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# 1 Introduction

1. One of the functions of the Commission for Communications Regulation (“ComReg”), as regulator of the electronic communications sector in the State, is to manage the national numbering resource. ComReg’s number management function, and its objectives, duties and powers in relation to that function, are set out in the Communications Regulation Acts 2002-2023 (“2002 Act”), including the Communications Regulation and Digital Hub Development Agency (Amendment) Act 2023, and in S.I. No. 444 of 2022, the European Union (Electronic Communications Code) Regulations 2022 (“2022 Regulations”). In exercising its number management function, ComReg shall seek to ensure that measures taken by it are objective, transparent, non-discriminatory and proportionate.
2. Section 2 of this document sets out that numbering conditions fall into two categories. A numbering condition is attached either to a right of use (RoU) for a number held by an individual undertaking (a “RoU Condition”) or to the General Authorisation (a “GA Condition”). Section 3 sets out the conditions which attach to all classes of numbers and Sections 4 and 5 sets out the conditions which attach to specific classes of numbers. Section 6 sets out the conditions which attach to SMS Sender IDs. Section 7 sets out the administrative process for applying for rights of use for numbers. Appendices 1 – 7 provide application forms for different classes of number. Appendix 8 sets out the process for transferring rights of use for numbers between undertakings. Appendix 9 sets out the process for sub-assigning rights of use for numbers between undertakings. Appendix 10 sets out all classes of numbers used in the National Numbering Scheme and the Access/Area Codes. Appendix 11 sets out the key statutory provisions relating to number management. Appendix 12 contains the definitions of terms used in this document, many of which are defined statutory terms, and these definitions may be updated from time to time.
3. Numbers are a national resource and the granting of a right of use for a number does not bestow any entitlement or interest other than the right to use the number subject to all relevant statutory provisions and applicable conditions, as set out in this document and as may be amended from time to time.
4. As set out in its Response to Consultation (ComReg 24/24) and Decision D15/24 on Nuisance Communications, ComReg supports industry by managing the following:
  - (i) Do Not Originate (“DNO”) List
  - (ii) Protected (“PN”) List
  - (iii) Mobile Station Roaming Number (“MSRN”) List
  - (iv) SMS Sender ID Registry

## 2 Numbering conditions

1. The conditions in Section 3 of this document apply to all classes of numbers while the conditions in Sections 4 – 6 apply to specific classes of numbers, including SMS Sender ID, as indicated.
2. In addition, each condition in this document falls into one of two categories. It is either a condition attached to a right of use (a “RoU Condition”) or a condition attached to the General Authorisation (a “GA Condition”). These two categories of condition exist under distinct statutory provisions, as outlined below and described in greater detail in Appendix 11:
  - (a) “*RoU Conditions*” are attached to rights of use for numbers granted by ComReg to individual undertakings, pursuant to Regulations 10 and 79 and Part E of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations. A RoU Condition applies only to the individual authorised undertaking that holds the right of use for the number to which the RoU Condition is attached. In the case of Sender IDs, end-users, which are non-ECS/ECN and are therefore non-authorised entities, may be assigned such numbers based on Article 79(5)(a) of SI No 444 of 2022.
  - (b) “*GA Conditions*” are attached to the General Authorisation, pursuant to regulations 4, 6 and 8 of the 2022 Regulations. GA Conditions apply equally to all authorised undertakings (or to such categories or groups of authorised undertaking as may be specified). Any authorised undertaking which uses a number must comply with the GA conditions which apply to use of that number.
3. The same key statutory provisions apply with regard to monitoring and enforcing any numbering condition, regardless of whether it is a GA Condition or a RoU Condition. These provisions are mainly set out in Regulation 6 and Part A of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations and are described in greater detail in Appendix 11.
4. In addition to the conditions set out herein, undertakings which use numbers or which have been granted rights of use for numbers are expected to adhere to applicable international standards and established best practices in relation to numbers and number usage, including in relation to Know Your Customer (“KYC”). These include recommendations and standards set by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI). ComReg will take into account the appropriate recommendations and standards where they relate to any issue involving numbers or number usage.



## 3 Conditions for all classes of numbers

### 3.1 General Authorisation conditions

The numbering conditions listed in Section 3.1 of this document attach to the General Authorisation (ComReg Document 03/81R6) and thus apply to any undertaking that is authorised, pursuant to Regulation 6 and Part A of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations, to provide an electronic communications network and/or electronic communications service:

1. A number shall be used only for its designated purpose(s) and not for any other purpose(s).
2. An undertaking shall not use any number in a manner which directly or indirectly interferes with the National Numbering Scheme.
3. Undertakings which use numbers shall inform ComReg in writing (by emailing [numapps@comreg.ie](mailto:numapps@comreg.ie)) of the designated points of contact within their organisations for receipt of notifications of number activations. ComReg will maintain a register of such points of contact and make it available upon request.
4. An undertaking shall not use any class or description of number to provide an electronic communications service involving any form of revenue sharing, except for designated Premium Rate Numbers and Premium Rate Short Codes.
5. The following conditions apply in respect of Calling Line Identification (“CLI”):
  - (a) The undertaking which originates a call on the Irish PSTN<sup>1</sup> shall ensure:
    - i. that the CLI for the call shall be the assigned number for the calling party;
    - ii. that the presentation CLI for the call shall be a Customer Support Short Code (for on-network calls), a Freephone Number, a Geographic Number appropriate to the designated MNA for that number, a Harmonised Code of Social Value, a Mobile Number or a Standard Rate Number;
    - iii. that the presentation CLI for the call may be the single European emergency number 112 or the national emergency number 999 when the call originates from the national PSAP, but not otherwise;
    - iv. that the network CLI for the call shall be a Geographic Number, Mobile Number or M2M number; and

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<sup>1</sup> Public Switched Telephone Network

- v. that a Mobile Number is not used as the presentation or network CLI for any call that originates from a fixed terminal.
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- (b) the following classes of numbers shall not be used as the presentation CLI: Directory Enquiry Access Codes, Internet Access Numbers, Network-Use Short Codes, Premium Rate Numbers, and Premium Rate Short Codes;
  - (c) Fixed/mobile convergence services that support the use of a Geographic Number CLI or a Mobile Number CLI shall, in respect of any such service, ensure that only the Mobile Number CLI shall be presented for any emergency call made from a mobile device (using the “112” or “999” access numbers);
  - (d) That the CLI on inbound international calls shall be in international E.164 format. Trusted international calls not in such format may be modified with appropriate prefixes including “00”, “+” and the relevant country code, or setting the correct ISUP "Nature Of Address" flag. If the international call is untrusted and the CLI not in E.164 format, an operator may mark the presentation CLI as “Caller ID unknown” or equivalent”;
  - (e) For the avoidance of doubt, Undertakings shall carry out CLI-analysis on all calls originating on the Irish PSTN. This is to ensure that such undertakings can comply with the CLI conditions of use;
  - (f) An end-user organisation may give permission to its call centre contractor to use the organisation’s assigned number as CLI while providing the service; and
  - (g) An employer may give permission to its remote working employees to use the employer’s assigned number as CLI while carrying out their employment duties.
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6. Undertakings shall ensure that all callers from within the State can access Northern Ireland Geographic Numbers, using either the “048” or “00 44 28” access code.
  7. *Number Portability* - The following conditions support Regulation 90(3) of the 2022 Regulations which requires undertakings to ensure that subscribers can, upon request, retain their numbers independently of the undertaking providing the service, at a specific location in the case of Geographic Numbers and at any location in the case of Non-Geographic Numbers:

- (a) all undertakings involved in the porting of a number shall use the established industry processes relating to porting of numbers in compliance with all regulatory requirements for facilitating change of service provider;
  - (b) porting of a Mobile Number shall include porting of the corresponding mailbox number.
8. *Number Changes* - Undertakings shall inform their customers of any changes that will be made to the digit structure of their numbers, sufficiently in advance of those changes being made, and undertakings shall take appropriate measures in respect of such number changes to include the following:
- (a) there shall be a period during which customers can use the original number or the new number and the charge for using either number shall be the same; and
  - (b) when the period of parallel running of the original and new number ends, in-call announcements shall be put in place to inform callers that (1) the original number has been replaced and is no longer in use, and (2) of the replacement number which they must dial instead; and
  - (c) there shall be no charge whatsoever for any call made to a number which has been replaced and is no longer in effect.
9. *Ceasing of Number Ranges* – Undertakings shall inform their customers of any requirement to change number sufficiently in advance of the ceasing of the number range, and undertakings shall take appropriate measures in respect of such number changes to include the following:
- (a) there shall be a period following the provision of a new number and before the ceasing of the number range during which the customer can use the original number or the new number and the charge for calling the original or new number shall be the operator's published rates for calling those numbers; and
  - (b) when the period of parallel running of the original and new number ends, or after the ceasing of the number range, in-call announcements shall be put in place to inform callers that (1) the original number has been replaced and is no longer in use, and (2) where possible, make adequate provision to direct the caller to the new number; and

- (c) there shall be no charge whatsoever for any call made to a number which has been replaced and is no longer in effect.
10. Undertakings shall ensure that, where technically and economically feasible and except where a called subscriber has chosen for commercial reasons to limit access by calling parties located in specific geographical areas, end-users shall be able to:
- (a) access and use services using Non-Geographic Numbers within the European Union; and
  - (b) access all numbers provided in the European Union, regardless of the technology and devices used by the operator, including those in the national numbering plans of Member States, and Universal International Freephone Numbers (UIFN).
11. For the avoidance of doubt, the regulatory obligations attached to the General Authorisation and the conditions set out in Section 3.1 of this document shall apply to the use by undertakings, for M2M services in the State, of numbers assigned by the ITU, or overseas numbers.
12. For the avoidance of doubt, ComReg recognises the presence of resellers in the market. In the provision of number-based services, the number holder is responsible for the rights of use conditions that attach to those numbers as set out in Section 2(2)(a) of the Numbering Conditions.
13. For the avoidance of doubt, number hosting is permitted in Ireland.

