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ComReg consults on use and development of Radiocommunications Services in the 2500-2690 MHz Bands

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today issued a Consultation Document (03/70) seeking views on proposals for the long-term strategy for use of the 2500 – 2690 MHz frequency band .

This band is currently used for the delivery of Microwave Multipoint Distribution services (MMDS) and which provides a multi-channel TV service to areas beyond the reach of cable networks. The band has also been identified internationally as a long-term expansion band for third generation (3G) mobile services.

As consumers move away from analogue and towards digital TV transmission, this shift may, when complete, release a substantial portion of the spectrum for other uses.

The ComReg document presents a number of options for the future use of the 2500-2690 MHz band, taking account of the ongoing requirements of MMDS operators and the potential long-term requirement for 3G mobile expansion.

The Chairperson of ComReg, Etain Doyle said today: “The Commission would welcome the views of all interested parties on these proposals, which I believe will help the further development of radiocommunications services while at the same time ensuring provision for the long-term growth of 3G mobile services that have recently been licensed in Ireland.”

Interested parties have until Friday 1st August to respond to the proposal which is available on www.comreg.ie in Document ComReg 03/70

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