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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION
OF ICT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

4.   The technical specifications meet the following requirements:

(a)   maintenance: ongoing support and maintenance of published specifications are guaranteed over a long period;

(b)   availability: specifications are publicly available for implementation and use on reasonable terms (including for a reasonable fee or free of charge);

(c)   intellectual property rights essential to the implementation of specifications are licensed to applicants on a (fair) reasonable and non-discriminatory basis ((F)RAND), which includes, at the discretion of the intellectual property right-holder, licensing essential intellectual property without compensation;

(d)   relevance:

   (i)   the specifications are effective and relevant;

   (ii)   specifications need to respond to market needs and regulatory requirements;

(e)   neutrality and stability:

   (i)   specifications whenever possible are performance oriented rather than based on design or descriptive characteristics;

   (ii)   specifications do not distort the market or limit the possibilities for implementers to develop competition and innovation based upon them;

   (iii)   specifications are based on advanced scientific and technological developments;

(f)   quality:

   (i)   the quality and level of detail are sufficient to permit the development of a variety of competing implementations of interoperable products and services;

   (ii)   standardised interfaces are not hidden or controlled by anyone other than the organisations that adopted the technical specifications.

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Division 4..