## 3.2 Rights of Use Conditions

1. Unless ComReg otherwise consents, a number shall be activated by its holder (a) within 12 months of the date on which the right of use for the number was first granted to the holder; or (b) within 3 months of the date on which the right of use for the number was transferred or sub-assigned, as applicable. In the case of 1800 Freephone and 0818 Standard Rate Numbers, applications shall be submitted on the Fixed Number Portability (FNP)<sup>2</sup> system which shall support the activation of these numbers on networks. In the case of Sender ID, and unless ComReg

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<sup>2</sup> This is the industry FNP system provided by PortingXS

otherwise consents, a Sender ID shall be activated by its holder (a) within 6 months of the date on which the right of use for the Sender ID was first granted to the holder; or (b) within one month of the date on which the right of use for the Sender ID was transferred or sub-assigned, as applicable.

2. A holder which has assigned a number to an end-user shall assign a new number to that end-user upon request, where the end-user has been or is being made subject to frequent mis-dialling or unacceptable levels of nuisance/malicious calls. A holder may apply a charge for assigning a new number, limited to covering the associated administrative costs.
3. A holder may transfer or sub-assign a right of use for a number to another undertaking provided that the recipient undertaking is authorised in accordance with regulation 6 of the 2022 Regulations and meets any other eligibility criteria for holding the right of use.
4. Holders shall not transfer or sub-assign any rights of use for the following classes of number: Directory Enquiry Access Short Codes, Customer Support Short Codes, Network- Use Short Codes, Harmonised Codes of Social Value, International Signalling Point Codes, National Signalling Point Codes, Mobile Network Codes, Carrier Short Codes, and Number Portability Routing Prefixes.
5. All of the conditions attaching to a number shall remain in full effect after the number has been ported, transferred or sub-assigned, unless ComReg specifies that any condition shall no longer attach.
6. No charge of any kind shall be made for transferring or sub-assigning a right of use for a number, other than a charge limited to covering the associated administrative costs. For clarity, trading of numbers is not permitted.
7. When a number is surrendered by an end-user or is otherwise recovered by the holder which assigned the number or by the undertaking to which the number was ported, the number shall thereupon be placed in quarantine for a period of 13 months and shall not be assigned to anyone other than the previous end-user during the 13-month period of quarantine. In addition, the end-user retains the right to port the terminated number to another provider for up to six months after the termination of the number unless that right is renounced by the end-user. There shall be no conditions placed on an end-user to re-contract or make contact with the provider with whom the number is quarantined in order for that number to be ported. The quarantine period may be waived if the previous end-user and the new end-user both consent to this in writing, and the holder for the number shall make such end-users aware of the consequences of waiving the quarantine period.

8. For the purposes of ComReg making any information requirement under Regulation 99 of the 2022 Regulations, holders shall maintain accurate and current records in respect of rights of use for all classes of numbers granted to them, to include the following:
- (a) numbers activated and in use;
  - (b) numbers activated and not in use;
  - (c) numbers not yet activated;
  - (d) rights of use for numbers transferred to them;
  - (e) rights of use for numbers transferred from them;
  - (f) numbers ported to them;
  - (g) numbers ported from them;
  - (h) numbers reserved within existing Direct Dialling Inwards (DDI) groups;
  - (i) numbers reserved for internal use (e.g. as test numbers);
  - (j) planned number utilisation figures (maintained in such manner that an undertaking shall be able to comply with any request by ComReg for number utilisation figures for a period of 12 months from the date of the request);
  - (k) numbers activated and in use extraterritorially.
  - (l) rights of use for numbers sub-assigned to them;
  - (m) rights of use for numbers sub-assigned by them;
9. Long-lining – For clarity, undertakings implementing long-lining must ensure that CLI analysis is carried out on calls originating on the Irish PSTN.

# 4 Conditions for specific classes of number

## 4.1 Geographic Numbers

### *RoU Conditions*

1. Geographic Numbers shall have the digit structure “area code (2 - 4 digits) + 5 - 7 -digit subscriber number” where part of the digit structure contains geographic significance.
2. A Geographic Number shall only be assigned to an end-user whose residential/business premises is physically located within the designated minimum numbering area (MNA)<sup>3</sup> for that Geographic Number.
3. An end-user moving premises within an MNA may retain its assigned number if the holder is prepared to support this.

### *GA Conditions*

4. A call to a Geographic Number shall terminate at the network termination point (NTP) in the called party’s premises which in accordance with condition 4.1.2 shall be located within the designated MNA, except where the called party:
  - (d) forwards a call to a destination outside of the designated MNA; or
  - (e) uses a fixed-mobile convergence or VoIP product which allows termination of the call outside of the designated MNA.
5. Where a call to a Geographic Number is forwarded to a destination outside of the Geographic Number’s designated MNA, the caller shall only be charged the originating undertaking’s published tariff for a call to that Geographic Number within its designated MNA.
6. Calls to a Geographic Number which is used with a fixed-mobile convergence or VoIP product and which terminate outside of the Geographic Number’s designated MNA shall not be charged differently to calls that terminate within the Geographic Number’s designated MNA.
7. Where the charge for a call to a Geographic Number factors in the geographic distance between the caller and the called party, the billing undertaking shall publish

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<sup>3</sup> Appendix 10 contains a list of the Area Codes and Minimum Numbering Areas (MNAs).

all information necessary to enable a caller to calculate, in advance, the total charge for making such a call.

## 4.2 Non-Geographic Numbers

1. The following are all classes of Non-Geographic Number:
  - (d) Freephone Numbers
  - (e) Standard Rate Numbers
  - (f) Mobile Numbers
  - (g) Premium Rate Service Numbers
  - (h) Internet Access Numbers
  - (i) M2M Numbers
2. Sections 4.3 - 4.8 incl. of this document set out the conditions which attach to each class of Non-Geographic Number.

### ***GA Condition***

3. Only the holder of the right of use for a Non-Geographic Number may terminate calls to that Non-Geographic Number or translate that Non-Geographic Number into its underlying Geographic Number, Mobile Number or other class of number.
4. Geo-linking Non-Geographic Numbers with Geographic Numbers.

The retail tariff charged to any end-user for a call to a Non-Geographic Number in any of the three ranges 1850, 1890 or 0818 shall not exceed the retail tariff that would be charged to the same end-user for a national call made to a Geographic Number, at the same time.

For example, and for the avoidance of doubt, the above condition shall include the following scenarios:



- If an end-user's contract for the receipt of fixed or mobile service provides that all calls to Geographic Numbers shall be included in a "bundle" of call minutes, of a specified amount and covering a specified time period, then all calls made by that same end-user to a Non-Geographic Number in any of the three ranges 1850, 1890 or 0818 shall also be included within the same "bundle" of call minutes, up to the same specified amount and covering the same specified time period.
  - Where an end-user exceeds his or her allocation of "in-bundle" call minutes, the retail tariff charged to that end-user for any "out-of-bundle" call made to a Non-Geographic Number in any of the three ranges 1850, 1890 or 0818 shall not exceed the retail tariff that would be charged to that same end-user for any "out-of-bundle" national call made to any Geographic Number at the same time.
5. Save for any exceptional circumstances as ComReg shall determine, all rights of use for Non-Geographic Numbers in the ranges 1850, 1890 and 076 shall be withdrawn from all undertakings to whom such rights of use were granted at midnight on 31 December 2021 and from the date of decision D15/18<sup>4</sup> no new rights of use for Non-Geographic Numbers in the range 1850, 1890 and 076 shall be granted to any undertaking. All rights of use for Non-Geographic Numbers in the ranges 1800 and 0818 shall remain in effect and new rights of use for numbers in those ranges may be granted to any authorised undertaking which applies for same.

## 4.3 Freephone Numbers

### *RoU Condition*

1. Freephone Numbers shall have the digit structure "access code (1800) + 6-digit subscriber number".
2. An authorised undertaking shall only be granted the Rights of Use of 1800 Freephone Numbers if it is in receipt of a written order from an end-user for the number(s) being applied for together with the end-user's unique identifier. This identifier shall be the end-user's name, or suitable alternative such as account number or order number which enables ComReg to validate the authenticity of the assignment order. Furthermore, as 1800 Freephone numbers are only provided to organisations, to demonstrate its eligibility to be assigned an 1800 Freephone number, an organisation end-user shall be required to provide at least one of the following:

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<sup>4</sup> [ComReg Document 18/106](#) : Review of Non Geographic Numbers, Response to Consultation 18/65 and Decision. Part IV of Annex 1 deals with the "Effective Date" of the Decision Instrument.

- i. A company's Irish CRO number, Revenue VAT or business number;
- ii. A partnership/sole trader's Irish VAT number in their name(s) or proof of their business or Irish income tax registration;
- iii. For a trademark holder that holds a trademark that is enforceable in the State, the trademark number or a digital copy of the trademark certificate;
- iv. Registered charity number from the Charities Regulator or evidence of registration as a voluntary non-profit making organisation in the State; or
- v. Evidence that the organisation's premises is in the State, for example organisations such as schools, clubs etc.

