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# **Information Notice: ComReg Document 18/08 - Wholesale High Quality Access at a Fixed Location**

## **Extension to Response Deadline and Requests for Clarifications**

### **Information Notice**

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**Additional Information**

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1. On 22 of February 2018 ComReg published a further consultation, response to consultation and draft decision concerning its review of the Wholesale High Quality Access ('**WHQA**') Markets, namely ComReg Document No. 18/08<sup>1</sup> (the '**Further Consultation**'). The deadline for responding to the Further Consultation was 4 April 2018 ('**Initial Consultation Deadline**').
2. Since the publication of the Further Consultation, a number of stakeholders<sup>2</sup> have requested an extension to the Initial Consultation Deadline. One stakeholder has also requested clarification on a number of factual points set out in the Further Consultation.
3. In light of the above, and on an exceptional basis, ComReg invites stakeholders who may wish to seek clarifications on aspects of the Further Consultation to submit any such requests ('**Clarification Request(s)**') in writing to ComReg by **5.00pm on Friday 30 March 2018** using the template set out in Annex 1. Please note that no Clarification Requests will be considered after this date.
4. Please note that in the interests of fairness and transparency, ComReg will subsequently publish all Clarification Requests, subject to the protection of any confidential information<sup>3</sup>, and any associated clarifications in a subsequent information notice ('**Subsequent Information Notice**'). Where a stakeholder considers that its Clarification Request contains confidential information it must also, at the time of submission, provide a non-confidential version of its Clarification Request and the reasons why it considers the relevant information to be confidential.
5. Subject to the volume and complexity of any Clarification Requests, ComReg will endeavour to publish the Subsequent Information Notice by **Friday 13 April 2018**. ComReg reserves its right not to provide clarifications, including but not limited to circumstances where it considers that Clarification Requests relate to matters which are subject of ongoing deliberation via the consultation process or have the potential to undermine the confidentiality of information provided.
6. Having regard to the timelines above, ComReg is extending the Initial Consultation Deadline to **5.00pm on Friday 27 April 2018**.

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.comreg.ie/publication/market-review-wholesale-high-quality-access-consultation/>

<sup>2</sup> ALTO, on behalf of six of its members, with BT and Verizon also providing separate requests.

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with ComReg's confidentiality guidelines as set out in "Guidelines on the treatment of confidential information, ComReg document 05/24" ComReg Document 05/24, dated 22 March 2005.

7. Any Clarification Requests may only pertain to matters set out in the Further Consultation. As such, each Clarification Request must make reference to a specific paragraph or subsection of the Further Consultation and be in the format detailed in Annex 1 below.
8. If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact Malachy Fox by email at [malachy.fox@comreg.ie](mailto:malachy.fox@comreg.ie) or by telephone at [+353 1 8049734](tel:+35318049734).

## Annex 1 – Format for Clarification Requests

No.	Clarification Being Sought	ComReg Document Reference [INSERT REFERENCE BELOW TO DOCUMENT NUMBER]	Reference in ComReg Document [INSERT REFERENCE BELOW TO PARAGRAPH, TABLE, FIGURE ETC IN COMREG DOCUMENT]
1		18/08x	
2		18/08x	
3		18/08x	
4		18/08x	
5		18/08x	
6		18/08x	

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