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ComReg consults on proposed new fee structures and fees for radio licences

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today issued a consultation paper on proposed revisions to the fees and fee structures for the following types of radio licences: Ships, Aircraft and Business Radio, Community Repeaters, Paging Systems, Fixed Radio Links and Experimenters. ComReg is the statutory body responsible for managing the radio spectrum and issuing equipment licences to businesses, organisations and consumers who use these systems.

ComReg chairperson, Isolde Goggin, said: “Demand for radio spectrum has increased significantly in recent years. The proposed changes to the fee structure seek to ensure greater efficiency in the utilisation of spectrum and to have the amount paid by individual licensees reflect the current value of spectrum licensed, both in economic terms and in terms of its contribution to policy objectives.”

“Many users will benefit from reduced fees under these new proposals and in overall terms ComReg’s revenue from spectrum fees will not increase. In addition, many licensees will benefit from a reduction in the administrative burden as a result of significant extensions in the duration of many licences.”

Currently, ComReg has issued in excess of 17,000 radio spectrum licences. The new proposals will benefit all spectrum users including fixed and mobile communications operators, business radio users and individuals holding ships, aircraft or experimenters licences. Consumers should also benefit as the efficient use of spectrum creates further opportunities for wireless service delivery.

The Consultation Paper: ComReg05/58 - Review of fees applicable to Rights of Use for Radio Frequencies” is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

Interested parties have until 9th September to respond to the consultation.

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