For clarity, any organisation that does not meet the above criteria but wishes to submit other evidence of its need for an Irish 1800 Freephone number may do so. ComReg reserves the right to refuse any application that does not meet the above criteria.

#### ***GA Condition***

3. A caller shall not be charged for a call to a Freephone Number where the call originates from within the State.

## **4.4 Standard Rate Numbers (0818 / 1850 / 1890)**

#### ***RoU Condition***

1. 0818 / 1850 / 1890 Standard Rate Numbers shall have the digit structure "access code (0818 / 1850 / 1890) + 6- digit subscriber number".
2. An authorised undertaking shall only be granted the Rights of Use of 0818 Standard Rate Numbers if it is in receipt of a written order from an end-user for the number(s) being applied for together with the end-user's unique identifier. This identifier shall be the end-user's name, or suitable alternative such as account number or order number which enables ComReg to validate the authenticity of the assignment order. Furthermore, as 0818 Standard Rate numbers are only provided to organisations, to demonstrate its eligibility to be assigned an 0818 Standard Rate number, an organisation end-user shall be required to provide at least one of the following:

- i. A company's Irish CRO number, Revenue VAT or business number;
- ii. A partnership/sole trader's Irish VAT number in their name(s) or proof of their business or Irish income tax registration;
- iii. For a trademark holder that holds a trademark that is enforceable in the State, the trademark number or a digital copy of the trademark certificate;
- iv. Registered charity number from the Charities Regulator or evidence of registration as a voluntary non-profit making organisation in the State; or
- v. Evidence that the organisation's premises is in the State, for example organisations such as schools, clubs etc.

For clarity, any organisation that does not meet the above criteria but wishes to submit other evidence of its need for an Irish 0818 Standard Rate Number may do so. ComReg reserves the right to refuse any application that does not meet the above criteria.

### ***GA Condition***

2. The retail tariff charged to any end-user for a call to a 0818 / 1850 / 1890 Non-Geographic Number shall not exceed the retail tariff that would be charged to the same end-user for a national call made to a Geographic Number, at the same time.

## **4.5 Mobile Numbers**

### ***RoU Conditions***

1. Mobile Numbers shall have the digit structure "mobile network access code (08X) + 7-digit subscriber number", where X is a number from 3 to 9 incl.
2. The corresponding 8-digit Mobile Mailbox Number shall be created by placing the digit '5' in front of the 7-digit subscriber number.

## **4.6 Premium Rate Service Numbers**

### ***RoU Conditions***

1. Premium Rate Service (PRS) Numbers shall have the digit structure "access code (15XX) + 6-digit subscriber number" where the value of "XX" indicates the specific PRS number range (see Table 1 below).

- 2 PRS Numbers shall only be used to provide “Premium Rate Services” in compliance with the Communications Regulation (Premium Rate Services and Electronic Communications Infrastructure) Act 2010, the Communications Regulation (Licensing of Premium Rate Services Regulations) 2012, and the PRS Code of Practice<sup>5</sup> and any conditions attaching to the applicable PRS licence issued by ComReg.<sup>6</sup>

### **GA Condition**

- 3 There are ten PRS number ranges for which calls are charged per minute and seven PRS number ranges for which charges for calls are fixed. The maximum retail tariffs for each PRS number range are set out in Table 1 below and the charge for a call to any PRS Number shall not exceed the applicable maximum retail tariff.

Access Code	Maximum retail tariff per minute <sup>7</sup> incl. VAT	Access Code	Maximum retail tariff per call incl. VAT
1520	Not exceeding €0.30	1512	Not exceeding €0.50
1530	Not exceeding €0.50	1513	Not exceeding €0.70
1540	Not exceeding €0.70	1514	Not exceeding €0.90
1550	Not exceeding €1.20	1515	Not exceeding €1.20
1560	Not exceeding €1.80	1516	Not exceeding €1.80
1570	Not exceeding €2.40	1517	Not exceeding €2.50
1580	Not exceeding €2.95	1518	Not exceeding €3.50
1590	Not exceeding €3.50		
1598 <sup>8</sup>	Variable price up to €3.50		
1599 <sup>9</sup>	Variable price up to €3.50		

**Table 1; Maximum retail tariffs for PRS Numbers**

<sup>5</sup> ComReg Document 14/45 - Code of Practice: Premium Rate Services - published 15 May 2014, or as amended.

<sup>6</sup> The Statutory Provisions, Code of Practice and/or Conditions referred to in Condition 4.7.1 may be amended from time to time.

<sup>7</sup> Actual billing may be done on a different basis e.g. per-second billing.

<sup>8</sup> Adult services; general

<sup>9</sup> Adult services of a sexual nature

## 4.7 Internet Access Numbers

### *RoU Conditions*

1. Internet Access Numbers shall have the digit structure “access code (189X) + 6-digit subscriber number”, where X is the number 1, 2 or 3.
2. Internet Access Numbers shall only be used by internet service providers (ISPs) for the purpose of routing traffic from a PSTN or ISDN<sup>10</sup> or mobile network to the point of presence of the ISP with which the number is associated.

### *GA Conditions*

3. Numbers using the 1891 code shall only be used for Internet access services in which the end-user is charged at or below the standard local call rate for the end-user’s time on-line, with no separate packet-based traffic charge for this. The end-user may also be charged a separate subscription fee and/or packet-based charge by the end-user’s ISP.
4. Numbers using the 1892 code shall only be used for “Pay As You Go” Internet access services where the end-user is charged for the element of the service which is based on time on-line and/or packet-based traffic generated, but the Internet service is provided free of charge.
5. Numbers using the 1893 code shall only be used for providing partial or full flat-rate Internet access services where the end-user is not charged for time on-line and/or for packet-based traffic generated up to a pre-set limit (partial flat-rate) or with no limits (full flat-rate), but pays an agreed flat rate subscription fee for the Internet service.

## 4.8 Machine to Machine (M2M) Numbers

### *RoU Conditions*

1. M2M Numbers shall have the digit structure “network access code (088) + 10-digit subscriber number”.
2. An M2M Number shall only be used for the provision of an M2M Service or a bundle of services in which an M2M service is a predominant component.

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<sup>10</sup> Integrated Services Digital Network

3. The number holder shall ensure that M2M Numbers used extraterritorially are used in compliance with consumer protection and other national rules in the country in which they are used.

## **4.9 Bursty Traffic Numbers**

### ***RoU Conditions***

1. Bursty Traffic Numbers shall have the following digit structure;
  - i. “access code (0818) or (1800) + 6-digit subscriber number (71XXXX)”; or
  - ii. “access code (15XX) + 6-digit subscriber number (71XXXX)” where X is a number from 0 – 9.
2. Bursty Traffic Numbers shall only be used for telephone services that are likely to generate very large call volumes within short time periods, defined as more than 10 call attempts per second in a single originating telephone exchange. No number other than Bursty Traffic Numbers shall be used for this type of service.

## 5 Conditions for specific classes of short codes

### 5.1 Messaging and Payment Short Codes

#### *RoU Conditions*

1. Messaging and Payment Short Codes shall be 5-digit codes with the structure 5XXXX, where X is a number from 0 – 9 incl.
2. Messaging and Payment Short Codes shall only be used to provide messaging, transmission of short video messages (excluding live video communications), and mobile payment services.

#### *GA Conditions*

3. Messaging and Payment Short Codes shall be used in compliance with the Communications Regulation (Premium Rate Services and Electronic Communications Infrastructure) Act 2010, the Communications Regulation (Licensing of Premium Rate Services Regulations) 2012, and the PRS Code of Practice<sup>11</sup> and any conditions attaching to the applicable PRS licence issued by ComReg.<sup>12</sup>
4. The charging bands in Table 2 shall apply to all Messaging and Payment Short Codes:

Sub-range	Category	Price Range (€)
50000 – 50998	Free text rate	Free
51000 – 51998	Standard rate	Not exceeding 0.16 (VAT inc.)
52000 – 52998	Reserved standard rate	-----
53000 – 53998	Basic premium rate	Not exceeding 0.80 (VAT inc.)
54000 – 55998	Reserved premium rate	-----

<sup>11</sup>ComReg Document 14/45 - Code of Practice: Premium Rate Services - published 15 May 2014, or as amended.

<sup>12</sup> The Statutory Provisions, Code of Practice and/or Conditions referred to in Condition 5.1.3 may be amended from time to time.

56000 – 56998	Reserved premium rate	-----
57000 – 57998	High premium rate	0.80 or above (VAT inc.)
58000 – 58998	Adult premium rate (General)	Variable price
59000 – 59998	Adult premium rate (Sexual nature)	Variable price

**Table 2 : Charging bands for Messaging and Payment Short Codes**

5. The charge for any message sent using a Messaging and Payment Short Code may be applied to the entire mobile originated (MO) leg or to the entire mobile terminated (MT) leg of the message transaction sequence between the end-user and the service provider, or the charge may be shared between both legs. However, irrespective of whether the charge is applied to just one leg or split between both legs, the total charge for a single message exchange shall not exceed the maximum permitted charge set out in the table above.
6. The MO leg and MT leg of any message transaction sequence shall be completed on the same Messaging and Payment Short Code sub-range.
7. Where an MO message triggers a series of MT response messages over a period of time, the charge for each MT response message shall not exceed the maximum charge for that category of Messaging and Payment Short Code.

