



Commission for
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ComReg welcomes judgement by the High Court relating to Smart Mobile Limited

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) welcomed today's decision by the High Court which upheld its decision to withdraw its offer of a 3G 'B' licence to Smart Mobile Limited ("Smart"), as Smart had failed to comply both with the terms of its bid and with the conditions of ComReg's 3G licence offer.

ComReg Chairperson, Isolde Goggin, said "ComReg welcomes today's judgement, which confirms that ComReg's original decision was correct, and that it followed fair and correct procedures. ComReg believes that it has been vindicated by the Court. While we are disappointed that the award of the 3G licence has been delayed, to the detriment of consumers, we are pleased that these legal proceedings on this issue have now concluded".

The Commission will, subject to any appeal, now make arrangements to offer the fourth 3G licence, which will bring benefits to consumers in terms of greater competition and choice.

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