

Media Release- 31 January 2006

An Post Revised Postal Rates and Services

ComReg, the National Regulatory Authority for the Postal Sector in Ireland, is concerned that a media release issued earlier today by An Post is misleading for postal consumers.

An Post has claimed that "Rates for posting large envelopes and packets weighing up to 50g will increase from Monday, March 20th, 2006, as required by ComReg". ComReg has not required An Post to increase these prices.

Of the twenty principal postage rates quoted by An Post in a newspaper advertisement due to be published tomorrow, only three are subject to ComReg's prior approval. An Post's application for an increase in the standard postage rate of 48c to 60c was not granted by ComReg.

ComReg has this evening reminded An Post of its legal obligations with regard to price changes.

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