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Request for statement on altering terrestrial television network and programme licences and on drafting the call for applications for network licenses for multiplexes B, C and D

In accordance with section 310 of the Information Society Code (917/2014), the Ministry of Transport and Communications requests your statement on altering the network and programme licences for the digital terrestrial mass communications network, and for drafting the call for applications for network licenses for multiplexes B, C and D.

Multiplexes B, C and D no longer have a network service provider after Norkring As returned its licence to the Government. All the channels that applied to be included in the UHF band will not fit into multiplexes A, E and F, and so the Government must suspend the ongoing programme licence process so that a call for applications can be issued for the network licences that have been returned to the Government and that they can be granted again. Since the network licence process and the programme licence process that will continue after that will last for several months due to their statutory deadlines, the validity period of current network and programme licences should be extended to safeguard the continuity of television broadcasting.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications requests for statements in the manner outlined in the memorandum (APPENDIX 2) on:

- 1) Extending the duration of network licences that are currently valid and will expire on 9 January 2017;
- 2) Extending the duration of programme licences that are currently valid and will expire on 9 January 2017;
- 3) Altering the entry into force date of network licences granted to Digita, DNA and Anvia on 12 November 2015, and
- 4) Drafting the call for applications for network licences for multiplexes B, C and D.

The memorandum and other appendices (in Finnish, Swedish and English) are available at the Ministry's website at www.lvm.fi/toimiluvat. The state-

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ments should be submitted as an email attachment to kirjaamo@lvm.fi by 12 August 2016.

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