## 5.2 Directory Enquiry Access Short Codes

### *RoU Conditions*

1. Directory Enquiry Access Short Codes shall be 5-digit codes with the structure 118XX, where X is a number from 0 – 9 incl.
2. Directory Enquiry Access Codes shall only be used to provide voice and text directory enquiry services and support services shall be limited to call completion and/or the sending of a requested telephone number by text message.

## 5.3 Customer Support Short Codes

### *RoU Conditions*

1. Customer Support Short Codes shall be 4-digit codes with the structure 19XX, where X is a number from 0 – 9 incl.
2. Customer Support Short Codes shall only be used by network operators to provide



non-commercial support services to on-network customers and shall not be used to provide customers with access to sales departments or to sell, advertise, market or otherwise promote any commercial service or product. Unsolicited sales enquiries from on-network customers may be transferred to the appropriate person or department.

### ***GA Conditions***

3. A call to a Customer Support Short Code shall be free of charge to the caller regardless of the network from which the call originates.

## **5.4 Network-Use Short Codes**

### ***RoU Conditions***

1. Network-Use Short Codes (NUSCs) shall be 3-digit codes with the structure 171, 172, 173, or 199 and 4-digit codes with the structure 174X, where X is a number from 0 – 9 incl.

### ***GA Conditions***

2. An NUSC shall be specific to one network and may not normally provide for interconnection between networks and shall not be accessible from other networks. Network operators may therefore independently decide how to use their particular NUSCs, though they are encouraged to harmonise their use.
3. A network operator shall notify ComReg of any new service which it will provide using an NUSC, at least 14 days prior to commencement of provision of the new service.
4. The charge for a call from a Geographic Number to an NUSC shall not exceed the originating undertaking's published tariff for a local call to a Geographic Number, on the same network.
5. The charge for a call from a Mobile Number to an NUSC shall not exceed the originating undertaking's published tariff for a call from one Mobile Number to another, on the same network.
6. An NUSC shall not be extended by adding digits unless ComReg has given its prior consent which must be applied for in writing, setting out the nature and purpose of the proposed extension. ComReg fully reserves the right to make such decision as it sees fit in respect of any such application.

## 5.5 Harmonised Codes of Social Value

### *RoU Conditions*

1. Harmonised Codes of Social Value shall be 6-digit codes with the structure 116XXX, where X is a number from 0 – 9 incl.
2. Harmonised Codes of Social Value shall be used only to provide harmonised services of social value as defined in Decision 2007/116/EC<sup>13</sup> and shall be subject to the conditions of use set out therein.

### *GA Conditions*

3. A caller shall not be charged for a call to a Harmonised Code of Social Value.

## 5.6 International and National Signalling Point Codes

### *RoU Conditions*

1. International Signalling Point Codes (ISPCs) and National Signalling Point Codes (NSPCs) shall have the structure as set out in ITU-T Recommendation Q.708.
2. ISPCs and NSPCs shall only be used to identify signalling points for the purpose of enabling communications between signalling points.
3. A holder shall notify ComReg within one month of any significant change to information that is relevant to an ISPC or NSPC.
4. A holder which intends to cease using an ISPC or NSPC shall inform ComReg one month in advance of the date on which it will cease use of same.

## 5.7 Mobile Network Codes

### *RoU Conditions*

1. Mobile Network Codes (MNCs) shall be 2-digit short codes in the range 01 – 99 incl. and their structure and use shall otherwise conform with ITU-T Recommendation E.212.
2. MNCs shall be used only to identify mobile terminals and mobile end-users.
3. An MNC shall be inserted after the Mobile Country Code (MCC) “272” as part of

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<sup>13</sup> As amended by Decision 2009/884/EC

the International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI).

4. Terrestrial trunk radio Mobile Network Codes ((T)MNCs) shall be 4-digit short codes and their structure and use shall conform with ITU-T Recommendation E.218.
5. (T)MNCs shall be used only in TETRA networks.
6. A (T)MNC shall be inserted after the Terrestrial trunk radio Mobile Country Code ((T)MCC) "272" as part of the Individual TETRA Subscriber Identity (ITSI).

## 5.8 Carrier Short Codes

### *RoU Conditions*

1. Carrier Short Codes shall be 5-digit short codes with the structure 13CDE and shall consist of Carrier Access ("CA") Short Codes, Carrier Select ("CS") Short Codes, and Carrier Pre-Select ("CPS") Short Codes.
2. Carrier Short Codes shall be used to support network-to-network-interfaces (NNIs) and to allow end-users to access their preferred electronic communications service and/or electronic communications network provider. The 'CDE' element of Carrier Short Codes shall be specific to the operator concerned and the digit 'C' shall be 0 - 8 incl. for CA or CS Short Codes and shall be 9 for CPS Short Codes. The digits 'D' and 'E' shall be a number from 0 – 9 incl.
3. CPS operator identification Short Codes that correspond to each CPS call option shall be as follows:
  - (a) Code 19800 call option: international calls
  - (b) Code 19801 call option: national calls
  - (c) Code 19822 call option: local calls

4. Holders of CA / CS/ CPS Short Codes shall:
  - (a) support NNI between their networks and public switched telephone networks;
  - (b) support dialling of the “112” and ”999” emergency access codes; and
  - (c) keep CPS operator identification codes open on their networks in order to enable end-users to identify the operator supporting their local, national and international traffic.

### ***GA Conditions***

5. CA and CS Short Codes shall be used for selecting a preferred provider on a call-by-call basis while CPS Short Codes shall be used to select a preferred provider on a permanent or semi-permanent basis. CA and CS Short Codes are thus prefixed to numbers by callers or their calling apparatus while CPS Short Codes are inserted by network operators.

## **5.9 Number Portability Routing Prefixes**

### ***RoU Conditions***

1. Number Portability Routing Prefixes (NPRPs) shall be 7-digit codes with the structure 175DXXX, where XXX is a number from 000 – 999 incl. which identifies the terminating operator’s switch and the values of D are as follows:
  - (a) “0” when the NPRP is used by a network operator within its own network;
  - (b) “1” for Non-Geographic Numbers; and
  - (c) “2 to 8” for Geographic Numbers.
2. Number Portability Routing Prefixes for Mobile Numbers shall be 5-digit codes with the structure 176XX where X is a number from 0 – 9 incl.

### ***GA Conditions***

3. NPRPs shall be used to route calls to ported numbers but shall not be used to route calls to non-ported numbers.
4. NPRPs having the structure 1750XXX shall not be used for calls involving network interconnection

## 6 Conditions for SMS Sender ID

### RoU Conditions

1. SMS Sender IDs (“Sender ID”) are encoded according to the GSM 7-bit default alphabet<sup>14</sup> and as such a Sender ID can have a maximum length of 11 characters

2. The following are the valid characters which are permitted:

a-z A-Z 0-9 @ ! # % & ( ) \* + , - . / : ; < = > ? Fada [Space]

Any character not on the above list is not permitted<sup>15</sup>.

3. Sender ID registration and filtering is case insensitive. A given Sender ID is assigned to a PA to use in whatever choice of case they prefer, however the messages should be treated identically irrespective of the case used.

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<sup>14</sup> [ETSI TS 123 038 Section 6.2.1](#)

<sup>15</sup> For example: Not permitted are all characters with accents (E.g. è Ç), Greek letters (E.g. Ω Ψ) and the following: £ \$ “ ‘ ÿ € , with the exception of the Irish Fada which is permitted.

# 7 Applying for a right of use for a number

## 7.1 General Application Criteria

1. ComReg will grant rights of use for numbers to authorised undertakings in an open, objective, transparent, non-discriminatory and proportionate manner and generally on a “first come, first served” basis though ComReg may hold open competitions before granting rights of use for newly-opened number ranges. For the avoidance of doubt, Sender IDs will also be assigned on a “first come, first served” basis.
2. Undertakings are not encouraged to engage in sub-assignment of numbering resources, where sub-assignment means the assignment of numbering resources by an assignee to another entity that is not an end user. Transfer of numbers between undertakings is to be preferred. Where sub-assignment is necessary, it is subject to the prior notification of ComReg, and the consent of the Primary Assignee. The responsibilities regarding the compliance with the Numbering Conditions in relation to the assigned number(s) shall be shared between the Primary Assignee and the Sub-Assignee.
3. In providing services to its end-users, an undertaking shall only use numbers for which it solely, or jointly in the case of sub-assignment, holds the rights of use.
4. Given that numbers are a national resource which must be managed and used efficiently and that the quantity of available numbers in each class of number is finite, applicants are required to provide all requested information in order to satisfy ComReg that their applications are justified.
5. Applicants must be undertakings that are authorised in accordance with regulation 6 of the 2022 Regulations and they must meet all other eligibility criteria relating to the particular class of number.
6. Applicants must clearly identify any confidential or commercially sensitive information in their applications. ComReg will treat such information in accordance with its Guidelines on Treatment of Confidential Information (ComReg Document 05/24).
7. Applicants may request specific numbers or number blocks, though it may not be possible for ComReg to grant same. Please note that 1800 and 0818 numbers are assigned on an individual basis.

