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DCENR Public Consultation on Liberalisation of
the Postal Market

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On 27 February 2008, the European Communities' third Postal Directive came into force, mandating the opening of postal markets to competition no later than 31 December 2010.

The Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Eamon Ryan TD, has announced a public consultation process about the issues to be addressed in transposing the Directive into Irish Law.

ComReg encourages all interested stakeholders to respond to the consultation. The legislation that will be drafted following this consultation will set the regulatory framework for postal services in Ireland for many years to come.

The consultation document along with further information is available at www.dcenr.gov.ie/communications/postal . The closing date for receipt of responses is June 25th 2008.

Links to relevant documents

The complete text of the Directive can be downloaded from this address:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/post/doc/legislation/2008-06_en.pdf

The text of the original Postal Directive can be downloaded from:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:1998:015:0014:0025:EN:PDF>

and the text of the second Postal Directive can be downloaded from:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2002:176:0021:0025:EN:PDF>

ComReg retained consultants, LECG Ltd, to prepare a report about the key issues that will need to be addressed in transposing the Directive. The key issues identified include:

- The need for *ex-ante* Price Control
- Enforcement of Quality of Service Targets
- Universal Service Provision.

LECG's report was presented at ComReg's National Conference in October 2007. The presentation which summarises the report is available at:

<http://www.comreg.ie/fileupload/publications/Cp46d.pdf>

The full report is available at:

<http://www.comreg.ie/fileupload/publications/CP45e.pdf>