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Revision and Publication of Requirements for Lawful Interception of Telecommunication Traffic

Just before year's end, two guidelines in the field of lawful interception have been revised, with entry into force on January 1st, 2013. A third one has been published for the first time.

Technical Requirements for Telecommunication Surveillance

The main amendments to the Technical Requirements for Telecommunication Surveillance ("TR TS") concern the reference to the standards of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) in the field of data retention, mobile packet data (mobile Internet) and PSTN/ISDN services. Data can now be delivered according to the well-known ETSI specifications. This lowers trade barriers for Telecommunications Service Providers and is a step in the right direction.

All the same, the international WGS84 standard now applies on location functions of mobile devices replacing the Swissgrid CHF 1903 standard.

Amendments also concern the delivery method for circuit-switched services and the support of multiple FTP accounts.

Organisational and Administrative Requirements

The amendments to the Organisational and Administrative Requirements ("OAR") are mainly of editorial nature.

Material changes concern reaction and delivery times, which have been defined more precisely, for example in explicitly adding the shipping time to the delivery of historical data. The lead times themselves remain unchanged.

Technical and Administrative Requirements regarding Call Center Information System

The Technical and Administrative Requirements on Call Center Information System (CCIS) in force since 2004 have been published for the first time and can be found in German, French and Italian under the link

https://www.li.admin.ch/de/documentation/downloads/trts_oar.html.

The Technical and Administrative Requirements define which information, such as name, address, profession, date of commissioning, login, etc. has to be provided to the interception service for each addressing resource, such as fix or mobile phone, SIM-Number, E-Mail-address or IP address. It also defines the required response times.

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