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# Multi Band Spectrum Award

## Final Assignment Plan

### Information Notice

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1. On 14 December 2022, ComReg published an Information Notice (Document 22/105)<sup>1</sup>, which set out the Main Stage<sup>2</sup> results of the Multi Band Spectrum Award (MBSA2)<sup>3</sup>. This advised that there are four Winning Bidders<sup>4</sup>:
  - Eir;
  - Imagine;
  - Three; and
  - Vodafone.
2. On 19 December 2022, ComReg published an Information Notice setting out the Provisional Assignment Plan along with the Additional Prices for each Winning Bidder (Document 22/112)<sup>5</sup>, and notifying the Winning Bidders of the opportunity to negotiate a reorganisation of the Provisional Assignment Plan under the Negotiation Phase of the MBSA2.
3. The Negotiation Phase closed on 11 January 2023 with no changes to the Provisional Assignment Plan.
4. The Final Assignment Plan for the Winning Bidders in the MBSA2 is set out in Figure 1 and Table 1 below.
5. The Auction stages of the MBSA2 award are now complete.

## Next steps

6. ComReg is now commencing the remaining stages of the MBSA2 award, being:
  - the Notification and Grant Stage where, among other things, MBSA2 Liberalised Use Licences will be issued to the Winning Bidders; and

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<sup>1</sup> [Document 22/105](#), “Multi Band Spectrum Award – Results of the Main Stage”, published 14 December 2022, available at [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie).

<sup>2</sup> Details of the Main Stage can be found in the Information Memorandum for the Award Process (ComReg Document 21/40).

<sup>3</sup> [Document 20/122](#) and D11/20, “Multi Band Spectrum Award - Response to Consultation and Decision - The 700 MHz Duplex, 2.1 GHz, 2.3 GHz and 2.6 GHz Bands”, published 18 December 2020, available at [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie).

<sup>4</sup> Bidding as Meteor Mobile Communications Limited, Imagine Communications Ireland Limited, Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited and Vodafone Ireland Limited, respectively.

<sup>5</sup> [Document 22/112](#), “Multi Band Spectrum Award – Completion of Assignment Round determining the Provisional Assignment Plan and start of Negotiation Phase”, published 19 December 2022, available at [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie).

- the Transition Phase which, among other things, obliges the existing licensees in the 2.1 GHz band (Eir, Three and Vodafone) to make adjustments to their networks (i.e. carry out Transition Activities) to comply with the outcome of the MBSA2 award.

**Figure 1: Final Assignment Plan**

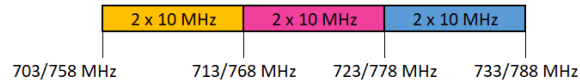
**Licence Duration**

Time Slice 1: Until 11 March 2027

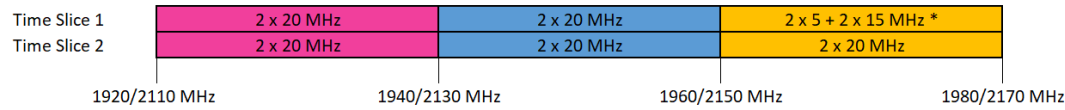
Time Slice 2: 11 March 2027 to 13 February 2042

EIR/METEOR
Three
Vodafone
Imagine
Unsold

**700 MHz Duplex (FDD)**



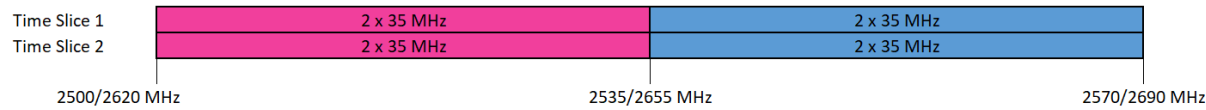
**2.1 GHz Band (FDD)**



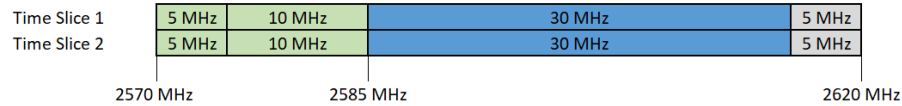
**2.3 GHz Band (TDD)**



**2.6 GHz Band (FDD)**



**2.6 GHz Centre Band (TDD)**



\* New assignment made contiguous with Existing 2.1 GHz Licence of 2 x 15 MHz

Table 1: Final Assignment Plan

Band (Time Slice 1 and Time Slice 2)	Imagine Communications Ireland Ltd	(Eir) Meteor Mobile Communications Ltd	Three Ireland (Hutchison) Ltd	Vodafone Ireland Ltd
700 MHz Duplex (Uplink/Downlink)	-	703-713 MHz / 758 – 768 MHz  (2 x 10 MHz)	713-723 MHz / 768 – 778 MHz  (2 x 10 MHz)	723-733 MHz / 778 – 788 MHz  (2 x 10 MHz)
2.1 GHz Band (Uplink/Downlink)		1960 – 1980 MHz / 2150 – 2170 MHz  (2 x 20 MHz) <sup>6</sup>	1920 – 1940 MHz / 2110 – 2130 MHz  (2 x 20 MHz)	1940 – 1960 MHz / 2130 – 2150 MHz  (2 x 20 MHz)
2.3 GHz Band	2360 – 2400 MHz  (40 MHz)	2300 – 2360 MHz  (60 MHz)	-	-
2.6 GHz FDD Band (Uplink/Downlink)	-	-	2500 – 2535 MHz / 2620 – 2655 MHz  (2 x 35 MHz)	2535 – 2570 MHz / 2655 – 2690 MHz  (2 x 35 MHz)
2.6 GHz TDD Band	2570 – 2585 MHz  (15 MHz)	-	-	2585 -2615 MHz  (30 MHz)

<sup>6</sup> Including Eir's existing spectrum rights in the 2.1 GHz band for Time Slice 1.