatible with such systems and meets with the applicable conditions (Paragraph 29 of the Telecommunications Ordinance (TKV) in the revised version of October 5, 1992 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 1717) or subsequent regulations and based on the provisions of the European Communities), concerning the provision of connection approvals.