8. Applicants may request a reservation of numbering resources for a period of no more than three months, if they are eligible to be granted the rights of use for said number resources. Please note that there is no reservation of 1800 and 0818 numbers.
9. Applicants must be capable of complying in full with the general conditions and the specific conditions attaching to the class of number.
10. Applicants must be capable of complying in full with agreed industry processes and standards for the class of number.
11. Any undertaking which has been granted and which currently holds rights of use for Geographic Numbers in a specific MNA shall not be granted any new rights of use for Geographic Numbers in that same MNA unless ComReg is first satisfied that the undertaking is utilising, at a minimum, 65% of its currently assigned stock of Geographic Numbers for that same MNA.
12. Any undertaking which has been granted and which currently holds rights of use for Mobile Numbers shall not be granted any new rights of use for Mobile Numbers unless ComReg is first satisfied the undertaking is utilising, at a minimum, 45% of its currently assigned stock of Mobile Numbers
13. Exceptions to the above number utilisation requirements will be considered on a case by case basis.
14. ComReg will calculate number utilisation using the following formula:

$$\frac{\textit{Total numbers active and in use}}{\textit{Total numbers assigned} - (\textit{Total ported out numbers} + \textit{Total quarantined numbers})}$$

15. Following its Decision (ComReg 18/106 and Decision D15/18)<sup>16</sup> to reduce the number of NGN ranges from five (1800, 1850, 1890, 0818 and 076) to two (1800 and 0818) by 31 December 2021, ComReg does not assign new rights of use for Non-Geographic Numbers in the ranges 1850, 1890, and 076 to any undertaking.
16. Application and Notification Process

- (a) Applications for 1800 and 0818 numbers must be submitted through the FNP system and must be based on valid end user orders / requests. Details of the

<sup>16</sup> Review of Non-Geographic Numbers, Response to Consultation 18/65 and Decision Part IV of Annex 1 deals with the “Effective Date” of the Decision Instrument

application process for 1800 and 0818 numbers are set out in the Individual Number Assignment (INA) process manual which is available on request by emailing the ComReg numbering team at [numapps@comreg.ie](mailto:numapps@comreg.ie).

- (b) Applications for Sender IDs must be submitted via the automated system designated by ComReg.
- (c) Applications for numbers other than 1800, 0818 and Sender IDs, and notification of sub-assignment, must comply with the following:
  - i. Applicants must complete and sign a copy of the application form in Appendix 1, attaching a completed copy of any relevant form from Appendix 2 – 8 for the class of number being requested. For applications for Geographic or Mobile Numbers, the form in Appendix 4 or Appendix 5 must be completed with respect to Geographic or Mobile Numbers already granted to the applicant. The notification form for sub-assignments is in Appendix 9.
  - ii. A completed application or notification form must be sent to:  
  
Numbering  
Commission for Communications Regulation  
One Dockland Central, Guild Street,  
Dublin 1, D01 E4X0,  
Ireland.
  - iii. A copy of the completed application or notification form must also be emailed to [numapps@comreg.ie](mailto:numapps@comreg.ie).

17. ComReg reserves the right to request additional information for any application received. Applicants shall be informed if their application is incomplete and shall not be further processed until all outstanding information has been provided.

18. There is currently no fee for the granting of rights of use for numbers. For clarity, this includes Sender IDs. ComReg however reserves the right to review its position and introduce a fee in the future, in accordance with regulation 81 of the 2022 Regulations.

## 7.2 Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants for rights of use for Geographic Numbers and Non-Geographic Numbers must provide evidence of having a valid interconnect agreement with another undertaking.



2. Rights of use for Mobile Numbers and MNCs shall only be granted to MNOs and MVNOs, to OGCIO<sup>17</sup> for Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) services, and to OTT Service Providers, provided the OTT Service Provider qualifies as an ECS, and the OTT Service Provider has a contract with an Irish MNO to access its network. A right of use for one MNC shall be granted upon first application and the basis for any request for an additional right of use for an MNC must be fully set out.
3. Rights of use for Directory Enquiry Access Short Codes shall only be granted to providers of directory enquiry services.
4. Rights of use for NUSCs shall only be granted to network operators for the purpose of providing services to their customers relating to the performance and user-friendliness of their networks.
5. Rights of use for ISPCs shall only be granted to undertakings when the requested signalling point has, or is soon expected to have, at least one message transfer point (MTP) signalling relationship with other signalling points having ISPCs in the international signalling network.
6. Rights of use for Harmonised Codes of Social Value are reserved for the provision of harmonised services of social value as defined in Decision 2007/116/EC, as amended by Decision 2009/884/EC. They may be directly granted to the provider of the harmonised service of social value, since the conditions of use in Decision 2007/116/EC apply directly to that provider.
7. Rights of use for M2M numbers shall be granted to MNOs, MVNOs and only to M2M Service Providers that can both justify the requirement and can manage the resources. A right of use for one MNC shall be granted upon first application and the basis for any request for an additional right of use for an MNC must be fully set out.
8. Rights of use for Sender ID may only be granted once the following criteria are met;
  - (a) The applicant must be a legitimate organisation<sup>18</sup> and have a need to register a Sender ID in the State. The organisation shall demonstrate that it meets these criteria by submitting at least one of the following;
    - i. A company's Irish (or international equivalent) CRO number, Revenue VAT or business number or international equivalent;
    - ii. A partnership/sole trader's Irish (or international equivalent) VAT

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<sup>17</sup> Office of the Government Chief Information Officer

<sup>18</sup> Non-ECS/ECN may be assigned numbers under Article 79(5)(a) of SI No 444 of 2022

number in their name(s) or proof of their business or Irish income tax registration;

- iii. For a trademark holder that holds a trademark that is enforceable in the State, the trademark number or a digital copy of the trademark certificate;
- iv. Registered charity number from the Charities Regulator or evidence of registration as a voluntary non-profit making organisation in the State; or
- v. Evidence that the organisation's premises is in the State, e.g. organisations such as schools, clubs etc;

Note; For clarity, any organisation that does not meet the above criteria but wishes to submit other evidence that it is a legitimate organisation and has a need to register a Sender ID in the State may do so. ComReg reserves the right to refuse any application that does not meet the above criteria.

(b)ComReg reserves the right to refuse applications where the proposed name is likely, in ComReg's view, to lead to confusion; to facilitate fraud or misuse; to incorrectly suggest state sponsorship; or cause offence.

(c)The applicant for a Shared Sender ID shall be a Registered PA.

## 7.3 First Time Applications

1. A first time applicant for rights of use for any class or type of number must provide:
  - (a) A written description of the planned services to include the date on which provision of the services will commence and an outline of projected growth;
  - (b) Evidence of existing customer base, or a base of potential customers who have expressed interest in the services, for each type of number/code and/or geographic area in which numbers are sought;
  - (c) Evidence of having a valid interconnect agreement with another undertaking;
  - (d) Evidence of technical capability to provide the service. If key service infrastructural elements are not provided directly by the applicant, an explanation is required of the functional and contractual relationship to the actual provider; and
  - (e) Evidence of being authorised as a provider of an electronic communications

network or service in accordance with regulation 6 of the 2022 Regulations (S.I. No 335 of 2011, as amended).

## 7.4 Timeline for processing applications

1. ComReg will make a decision in respect of any complete and valid application within 3 weeks of the date of receipt of the completed application. ComReg will consider an application to be complete and valid once the applicant has provided all standard information and any additional information which ComReg considers relevant and which it may request. In the case of applications for 0818 and 1800 numbers, the automatic assignment functions of the FNP system will enable a shorter turnaround to number assignment compared with the paper based process.

## 7.5 Granting rights of use for certain classes of numbers

1. Only one right of use for a Customer Support Short Code shall be granted to a network operator.
2. A maximum of forty Messaging and Payment Short Codes shall be granted to a single holder. An application for rights of use for additional Messaging and Payment Short Codes must be fully set out.
3. A right of use for one CA Short Code (for use with a two-stage access approach), one CS Short Code (for direct single-stage access) and one CPS Short Code will be granted to any one undertaking, upon first application. An application for a right of use of an additional CA / CS / CPS Short Code must be fully set out.
4. Rights of use for NPRPs will be granted in the following manner:
  - (a) a maximum of one Non-Geographic Number Portability Routing Prefix (NGNPRP) per undertaking upon first application, while applications for additional NGNPRPs must be fully set out;
  - (b) a block of 100 Geographic Number Portability Routing Prefixes (GNPRP) per undertaking upon first application, while applications for additional GNPRPs must be fully set out; and
  - (c) one Mobile Number Portability Routing Prefix per undertaking upon first application, while applications for additional MNPRPs must be fully set out.
5. In respect of any application for an additional right of use for a Carrier Short Code or NPRP, ComReg fully reserves the right to make such decision as it sees fit.

## 7.6 Refusal of an Application

1. ComReg may refuse to grant a right of use for any number or code on grounds which may include any of the following:
  - (a) that the applicant is not an authorised undertaking or does not otherwise meet the eligibility criteria to be granted rights of use for numbers;
  - (b) that the applicant has failed, or is failing, to comply with a statutory obligation or a condition attaching to an existing right of use for a number held by the applicant, or with a condition of the General Authorisation, or with a condition of a relevant licence granted under the Act of 1926 or the Communications Regulation (Premium Rate Services and Electronic Communications Infrastructure) Act 2010, the Communications Regulation (Licensing of Premium Rate Services Regulations) 2012, the PRS Code of Practice and any conditions attaching to the applicable PRS licence issued by ComReg<sup>19</sup>;
  - (c) that the applicant has not used or not used to a sufficient extent an existing number for which it holds the right of use;
  - (d) that the requested numbers are unavailable;
  - (e) that the applicant would not activate the requested numbers within 12 months, or 6 months in the case of Sender ID, of the right of use for that number being first granted;
  - (f) that granting the right of use for numbers would not be in accordance with ComReg's objectives; or
  - (g) In the case of 0818 and 1800 numbers, a unique customer identifier has not been provided by the applicant.

