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General

**Decision to amend eircom Ltd's FWPMA  
Narrowband Licence**

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## **1 Introduction**

On 7 February 2003, ComReg published notifications in Iris Oifigiúil and in an Information note (03/18) on the ComReg website of proposed amendments to Part 5 of the General Telecommunications Licences (FWPMA Narrowband Licence) held by eircom Ltd. (eircom). Interested parties were given 21 days from the date of publication in the Iris Oifigiúil (i.e. until 28 February) to make representations relating to these proposals. No representations were received on the proposed amendments.

This document outlines the action the Commission now proposes to take in this regard.

## 2 Summary of Proposals

The Commission proposed in document 03/18 to make the following amendments to the Second Schedule to Part 5 of eircom Ltd's General Telecommunications Licence (FWPMA Narrowband Licence):

- To remove Centrex from the list of "Required Services" in Part I;
- To remove the obligation on eircom to rollout a specified number of antenna sites per year from Table 1, Part III "Coverage and Roll-Out Targets";
- To replace the geographical coverage obligations laid down for the years 2-7 with a single obligation in year 5 in Table 1, Part III "Coverage and Roll-Out Targets";
- To replace the population coverage obligations laid down for the years 2-10 with obligations in years 5, 8, 9 and 10 in Table 1, Part III "Coverage and Roll-Out Targets";
- To remove the obligations in respect of number of counties covered for the years 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 in Table 1, Part III "Coverage and Roll-Out Targets", keeping the obligation in year 5 as per the original licence;
- To replace the financial guarantees for the years 2, 3 and 4 with financial guarantees for the years 5 and 8 in Table 1, Part V "Performance Guarantees".

### **3 Representations and position of Commission**

No representations on the proposed amendments were received. The Commission has now decided to proceed with the proposals for the amendment of Part 5 of eircom Ltd's General Telecommunications Licence in the manner set out in document 03/18.

This decision has been made because of technological developments and because the Commission acknowledges the fact that eircom has indicated that it can rollout with fewer antenna sites than had been predicted in eircom's initial business analysis. The amendments relating to the obligations on coverage and roll-out targets and performance guarantees have been made in order to facilitate the continuing and advancement of FWPMA as an economically intrinsic technology.

The revised text of Part 5 of eircom's General Telecommunications Licences (FWPMA Narrowband Licence) is being published on the ComReg website.