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ComReg imposes remedies in the mobile termination markets to achieve continued reductions in termination charges

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today published the conclusions of its consultation on the obligations it proposes to impose on mobile operators in relation to mobile termination rates.

Mobile termination charges are the wholesale rates which operators, both fixed and mobile, pay to mobile operators for calls which are connected to subscribers on their networks. They affect consumers indirectly because they are factored in to the prices consumers pay at retail level for fixed-to-mobile and mobile-to-mobile calls.

ComReg has previously designated the four mobile operators: Vodafone, O₂, Meteor and “3” with significant market power and is today directing that mobile voice call termination rates in Ireland need to be cost-oriented and is placing a ceiling on current mobile termination rates.

ComReg will proceed to collect the appropriate accounting data from the mobile operators to establish the efficient cost-oriented level of mobile termination rates. While this process is underway, ComReg will continue to work towards ensuring that Irish termination rates remain competitive by EU standards.

The full document in relation to this matter ComReg05/51 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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