

Commission Regulation (EC) No 976/2009 of 19 October
2009 implementing Directive 2007/2/EC of the European
Parliament and of the Council as regards the Network Services

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the definitions set out in Part A of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1205/2008⁽¹⁾ shall apply.

The following definitions shall also apply:

1. ‘initial operating capability’ means the ability of a Network Service to provide full functionality without guaranteeing quality of service in conformity with the rules set out in Annex I to this Regulation or access to the service for all users through the INSPIRE geo-portal;
2. ‘performance’ means the minimal level by which an objective is considered to be attained representing the fact how fast a request can be completed within an INSPIRE Network Service;
3. ‘capacity’ means limit of the number of simultaneous service requests provided with guaranteed performance;
4. ‘availability’ means probability that the Network Service is available;
5. ‘response time’ means the time measured at the Member State service location, in which the service operation returned the first byte of the result;
6. ‘service request’ means a single request to a single operation of an INSPIRE Network Service;
7. ‘^{F1}INSPIRE metadata element’ means a metadata element set out in Part B of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1205/2008 or in Part B of Annex V, Part B of Annex VI and Part B of Annex VII to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1089/2010⁽²⁾;
8. ‘publish’ means the operation to insert, delete or update INSPIRE metadata elements of resources in the Discovery Service;
9. ‘natural language’ means a language that is spoken, written, or signed by humans for general-purpose communication;
10. ‘collect’ means an operation to pull INSPIRE metadata elements of resources from a source Discovery Service and to allow to create, delete or update the metadata of these resources in the target Discovery Service;
11. ‘layer’ means a basic unit of geographic information that may be requested as a map from a server in accordance with EN ISO 19128^{F2};
12. ^{F3}‘Direct Access Download’ means a Download Service which provides access to the Spatial Objects in Spatial Data Sets based upon a query.]

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- F2** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 1088/2010 of 23 November 2010 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 976/2009](#) as regards download services and transformation services.
- F3** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 1088/2010 of 23 November 2010 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 976/2009](#) as regards download services and transformation services.

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- (1) [OJ L 326, 4.12.2008, p. 12.](#)
- (2) [^{F1}Commission Regulation (EU) No 1089/2010 of 23 November 2010 implementing Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards interoperability of spatial data sets and services ([OJ L 323, 8.12.2010, p. 11](#)).]

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- Annex 1 words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(5\)](#)
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- Annex 2 Pt. A words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(6\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. B words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(6\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. B words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(6\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. A words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(6\)\(a\)\(ii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Annex 2 Pt. A words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(6\)\(a\)\(ii\)\(aa\)](#)
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- Annex 3 Pt. A words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(7\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
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- Annex 3 Pt. B words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Annex 3 Pt. A words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(7\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Annex 4 Pt. A para. 5 words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(8\)\(c\)](#)
- Annex 4 Pt. A para. 5.1.1 words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(8\)\(d\)](#)
- Annex 4 Pt. A words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Annex 4 Pt. A words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- Annex 5 words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- Annex 5 para. 4.1.1 words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1338 reg. 12\(9\)\(c\)](#)
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