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With the Freebox HD, new generation WiFi is now available at home!

The new HD Freebox now incorporates the latest generation WiFi to enable free internet users to enjoy better speeds between their Freebox and their computer

In line with its strategy to offer subscribers even more services for the same price (29.99 euros/month) and improve their user experience, Free has now incorporated the latest generation WiFi – 802.11n – into its HD Freebox.

This new WiFi standard, present in the ADSL package for new Freebox HD units, enables subscribers with compatible computers to enjoy transfer speeds that are 5 times higher between the Freebox and the computer than with the previous WiFi standard (802.11g). It significantly improves the signal range as well as the quality of its reception, particularly in partitioned environments.

With this new generation of Freebox HD units, subscribers will in this way be able to fully benefit from the speed of their access for wirelessly connecting up their computers to the internet.

At the same time, the HD Freebox is also changing: the external WiFi antennae have been removed: the 3 antennae are now integrated into the ADSL units. The link between the ADSL unit and the TV unit is based on BPL (broadband over power lines) thanks to the Freeplugs power supply modules included in the offer.

By offering this new generation of WiFi, Free is the first French ADSL operator to incorporate this innovation into its ADSL unit at no additional cost.

The Freebox service is the only one that for 29.99 euros/month includes in unbundled areas High Definition TV (HDTV), Digital Video Recorder (PVR), Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) and WiFi 802.11n.

The Freebox offer is available only when telephone lines meet eligibility requirements.

WiFi 802.11n standard offered in Draft version 2.0, available subject to the user having compatible equipment. All new subscribers in unbundled areas will receive a Freebox HD with WiFi 802.11n integrated. Maximum physical speed of 300 Mbps, representing a useful IP speed of 120 Mbps between the Freebox and the computer.

Free is a subsidiary of Iliad. The Iliad Group is a major player in the Internet access and telecommunications market in France with Free (2,904,000 ADSL subscribers at 12/31/07), Onetel and Iliad Télécom (fixed-line telephony operators), as well as IFW (Wimax). The Iliad Group is listed on the Euronext Paris Eurolist market under the symbol ILD.