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<sup>19</sup> The Statutory Provisions, Code of Practice and/or Conditions referred to may be amended from time to time.

## 8 Transferring rights of use for numbers

1. The 2022 Regulations provides that ComReg may grant a right of use for any class or description of number to any undertaking, as ComReg considers appropriate, and that ComReg shall specify whether such a right may be transferred by the holder and under what conditions<sup>20</sup>. The conditions attached to transferred rights of use for numbers will apply to the undertaking in receipt of same, who must be authorised and otherwise eligible to hold the class of numbers being transferred.
2. The classes of numbers which may not be transferred, and the conditions under which transfers may take place, are specified above in Section 3.2.
3. The process set out in Appendix 8 applies only to rights of use for numbers which are being *transferred* and not to numbers which are being *ported*. Transfers occur when two undertakings agree that Undertaking *A* will transfer rights of use for numbers to Undertaking *B* and such transfers usually occur in bulk – i.e. several hundred or several thousand numbers are transferred at the same time.
4. The process set out herein is not an alternative to the existing industry agreed process for porting numbers (pursuant to regulation 90(3) of the 2022 Regulations). The industry agreed process for porting numbers is to be used (in compliance with all regulatory requirements for facilitating change of service provider) where a subscriber changes service provider and, in doing so, chooses to retain its number.
5. Undertakings that have previously transferred rights of use for numbers to other undertakings, without notifying ComReg, should now complete the notification process set out below. Until such transfers have been notified, the *original* holder of any such right of use, as recorded by ComReg in its numbering assignments database, shall be responsible for complying with all conditions attached to that right of use. ComReg will update its database to reflect all transfers that are notified to it.

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<sup>20</sup> Regulations 10 and 79 and Part E of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations

# Appendix: 1 Application Form

Name of Applicant:	
Registered Trading name (If Applicable):	
Company Registration Number (If Ltd Company):	
Telephone No.:	Email:
Business Address:	
Name of Contact:	Telephone No.:
	Email:
Number or code requested, if not included in a separate Appendix:	
Date by which Service will be operational:	
Forecast of expected utilisation of all requested numbers, including planned in-service dates:	

**Declaration:**

I am authorised to make this declaration on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as “**the Applicant**” for the purpose of the Applicant making this application for rights of use for numbers to the Commission for Communications Regulation pursuant to regulation 10 of the 2022 Regulations (S.I. No. 444 of 2022):

I hereby declare the following:

- (i). that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete and that the Applicant shall immediately inform ComReg of any change to any information provided as part of this application;
- (ii). that the Applicant is aware of its obligation to comply in full with all relevant statutory provisions in respect of the rights of use for numbers being applied for, together with all conditions attaching to same as set out in the *Numbering Conditions of Use and Application Process* (ComReg Document 15/136R4, as amended), and the Applicant is aware that failure to comply in full with any statutory provision and/or condition may result in the suspension or withdrawal of any or all rights of use for numbers granted to the Applicant; and
- (iii). that the Applicant is currently an authorised undertaking, operating in accordance with regulation 6 of the European Union (Electronic Communications Code) Regulations 2022( S.I. No. 444 of 2022).

*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name in Block Letters:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix: 2 Geographic Numbers

NDC	Numbering Area	Subscriber Number Length	Quantity of Number Blocks Required	
			100 Numbers per block <sup>21</sup>	1000 Numbers per block
1	Dublin Central	7		
1	Dublin North	7		
1	Dublin South	7		
21	Cork	7		
21	Coachford	7		
21	Kinsale	7		
22	Mallow	5		
23	Bandon	7		
24	Youghal	5		
25	Fermoy	5		
26	Macroom	5		
27	Bantry	5		
28	Skibbereen	5		
29	Kanturk	5		
402	Arklow	5		
404	Wicklow	5		
41	Drogheda	7		
41	Ardee	7		

<sup>21</sup> Number blocks of 100 are only granted in geographical areas which at risk of exhaustion.



NDC	Numbering Area	Subscriber Number Length	Quantity of Number Blocks Required	
			100 Numbers per block <sup>21</sup>	1000 Numbers per block
42	Dundalk	7		
42	Carrickmacross	7		
42	Castleblaney	7		
43	Longford	7		
43	Granard	7		
44	Mullingar	7		
44	Castlepollard	7		
44	Tyrellspass	7		
45	Naas	6		
45	Kildare	6		
45	Curragh	6		
46	Enfield	7		
46	Edenderry	7		
46	Navan	7		
46	Kells	7		
46	Trim	7		
47	Monaghan	5		
47	Clones	5		
49	Cavan	7		
49	Cootehill	7		
49	Oldcastle	7		

NDC	Numbering Area	Subscriber Number Length	Quantity of Number Blocks Required	
			100 Numbers per block <sup>21</sup>	1000 Numbers per block
49	Belturbet	7		
504	Thurles	5		
505	Roscrea	5		
51	Waterford	6		
51	Carrick-on-Suir	6		
51	New Ross	6		
51	Kilmacthomas	6		
52	Clonmel	7		
52	Cahir	7		
52	Killenaule	7		
53	Wexford	7		
53	Enniscorthy	7		
53	Ferns	7		
53	Gorey	7		
56	Kilkenny	7		
56	Castlecomer	7		
56	Freshford	7		
57	Portlaoise	7		
57	Abbeyleix	7		
57	Tullamore	7		
57	Birr	7		

NDC	Numbering Area	Subscriber Number Length	Quantity of Number Blocks Required	
			100 Numbers per block <sup>21</sup>	1000 Numbers per block
58	Dungarvan	5		
59	Carlow	7		
59	Muine Bheag	7		
59	Athy	7		
59	Baltinglass	7		
61	Limerick	6		
61	Scariff	6		
62	Tipperary	5		
62	Cashel	5		
63	Rathluirc	5		
64	Killarney	7		
64	Rathmore	7		
65	Ennis	7		
65	Ennistymon	7		
65	Kilrush	7		
66	Tralee	7		
66	Dingle	7		
66	Killorglin	7		
66	Cahirciveen	7		
67	Nenagh	5		
68	Listowel	5		

NDC	Numbering Area	Subscriber Number Length	Quantity of Number Blocks Required	
			100 Numbers per block <sup>21</sup>	1000 Numbers per block
69	Newcastle West	5		
71	Sligo	7		
71	Manorhamilton	7		
71	Carrick-on-Shannon	7		
74	Donegal	7		
74	Letterkenny	7		
74	Dungloe	7		
74	Buncrana	7		
90	Portumna	7		
90	Athlone	7		
90	Roscommon	7		
90	Ballinasloe	7		
91	Galway	6		
91	Gort	6		
91	Loughrea	6		
93	Tuam	5		
94	Ballinrobe	7		
94	Castlebar	7		
94	Castlerea	7		
94	Claremorris	7		

NDC	Numbering Area	Subscriber Number Length	Quantity of Number Blocks Required	
			100 Numbers per block <sup>21</sup>	1000 Numbers per block
95	Clifden	5		
96	Ballina	5		
97	Belmullet	5		
98	Westport	5		
99	Kilronan	5		

## Appendix: 3 Non-Geographic Numbers

Access Code	Service Type	Subscriber Number Length	Quantity of Number blocks Required (1000 Numbers per block)	Do you require a block for Bursty Traffic (Y/N?)
0818	Standard Rate	6	Individual 0818 number applications are made through the FNP system provided by PortingXS.	
1512	PRS – per Call	6		
1513	PRS – per Call	6		
1514	PRS – per Call	6		
1515	PRS – per Call	6		
1516	PRS – per Call	6		
1517	PRS – per Call	6		
1518	PRS – per Call	6		
1520	PRS – per min	6		
1530	PRS – per min	6		

Access Code	Service Type	Subscriber Number Length	Quantity of Number blocks Required (1000 Numbers per block)	Do you require a block for Bursty Traffic (Y/N?)
1540	PRS – per min	6		
1550	PRS – per min	6		
1560	PRS – per min	6		
1570	PRS – per min	6		
1580	PRS – per min	6		
1590	PRS – per min	6		
1598	PRS (Adult – General) – per min	6		
1599	PRS (Adult – Sexual) – per min	6		
1800	Freephone	6	Individual 1800 number applications are made through the FNP system provided by PortingXS.	
1850	Standard Rate	6	As per decision D15/18 as amended, from 1 December 2018 no new rights of use for 1850 numbers shall be granted to any undertaking.	

Access Code	Service Type	Subscriber Number Length	Quantity of Number blocks Required (1000 Numbers per block)	Do you require a block for Bursty Traffic (Y/N?)
1890	Standard Rate	6	As per decision D15/18 as amended, from 1 December 2018 no new rights of use for 1890 numbers shall be granted to any undertaking.	



