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## **ComReg consults about Bulk Mail Customers' access to An Post's network**

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today launched a consultation in relation to Bulk Mail Customers' access to An Post's network.

Bulk Mail is important to the viability and development of the postal sector in Ireland. To this end, access to An Post's network must be sufficient to meet the needs of customers who post bulk mail.

ComReg is statutorily obliged to ensure that access is available to all users of the universal postal service in a fair and non-discriminatory fashion. An Post, as the universal service provider, is required to ensure that the needs of all users are met and that access is provided on an equal basis.

This consultation will consider the implications of opening up access to the postal network not only at regional level but also at local delivery office level also. The consultation is a response to concerns raised by a number of large companies who post bulk mail.

ComReg believes that the issues outlined in this consultation paper are important in terms of developing the postal market specifically for Bulk Mail users.

The consultation paper (ComReg 04/54) invites all interested parties to Respond by 18 June 2004, and it is available on the ComReg website [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie)

After the completion of the consultation process, ComReg will publish all responses to this consultation on the ComReg website when it publishes its report on this matter. This is the first Consultation paper issued by ComReg where the responses received will be published on the website as part of a pilot programme.

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