



Media Release- 18th March 2003

ComReg to prosecute illegal Radio Operators

The Commission for Communications Regulation today announced that they intend to prosecute all those found in possession of unauthorised radio equipment.

Individuals or firms wishing to obtain and/or use radio equipment for communications purposes must have a valid radio licence from ComReg. According to Eoin Doyle, ComReg chairperson “If you are in possession of licensable radio communications equipment and do not have a current licence, you are operating illegally and are therefore liable to prosecution and, on conviction, fines and confiscation of equipment. We need to operate on a level playing field and in order to so, there must be fairness for everyone concerned.”

Radio licenses are valid for a 12 month period from the date of issue and must be renewed annually thereafter by the licensee. The appropriate renewal fee must be paid. Licences not renewed by the licensee will be deemed to have lapsed.

For further information, refer to document 00/62R “Licensing Requirements for Radio Services – A Summary” and to relevant application forms and guidance notes all of which are available upon request and on the ComReg website at www.comreg.ie or contact Miriam Brady direct at ComReg on +353 1 804 9617.

ComReg is the licensing authority for the use of the radio spectrum in Ireland. The possession and use of radio systems in Ireland must be authorised by ComReg in accordance with the Wireless Telegraphy Act (1926-1988).

ENDS

Issued By

**Deirdre Healy
Public Affairs Manager, ComReg
Ph: 01 804 9639 Mobile: 087 2995609**

deirdre.healy@comreg.ie