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ComReg publishes Draft Strategy Statement for the Postal Sector

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today published its draft Strategy Statement for the Postal Sector in Ireland for the period 2008 – 2010. The document sets out ComReg's vision of a dynamic and competitive market for postal services which will provide all consumers (individuals, businesses and organisations) with access to an increasingly wide range of competitively-priced, quality products and services.

The draft Strategy Statement notes the political agreement reached at European level to set a deadline of 31 December, 2010 for full-market opening of postal services to competition. It also recognises that the development of e-government and e-commerce, and developments in the ICT sector generally, impact significantly, both positively and negatively, on the demand for and supply of postal services. These factors will be particularly important for Government when bringing forward legislation to implement the European agreement.

ComReg will continue to act as an advocate for the consumer as the need for customer-focused and efficient postal services has never been of more importance.

Commenting on the draft Strategy Statement, ComReg Chairperson John Doherty said "Achieving the appropriate level of regulation necessary to ensure sustainable competition, provide consumers with price, choice and quality and drive innovation is central to Ireland's continuing economic success".

Stakeholders have until 14 January, 2008 to submit observations and comments on the draft Strategy Statement (ComReg Document 07/101) which is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie.

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