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Information Notice

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ComReg announces Industry Consultation on the release of additional 3.5 GHz FWALA spectrum.

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On 3 September, in recognition of the increasing needs of both consumers and operators, ComReg published document 08/72 announcing additional spectrum in the 3.6 GHz – 3.8 GHz part of the band for FWALA licensing. The document proposed to make the spectrum available as four Time Division Duplex (TDD) only channels.

Following representations from an industry operator seeking an amendment to the process to permit Frequency Division Duplex (FDD) technology, ComReg revised its proposals for the additional spectrum and published a revised Information Notice, 08/72R.

However, following receipt of further representations from industry, ComReg now believes that further consultation is necessary with all industry stakeholders before this competition can progress.

Accordingly, ComReg is withdrawing document 08/72R with immediate effect. ComReg will instead publish a further detailed consultation on the matter, in due course. While this will delay the release of additional spectrum it will allow incumbent operators, potential new operators, and all other interested parties an opportunity to submit their views on how best to use this valuable and scarce spectrum resource. Accordingly, and for the avoidance of doubt, this Information Notice suspends the release of the additional FWALA spectrum and no applications for such spectrum will be considered at this time. In addition please note that, arising from the same circumstances, document version 06/17R3 of the FWALA Guidelines now applies.