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1 Introduction

ComReg has set itself the target of reviewing the National Numbering Conventions annually, as stated in Section 15 of the current version, ComReg 04/35. It is now 12 months since ComReg 04/35 was published and an update is appropriate, in view of new numbering decisions concerning Voice over IP (VoIP) in ComReg 04/103, the completion of the changeover to new Premium Rate Service (PRS) numbers and the opening of new adult PRS numbers. In addition, there is a need for the usual minor 'housekeeping' of details that result from the passage of time.

ComReg now wishes to receive viewpoints on the revised National Numbering Conventions document and, accordingly, a draft version of this is published as ComReg 05/32a alongside this consultation document. Following consideration of all feedback, it is intended to publish the new conventions documents, with agreed amendments, in June 2005.

Notes:

- 1. ComReg is making the revised conventions document available during the consultation period as a fully marked-up version so that all changes (except formatting, punctuation etc) compared with the current version, ComReg 04/35, can be seen, for the convenience of reviewers. ComReg is inviting feedback on these marked-up changes (or possible omissions).*
- 2. ComReg is simultaneously publishing an updated version of the document "Irish Telephony Numbering & Dialling Plan Status Report", which provides an overview of the whole numbering plan, as ComReg 05/33. This document, which is routinely updated from time to time, is not included in the consultation, however, as it is a factual report of the status of specific numbers. It is mentioned here for information purposes and because there are some references to it in the numbering conventions*

2 Consultation Issues

2.1 Revision 5.0 of the Numbering Conventions

It is proposed to publish the revised National Numbering Conventions as version 5.0 in June 2005, subject to any feedback received in respect of the draft version attached. You are invited to review the revised text in the document and provide your comments on it to ComReg by the date shown on the cover of this document.

Q. 1. Do you agree with the revised text in the draft V5.0 of the National Numbering Conventions, as attached? If you have specific comments on this text, please include these with your response.

2.2 Original (i.e. unrevised) Text

ComReg notes that the bulk of the Conventions document exists as an outcome of a series of earlier consultations. ComReg believes that the current revision proposals or earlier revisions of the conventions have taken due account of any regulatory or other changes that have occurred over time and does not intend to re-open old issues unless these are clearly essential. However, an opportunity is hereby provided for respondents to highlight any such essential areas where corrections or enhancements not included in the current text revisions must be accepted, considering that the Conventions are now over five years old.

Note: While inputs resulting in minor changes, especially those of an editorial nature, may be accommodated if appropriate and non-controversial, any substantial changes which are not covered in the current consultation would inevitably necessitate a further consultation round before they could be accepted into the conventions.

Q. 2. Do you agree that the present unrevised text of the numbering conventions remains generally satisfactory in line with outcomes of previous consultations?

If you disagree and consider changes essential, please identify the affected convention(s), justifying your response in terms that show clearly why the existing text is invalid. Please also propose suitable wording for your draft change.

3 Submitting Comments

All comments on the Numbering Conventions are welcome, however it would make the task of analysing responses easier if comments were referenced to the relevant question numbers from this document.

Comments on pre-existing text will be also considered but will not result in alterations unless they are based on strong and justified arguments that demonstrate how decisions previously made in respect of earlier versions of the conventions are no longer valid and change is essential. In that respect it should be noted that all earlier content is already the result of public consultation. Furthermore any significant changes not substantially foreseen in the current consultation (i.e. as marked-up text), must inevitably become the subject of a further consultation round in order to allow input by all.

The consultation period will run from 19 April 2005 to 03 June 2005, during which the Commission welcomes written comments on any of the issues raised in this paper.

Having analysed and considered the comments received, ComReg will review the numbering conventions documents and publish a report in June 2005 on the consultation which will, *inter alia* summarise the responses to the consultation.

In order to promote further openness and transparency ComReg will publish all respondents submissions to this consultation, subject to the provisions of ComReg's guidelines on the treatment of confidential information – ComReg 05/24.

Please note

ComReg appreciates that many of the issues raised in this paper may require respondents to provide confidential information if their comments are to be meaningful.

As it is ComReg's policy to make all responses available on its web-site and for inspection generally, respondents to consultations are requested to clearly identify confidential material and place confidential material in a separate annex to their response.

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Appendix A – Consultation Questions

List of Questions

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