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New EU Directive to impact on regulation of Communications Sector

The ODTR today issued a report on a consultation held in connection with the future regulation of electronic communications networks and services. The changes in approach are necessitated by recently adopted EU Directives which will come into effect in mid 2003.

Respondents to the consultation agreed generally with the ODTR approach of seeking to create a simplified modular framework for authorisation to provide communications services. The ODTR will now develop a consultation paper on draft conditions to be included in the authorisations.

The task for the ODTR is to ensure that the transition from separate licences with individual and unique conditions to a scheme of general authorisations is managed in a manner which fully addresses all aspects of the new EU framework and causes as little disruption to the market as possible.

The Report issued today (ODTR 02/51) also sets out a timetable for further consultations on key issues involved.

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