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ComReg publishes consultation paper on Mobile Number Portability

The Commission for Communications Regulations (ComReg) today published a paper on ways to ensure that mobile phone users can identify calls to other networks.

ComReg said the identification of calls to other networks is an important part of Mobile Number Portability and it has been the subject of much discussion between ComReg and the mobile phone operators. As it has not been possible to get an agreement on a common approach to this issue, ComReg has outlined possible solutions to the problem. ComReg will make a decision on the best solution based on the responses it receives to the issue.

ComReg said it is very important that a simple alert system, used by all operators, is put in place which reminds mobile phone users when they are making a call to another network.

The Chairperson of the Commission, Etain Doyle, said: "Since MNP was launched on the 25th of July over 20,000 numbers have already been ported between the mobile networks. A network alert system is a very important issue for mobile users as it informs consumers that they are making calls to other networks. ComReg is committed to dealing with this issue. It welcomes responses from consumers and their representative organisations, as well as mobile phone operators, on these improved measures."

The closing date for responses to this consultation paper (ComReg 03/121) is Friday, 31st of October. Interested parties should see the ComReg website www.comreg.ie for details.

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