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## **ComReg secures convictions against unlicensed broadcasters**

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has this week following an extensive investigation secured 8 convictions in the Dublin District Court against individuals who were engaged in or assisting illegal broadcasting - otherwise known as pirate radio stations.

ComReg Chairperson, John Doherty said: “The illegal use of the radio spectrum is an offence and one which ComReg will actively pursue. Illegal broadcasting apart from impacting on legitimate licensed operators can also cause interference problems with radio channels used by the emergency services. We hope that these convictions will send out a message to those who continue to engage in this kind of illegal activity.”

“ComReg would like to remind operators, landowners, advertisers and anyone who facilitates illegal broadcasting that they may be in breach of the law and could also be liable to prosecution.”

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