



ComReg Restructures Fees for new Regulatory Regime

ComReg has reviewed its funding structures and how fees are set for spectrum rights in the light of the new EU Directives on regulation of the communications sector which will come into force this July. The review took into consideration responses received in respect of the consultation paper on the subject.

While most fees remain the same, some changes are to be made. These relate to:

- a. Exemption in respect of Administration Fees of companies whose turnover is less than €500,000
- b. Simplified arrangements which should more effectively deal with congestion in respect of fixed radio links
- c. New charging arrangements for MMDS & Satellite Broadcasters

The decision on Administrative Charges for broadcasting distribution will be finalised in the light of the publication of the relevant legislation.

ComReg considers that it is important that efficient use of spectrum be encouraged and the response to the consultation puts forward models for charging for access to spectrum.

The paper issued today also includes a review of the arguments for and against fees for use of spectrum by national broadcasters. Whether or not national broadcasters should be charged for spectrum is ultimately, a policy matter for Government.

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