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ComReg Sets out Its Market Review Approach

ComReg will review the level of competitiveness of relevant markets in accordance with the new EU Regulatory Framework which comes on stream in July 2003. Today, the Regulator sets out the approach it is going to take in conducting its market reviews including market definition and market analysis. ComReg will also hold a workshop for industry in late January 2003 to ensure that all stakeholders are fully involved in the process. Etain Doyle said today “the new regulatory framework presents an intricate and complex process of analysis and it is in the interest of all stakeholders to participate and cooperate in market reviews”.

If ComReg concludes that a relevant market is not effectively competitive the *Framework Directive* empowers ComReg to confer certain regulatory obligations on any operator who is dominant in the market. Alternatively, where it concludes that the relevant market is effectively competitive, the *Framework Directive* obliges ComReg not to impose any new regulatory obligations or, it must withdraw such obligations if an operator who was previously designated as dominant under the old regime.

ComReg will collect market data from a variety of internal and external sources, including operators, users, representative groups and communications equipment manufacturers to inform its market definition and market analysis procedures. This process is expected to start in February 2003.

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