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PRESS RELEASE

LICENCE APPLICATION PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

The Director of Telecommunications Regulation, Ms. Etain Doyle, today published a consultation paper on proposed application procedures for licences to provide telecommunication services. The document outlines the procedures which the Director intends to put in place for submission of applications for telecommunications licences, the evaluation of those applications and the granting of licences.

The Regulator, Ms. Doyle, has recently undertaken a consultation on telecommunications licensing principles that will be applied to the telecommunications market once liberalisation occurs on December 1st 1998. As part of that consultation process, the Director indicated that she proposes to implement straightforward licence application procedures for the new liberalised telecommunications market. Comments received during the consultation supported this approach.

The proposed procedures are designed to be easy to use, clear and light handed while at the same time ensuring that the Director has adequate and appropriate information on which to base decisions in relation to the applications. The consultation paper, entitled "Licence Application Procedures" document number ODTR 98/37 can be viewed on the ODTR website (<http://www.odtr.ie/>) The consultation period on this document concludes this month, on September 22, when written comments should be submitted, before 1700 hours on that date, to Ms. Maeve O'Reilly, ODTR, Abbey Court, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

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