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ComReg issues Direction to An Post on Bulk Mail Access for Postal Services

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has today published its response to consultation paper on access points for Bulk Mail services together with a Direction to An Post.

ComReg's consultation paper focused on the expansion of the number of sites at which the full range of bulk mail services should be available on a non discriminatory basis. The consultation paper put forward an indicative list of 48 sites and also raised the issue of users having the facility of accessing multiple sites.

All respondents were generally in favour of this initiative and so ComReg, following publication of this 'Response to Consultation', will direct An Post to provide full and unconditional bulk mail access at 43 locations in the State with effect no later than 30 April 2007.

Commenting on the consultation Commissioner John Doherty welcomed the increase in the number of locations at which the full range of bulk mail services will be made available and thanked all those who provided such informative responses in assisting ComReg with this consultation.

The full paper on Bulk Mail Access – ComReg 06/53 – is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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Editors' Note

"Bulk Mail" means a substantial number of similar postal items which are deposited with An Post, or any other service provider, at the same place and time, to be conveyed and delivered to the addressees indicated on the items.

"Access Points" are defined in the Regulations as physical facilities, including letter boxes provided for the public either on the public highway or at the premises of the universal service provider, where postal items may be deposited with the public postal network by customers. Users are defined as any natural or legal person benefiting from universal service provision as a sender or an addressee.