## Appendix: 4 Geographic Numbers held by the Applicant

Number range	Total	Active and in use	Ported (out of block)	Ported In	Service/Test	Quarantined	Free to Assign

# Appendix: 5 Mobile Numbers held by the Applicant

Number range	Active and in use		Ported (out of block)	Service/Test		Quarantine		In Channel		Free to Assign	Total
	Post-Paid	Pre-Paid		Post-Paid	Pre-Paid	Post-Paid	Prepaid	Post Paid	Pre Paid		

## Appendix: 6 International Signalling Point Codes

A 6.1 Please provide the following information<sup>22</sup> in respect of your application for an international signalling point code. A separate form should be completed in respect of each separate signalling entity for which an ISPC is required:

- Nature of use in the network (tick the box for one or more functions):

<input type="checkbox"/>	STP – Signalling Transfer Point;
<input type="checkbox"/>	SEP – Signalling End Point (SP without STP function);
<input type="checkbox"/>	SCCP relay – Signalling Connection Control Part;
<input type="checkbox"/>	ISC – International Switching Centre;
<input type="checkbox"/>	GMSC – Gateway Mobile Switching Centre;
<input type="checkbox"/>	LR – Location Register;
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMC – Operation and Maintenance Centre;
<input type="checkbox"/>	SCP – Service control Part;
<input type="checkbox"/>	SSP – Service Switching Part;
<input type="checkbox"/>	

- Signalling Point Manufacturer/Type:

- Name of the Signalling Point (as used by the applicant):

- Physical Address of Signalling Point<sup>23</sup>:

<sup>22</sup> Apart from national and EU legislation, ComReg is required to seek the information listed above in accordance with ITU-T Recommendations Q.704 & Q.708.

<sup>23</sup> Must be a unique location address, sufficient to distinguish it from all others.

- Date “in-service” of the Signalling Point (month/year):

- Identify at least one planned signalling relationship:

- Name and address of Distant Signalling Point Operator;

- Location of Distant Signalling Point Operator;

- ISPC of Distant Signalling Point;

- If (an) existing ISPC(s) is/are already granted to this Signalling Point, please give full information on why a new ISPC is needed:

## Appendix: 7 National Signalling Point Codes

A 7.1 Please provide the following information in respect of your application for a national signalling point code. A separate form should be completed in respect of each separate signalling entity for which an NSPC is required:

A 7.2 Where an internal-only signalling point is to become externally connected at any stage, it is required that a formal application is made for a NSPC.

- Name of the Signalling Point (as used by the applicant):

- Nature of Use in the Network (tick the box for one or more functions):

<input type="checkbox"/>	STP – Signalling Transfer Point;
<input type="checkbox"/>	SEP – Signalling End Point (SP without STP function);
<input type="checkbox"/>	SCCP relay – Signalling Connection Control Part;
<input type="checkbox"/>	ISC – International Switching Centre;
<input type="checkbox"/>	GMSC – Gateway Mobile Switching Centre;
<input type="checkbox"/>	LR – Location Register;
<input type="checkbox"/>	OMC – Operation and Maintenance Centre;
<input type="checkbox"/>	SCP – Service control Part;
<input type="checkbox"/>	SSP – Service Switching Part;

- Physical Address of Signalling Point:

- Date “in-service” of the Signalling Point (month/year):

## Appendix: 8 Transferring rights of use for numbers

A 8.1 The following process applies to proposed transfers of rights of use for numbers:

a. All proposed transfers of rights of use for numbers must be notified to ComReg for prior approval by completing, signing and submitting the forms below -

- (i). The transferor must complete, sign and submit the Notification by Transferor form below.
- (ii). The transferee must complete, sign and submit the Notification by Transferee form below.
- (iii). Both forms must be sent together to:

Numbering,  
Commission for Communications Regulation  
One Dockland Central, Guild Street,  
Dublin 1, D01 E4X0,  
Ireland.

Or alternatively be emailed to: [numapps@comreg.ie](mailto:numapps@comreg.ie)

- b. All transferees must be authorised in accordance with regulation 6 of the European Union (Electronic Communications Code) Regulations 2022 ( S.I. No. 444 of 2022) and must be eligible to hold the relevant rights of use for numbers pursuant to the criteria set out in the *Numbering Conditions of Use and Applications Process*.
- c. ComReg will decide whether to approve any proposed transfer within 3 weeks from the date of receipt of the notification.
- d. ComReg will consider an application for the transfer of rights of use for numbers to be complete and valid once all standard information and any additional information, which ComReg considers relevant and which it may request, has been provided.

## Notification by Transferor

Name:	
Registered trading name (if applicable):	
Telephone No.:	Email:
Business Address:	
Name of Contact:	Telephone No.:
	Email:
Number(s) to be transferred:	

### Declaration:

I am authorised by \_\_\_\_\_ (“the Transferor”) to hereby notify the Commission for Communications Regulation pursuant to Regulation 80 of the European Union (Electronic Communications Code) Regulations 2022 ( S.I. No. 444 of 2022) for the purpose seeking the approval of the Commission to the transfer, from the Transferor to \_\_\_\_\_ (“the Transferee”) of the rights of use for number(s) as specified in this notification.

I declare that the information in this notification is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete and that the Transferor shall immediately inform ComReg of any change to any information provided as part of this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Block Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Notification by Transferee

Name:	
Registered trading name (if applicable):	
Telephone No.:	Email:
Business Address:	
Name of Contact:	Telephone No.:
	Email:
Provide a forecast of the Transferee's expected use of the classes of numbers which it seeks to obtain, including planned in-service dates:	

### Declaration:

I am authorised by \_\_\_\_\_ ("the Transferee") to hereby notify the Commission for Communications Regulation pursuant to Regulation 80 of the European Union (Electronic Communications Code) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 444 of 2022) for the purpose seeking the approval of the Commission to the transfer, from \_\_\_\_\_ ("the Transferor") to the Transferee of the rights of use for number(s) as specified in this notification.

I hereby declare the following:

- (i). that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete and that the Transferee shall immediately inform ComReg of any change to any information provided as part of this application;
- (ii). that the Transferee is aware that it must comply with all statutory provisions affecting the rights of use for numbers which it seeks to obtain and with all conditions attaching to such rights of use (as set out in the *Numbering Conditions of Use and Application Process* - Doc 15/136R4, as amended) and that failure to



comply may result in appropriate enforcement action which may include the suspension or withdrawal of such rights of use; and

- (iii). that the Transferee is an authorised undertaking operating in accordance with Regulation 6 of the European Union (Electronic Communications Code) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 444 of 2022)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Block Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix: 9 Sub-Assigning Rights of Use of Numbers

A 9.1 The following process applies to the sub-assignment of rights of use for numbers:

- a. All sub-assignments of rights of use for numbers must be notified to ComReg by completing, signing and submitting the forms below -
  - (i). The Primary Assignee must complete, sign and submit the Notification by Primary Assignee form below.
  - (ii). The Sub-Assignee must complete, sign and submit the Notification by Sub-Assignee form below.
  - (iii). Both forms must be sent together to:

Numbering,  
Commission for Communications Regulation  
One Dockland Central, Guild Street,  
Dublin 1, D01 E4X0,  
Ireland.

Or alternatively be emailed to: [numapps@comreg.ie](mailto:numapps@comreg.ie)

- b. All sub-assignees must be authorised under regulation 6 of the European Union (Electronic Communications Code) Regulations 2022(S.I. No. 444 of 2022) and must be eligible to hold the relevant rights of use for numbers pursuant to the criteria set out in the *Numbering Conditions of Use and Applications Process*.
- c. ComReg will consider the notification for the sub-assignment of rights of use for numbers to be complete and valid once all standard information and any additional information, which ComReg considers relevant and which it may request, has been provided.

## Notification by Primary Assignee

Name:	
Registered trading name (if applicable):	
Telephone No.:	Email:
Business Address:	
Name of Contact:	Telephone No.:
	Email:
Number(s) to be sub-assigned:	

### Declaration:

I am authorised by \_\_\_\_\_ (“the Primary Assignee”) to hereby notify the Commission for Communications Regulation of the sub-assignment, from the Primary Assignee to \_\_\_\_\_ (“the Sub-Assignee”) of the rights of use for number(s) as specified in this notification.

I hereby declare that the information contained in this notification is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete and that the Primary-Assignee shall immediately inform ComReg of any change to any information provided as part of this notification.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Block Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Notification by Sub-Assignee

Name:	
Registered trading name (if applicable):	
Telephone No.:	Email:
Business Address:	
Name of Contact:	Telephone No.:
	Email:
Provide a forecast of the Sub-Assignee's expected use of the classes of numbers which it seeks to obtain, including planned in-service dates:	

### Declaration:

I am authorised by \_\_\_\_\_ ("the Sub-Assignee") to hereby notify the Commission for Communications Regulation of the sub-assignment, from \_\_\_\_\_ ("the Primary Assignee") to the Sub-Assignee of the rights of use for number(s) as specified in this notification.

I hereby declare the following:

- (i) that the information contained in this notification is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete and that the Sub-Assignee shall immediately inform ComReg of any change to any information provided as part of this notification.
- (ii) that the Sub-Assignee is aware that it must comply with all statutory provisions affecting the rights of use for numbers which it seeks to obtain and with all conditions attaching to such rights of use (as set out in the Numbering Conditions of Use and Application Process - Doc 15/136R4, as amended) and that failure to

comply may result in appropriate enforcement action which may include the suspension or withdrawal of such rights of use; and

- (iii) that the Sub-Assignee is an authorised undertaking operating in accordance with regulation 6 of the European Union (Electronic Communications Code) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 444 / 2022)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Block Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix: 10 Classes of Numbers

A 10.1 The classes of numbers contained within the National Numbering Scheme, which may be used on public electronic communications networks in Ireland to establish and route calls, are listed below in Tables 3 and 4.

A 10.2 Table 3 sets out the access/area codes for the classes of Geographic and Non-Geographic Numbers currently used in the National Numbering Scheme. It also sets out their designation, subscriber number length and any additional notes or Information.

A 10.3 Table 4 sets out the classes of Short Codes currently used in the National Numbering Scheme, their designation and any additional notes or Information.

A 10.4 Table 5 sets out the Sender ID as a class of number.

