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ComReg publishes its Postal Strategy Statement for 2012 to 2014

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today published its Strategy Statement for the postal sector for the period 2012 to 2014, as required under the 2002 Communications Regulation Act.

ComReg Chairperson, Alex Chisholm, said: “ComReg is pleased to publish its Postal Strategy Statement for the period 2012 - 2014. The formulation of a Strategy Statement is invaluable to ComReg in that it facilitates stock-taking and forward-planning and helps ComReg prepare for near-term change, enhancing our regulatory agility and flexibility. In the current period of significant change in the postal sector, it is vital that regulation is predictable, consistent, and transparent.”

“This Postal Strategy Statement is made against the background of a liberalised Irish postal market fully open to competition. Irish postal service users enjoy a universal postal service, currently provided by An Post, along with other postal services provided not only by An Post but also by other authorised postal service providers. However, the full opening of the Irish postal market to competition comes at a time of significant change in the postal sector.”

“This changing environment has set challenging tasks for postal service providers, the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources as the policy lead for the sector, ComReg, and other relevant stakeholders. For postal services to stay competitive as a medium of communication, postal service providers must be cost effective, innovative, and continually aligning and re-aligning their postal services to postal users’ needs. ComReg can do its part by setting the appropriate level of regulation to ensure the sustainable provision of a universal postal service, while delivering a framework that provides all postal service users (consumers, small businesses, and large organisations) with the choice, quality, and innovation offered by a liberalised market. To this end, we have set out in the Postal Strategy Statement our actions and the indicative timing of these over the next two years.”

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Note for Editors

ComReg's Postal Strategy Statement (ComReg document 12/116) follows a public consultation on the draft Statement published on 5 September 2012 (ComReg document 12/99).