

K

[lick here for the Trade Guide](#)

orea Telecommunications Issues --Equipment Authorization And orea Telecom Procurement--3/27/95 K

OREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ISSUES LETTERS

March 27, 1995

The Honorable Michael Kantor

United States Trade Representative

Executive Office of the President

600 17th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ambassador Kantor:

With reference to the meetings between officials of the Korean and U.S. Governments between March 21 and 24, 1995 concerning telecommunications issues of mutual interest, I am pleased to confirm the Korean Government's understanding with respect to the following subjects.

A. AT&T's 5ESS-2000: In accordance with the agreement reached between Korea Telecom (KT) and AT&T as a result of their discussions during the past several months, AT&T will be allowed to bid the 5ESS-2000 switching equipment for KT's 1995 procurement.

B. Type Approval of Telecommunications Equipment: With regard to CNT's products listed in Footnote one 1, pursuant to Article XIV. E of the 1992 Korea-U.S. Understanding on Telecommunications and in response to the U.S. Government's letter and that of CNT of March 22, 1995 (attached), confirming that these products are not subject to U.S. Part 68 registration, the Korean Government will not subject the same products to Korea's type approval requirement. It is the Korean Government's belief that its decision concerning CNT's products will serve to promote the harmonization of both countries' equipment approval regulations, and will also serve to further K the mutual commitment of the 1992 Understanding on Telecommunications regarding mutual recognition of equipment approval.

To this end, both Governments agree to hold experts meetings as promptly as possible in order to discuss various issues relating to mutual recognition of equipment approval, including criteria for determining which products do not require type approval. Pending the conclusion of these discussions, which shall be completed within six months, each Government will be prepared to review and decide in an expeditious manner that type approval is unnecessary for certain telecommunications equipment, once it has received adequate information establishing that the function of the equipment in question does not possess the potential to cause harm to a public network.

C. Raychem's status as a supplier of Products listed in Footnote 2 : KT will exclude by the end of March 1995 Raychem's products listed in Footnote 2 from the list of products subject to KT's qualification requirement. Upon such exclusion, Raychem will be allowed to bid directly for KT's contracts pursuant to KT's open, competitive procurement procedures.

D. Use of leased circuits : The Korean Government is considering taking additional measures some time this year K to further liberalize its leased line regulation, particularly as it relates to the interconnection between the public K switched network and leased circuits for domestic voice communications. K

E. Other than the Korean Government has taken note of the U.S. Government's interest in Korea's regulation of Terrestrial Radio Service (TRS) and Personal Communication Service (PCS), which areas are not covered by the Understanding on Telecommunication between the two countries. The Korea Government further notes that Korea and the United States are actively participating in multilateral negotiations in Geneva concerning the liberalization of basic telecommunication services (including wireless services), and confirms its willingness to discuss with the U.S. Government issues related to TRS and PCS within the framework of the ongoing WTO negotiations.

Please confirm that the preceding reflects our mutual understanding concerning the above matter.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Pak Kwon-

Attachment (

Footnote

1. CN Product

type of Equipment Model/type Change

SNA/CP/P Gateway Convergence CVE-6nnn/GAU

SNA/CP/P Gateway Convergence CVB-2nnn/GAU

Mainframe Channel LAN and/or SCS Gateway CHANNELLink 3nnn-xxx/GAU (

Channel Networking/LAN Gateway CHANNELLink 3nnn/GAU

Channel Networking/LAN Gateway CHANNELLink 4nnn-xxx/GAU

Channel Networking/LAN Gateway CHANNELLink 5nnn-xxx/SAU

Channel Networking/LAN Gateway CHANNELLink 5nnn-xxx/SAU+

Channel Networking/LAN Gateway CHANNELLink 5nnn-xxx/NAU

Channel Networking/LAN Gateway CHANNELLink 5nnn-xxx/XAU

Hardware Data Comparator CHANNELLink 4nnn/HDC

NOTE: n = Number, x = Letter from the alphabet

2. Raychem's product: 1) heat shrinkable tube product; 2) Gel nap; and 3) RAD I

March 27, 1995

Mr. Donald Phillip

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative

for India

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

600 17th Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Phillip (

I would like to inform you that under Kor a's typ approval regulations, the agency administering the typ approval process and the sponsor's requirements (i) of the proper intermediary information applications or approval and the applications' equipment and (ii) remain from requiring duplication of the sponsor's equipment upon completion of the sponsor's typ approval. In response to your question concerning Kor a's sponsor, I would like to inform you that, as indicated, samples have been submitted or signed for required or required signature has been completed.

I understand that the agency requires applications or approval to be submitted by the sponsor's representative. Paragraph XVI. C. I. of the 1992 Regulations of the Tl community. This list includes a procedural description of the equipment to be approved and a schematic diagram and specifications. However, the agency does not require applications or approval to disclose a copy of the circuitry or directly involved in the design compliance with the typ approval criteria.

I understand that the provision of the Kor a Tl community (KT) procurement regulations require the manufacturer to incorporate the Kor a or the manufacturer the Kor a in order to bid or KT's procurement contracts.

I hope that the foregoing will be helpful to your understanding of Kor a's regulations on typ approval and KT's procurement regulations.

Sincerely,

L. Jo g-Soo

Director General

International Cooperation Bureau of the Community

TANC offers these agreements electronically as a public service for general reference. Every effort has been made to ensure that the text presented is complete and accurate. However, copies needed for legal purposes should be obtained from official archives maintained by the appropriate agency.