

Decision No. 373/37 issued on 1 FEBRUARY 2006

Case No. 19778/1.7.2005

1. Domain name dispute – cancellation petition

PRECIS: The National Telecommunications and Post Committee has issued a decision concerning the cancellation of the orangetelecom. gr domain name in the name of an entity, which was infringing Orange Personal Communication Service’s trademark rights and copyright.

Orangetelecom.gr cancellation petition granted

The National Telecommunications and Post Committee, the Greek national authority responsible for supervising the administration of domain names in Greece has issued a decision granting the cancellation petition filed against the domain name orangetelecom.gr which was initially registered in the name of a Greek company that infringed inter alia the copyright of the well-known telecommunications company Orange Personal Communications Services, as well as the latter company’s trademarks, company name, etc.

The copyright on the well-known Orange mark (consisting of the word “orange” written in lower case white characters, at the bottom of an orange square device) belonged to the Orange PCS company and was part and parcel of its IP rights on the trademark and all related domain names.

Following a successful Petition for Injunction proceeding on the issue of the trademark and company name infringement, as well as the copyright, the National Telecommunications and Post Committee’s decision confirmed the fact that the only entity entitled to use the domain orangetelecom.gr was the Orange PCS company, as the owner of the relevant copyright, trademarks and well-known company name.

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