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ComReg sets out plan on international roaming

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) said today that it wishes to work closely with other EU Communications Regulators on international roaming to benefit consumers who use their mobile phones when travelling abroad.

Today ComReg published an Information Notice on the wholesale national market for international roaming on mobile phone networks. The document outlines the next steps ComReg will take in dealing with the issue of international roaming.

ComReg said cross-border roaming is an important issue to the island of Ireland as identified in the policy directions recently issued by the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Dermot Ahern TD.

ComReg wishes to begin working with the mobile operators and its UK counterpart, Ofcom, to encourage and support initiatives to achieve the goals set out in the Ministerial policy directions.

In addition, ComReg will also continue to work with both the European Commission and other Regulators throughout the EU in relation to roaming. ComReg believes the best way to achieve greater competition in this market is through a co-ordinated approach at a pan-European level.

The full information notice – ComReg 04/38 - is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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