A 10.5 The National Numbering Scheme also includes the boundaries of the geographic areas, known as minimum numbering areas (MNAs), associated with the area codes for the class of numbers designated as 'geographic numbers'. Maps setting out these boundaries can be viewed on ComReg's website<sup>24</sup>. Operators can request, from ComReg, more detailed maps of the MNAs.

A 10.6 Detailed information about the other elements of the National Numbering Scheme is available on the ComReg website at <http://www.comreg.ie>.

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<sup>24</sup><https://www.comreg.ie/industry/licensing/numbering/area-code-maps-2/>

<b>Access/Area Code</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Subscriber No. Length</b>	<b>Minimum numbering area (MNA) / Notes</b>
01	Geographic	7	Dublin Central, Dublin North and Dublin South
020	Drama	7	Reserved for Drama purposes
021	Geographic	7	Cork, Coachford, and Kinsale
022	Geographic	5	Mallow
023	Geographic	7	Bandon
024	Geographic	5	Youghal
025	Geographic	5	Fermoy
026	Geographic	5	Macroom
027	Geographic	5	Bantry
028	Geographic	5	Skibbereen
029	Geographic	5	Kanturk
0402	Geographic	5	Arklow
0404	Geographic	5	Wicklow
041	Geographic	7	Drogheda, Ardee
042	Geographic	7	Dundalk, Carrickmacross, Castleblaney
043	Geographic	7	Longford, Granard
044	Geographic	7	Mullingar, Castlepollard, Tyrellspass
045	Geographic	6	Naas, Kildare, The Curragh
046	Geographic	7	Navan, Kells, Trim, Enfield, Edenderry
047	Geographic	5	Monaghan, Clones
048	NI access code	UK defined	Northern Ireland
049	Geographic	7	Cavan, Cootehill, Oldcastle, Belturbet

<b>Access/Area Code</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Subscriber No. Length</b>	<b>Minimum numbering area (MNA) / Notes</b>
0504	Geographic	5	Thurles
0505	Geographic	5	Roscrea
051	Geographic	6	Waterford, Carrick-on-Suir, New Ross, Kilmacthomas
052	Geographic	7	Clonmel, Cahir, Killenaule
053	Geographic	7	Wexford, Enniscorthy, Ferns, Gorey
056	Geographic	7	Kilkenny, Castlecomer, Freshford
057	Geographic	7	Portlaoise, Abbeyleix, Tullamore, Birr
058	Geographic	5	Dungarvan
059	Geographic	7	Carlow, Muine Bheag, Athy, Baltinglass
061	Geographic	6	Limerick, Scarriff
062	Geographic	5	Tipperary, Cashel
063	Geographic	5	Rathluirc
064	Geographic	7	Killarney, Rathmore
065	Geographic	7	Ennis, Ennistymon, Kilrush
066	Geographic	7	Tralee, Dingle, Killorglin, Cahirciveen
067	Geographic	5	Nenagh
068	Geographic	5	Listowel
069	Geographic	5	Newcastle West
071	Geographic	7	Sligo, Manorhamilton, Carrick-on-Shannon
074	Geographic	7	Letterkenny, Donegal, Dungloe, Buncrana



<b>Access/Area Code</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Subscriber No. Length</b>	<b>Minimum numbering area (MNA) / Notes</b>
0818	Standard Rate	6	
083	Mobile	7 & 8	Customer subscriber numbers are 7 digits and mailbox numbers are 8 digits
085	Mobile	7 & 8	Customer subscriber numbers are 7 digits and mailbox numbers are 8 digits
086	Mobile	7 & 8	Customer subscriber numbers are 7 digits and mailbox numbers are 8 digits
087	Mobile	7 & 8	Customer subscriber numbers are 7 digits and mailbox numbers are 8 digits
088	M2M	10	Maximum permissible E.164 number length of 15 digits (including +353 international access code)
089	Mobile	7 & 8	Customer subscriber numbers are 7 digits and mailbox numbers are 8 digits. Please note: number range 089 011 0000 to 089 011 0999 is reserved for drama use
090	Geographic	7	Athlone, Roscommon, Ballinasloe, Portumna
091	Geographic	6	Galway, Loughrea, Gort
093	Geographic	5	Tuam
094	Geographic	7	Ballinrobe, Castlebar, Claremorris, Castlereagh
095	Geographic	5	Clifden

<b>Access/Area Code</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Subscriber No. Length</b>	<b>Minimum numbering area (MNA) / Notes</b>
096	Geographic	5	Ballina
097	Geographic	5	Belmullet
098	Geographic	5	Westport
099	Geographic	5	Kilronan
1512	Premium Rate (Per-call Charged services)	6	
1513	Premium Rate (Per-call Charged services)	6	
1514	Premium Rate (Per-call Charged services)	6	
1515	Premium Rate (Per-call Charged services)	6	
1516	Premium Rate (Per-call Charged services)	6	
1517	Premium Rate (Per-call Charged services)	6	
1518	Premium Rate (Per-call Charged services)	6	
1520	Premium Rate (Per-minute charged services)	6	
1530	Premium Rate (Per-minute charged services)		

<b>Access/Area Code</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Subscriber No. Length</b>	<b>Minimum numbering area (MNA) / Notes</b>
1540	Premium Rate (Per-minute charged services)	6	
1550	Premium Rate (Per-minute charged services)	6	
1560	Premium Rate (Per-minute charged services)	6	
1570	Premium Rate (Per-minute charged services)	6	
1580	Premium Rate (Per-minute charged services)	6	
1590	Premium Rate (Per-minute charged services)	6	
1598	Premium Rate (Adult, general nature, variable price services)	6	
1599	Premium Rate (Adult, sexual nature, variable price services)	6	
1800	Freephone	6	
1850	Standard Rate	6	As per decision D15/18 as amended, and with the exception of 1850 numbers identified in that decision, ComReg will withdraw the rights of use of 1850 numbers from all undertakings, to whom such rights of use were granted, at midnight on 31 December 2021

Access/Area Code	Designation	Subscriber No. Length	Minimum numbering area (MNA) / Notes
1890	Standard Rate	6	As per decision D15/18 as amended, and with the exception of 1890 numbers identified in that decision, ComReg will withdraw the rights of use of 1890 numbers from all undertakings, to whom such rights of use were granted, at midnight on 31 December 2021
1891	Internet Dial-up - Local Rate Point of Presence	6	
1892	Internet Dial-up - Pay-As-You-Go Point of Presence	6	
1893	Internet Dial-up - Partial/Full Flat Rate Point of Presence	6	

**Table 3: Classes of Geographic and Non-Geographic Numbers**

Code	Designation	Notes
112	Emergency Services	
116000	Harmonised Code of Social Value	Hotline for missing children
116006	Harmonised Code of Social Value	Helpline for Victims of Crime
116016	Harmonised Code of Social Value	Helpline for victims of violence against women
116111	Harmonised Code of Social Value	Child helpline
116117	Harmonised Code of Social Value	Non-emergency medical on-call services
116123	Harmonised Code of Social Value	Emotional Support Helpline

<b>Code</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Notes</b>
118XX	Directory Enquiries	XX = 00 to 99
13XXY	Carrier Access and Carrier Selection	XX = 00 - 89 and Y = 1 to 9
139XX	Carrier Pre-Selection Services,	XX = 00 - 99
141	Calling Line Identification Restrict (CLIR)	
142	Calling Line Identification Present (CLIP)	
1471	Network Use	Internal
171	Network Use	Voicemail (Fixed and mobile)
172	Network Use	Internal
173	Network Use	Internal
174X	Network Use	Internal), X = 0 to 9
1750XXX	Number Portability Routing Prefix – Intra-network	XXX = 000 to 999
1751	Number Portability Routing Prefix – Non-Geographic	XXX = 000 to 999
175XYYY	Number Portability Routing Prefix – Geographic	X = 2 to 9 and XXX = 000 to 999
1759XXX	Number Portability Routing Prefix – Nomadic	XXX = 000 to 999
176XX	Number Portability Routing Prefix – Mobile	XX = 00 to 99

Code	Designation	Notes
1808	Eircom Charge card and VPN	
19XX	Customer Support	XX = 00 to 79
198	CPS operator identification facility.	
199	Network Engineering Tests	
50XXX	Messaging and Payment – Free Rate	XXX = 000 to 998
51XXX	Messaging and Payment – Standard Rate	XXX = 000 to 998
53XXX	Messaging and Payment – Basic Premium Rate	XXX = 000 to 998
57XXX	Messaging and Payment – High Premium Rate	XXX = 000 to 998
58XXX	Messaging and Payment – Adult premium rate (General)	XXX = 000 to 998
59XXX	Messaging and Payment – Adult	XXX = 000 to 998
999	Emergency Services	

**Table 4: Classes of Short Codes**

Code	Designation	Notes
Alpha-numeric	SMS Sender ID (“Sender ID”)	Recognised Sender IDs are included in the SMS Sender ID Registry intervention. The Registry shall include information such as the Sender ID, Sender ID Owner (SIDO) and Participating Aggregator (PA).

**Table 5: Sender ID**

## **Appendix: 11 Number management – legal framework and statutory objectives**

A 10.1 ComReg's functions, objectives, duties and powers in relation to management of the national numbering resource are set out in the Communications Regulation Acts 2002-2023 ("2002 Act"), including the Communications Regulation and Digital Hub Development Agency (Amendment) Act 2023, and in S.I. No. 444 of 2022, the European Union (Electronic Communications Code) Regulations 2022 ("2022 Regulations"). The 2022 Regulations transpose inter alia the European Electronic Communications Code (Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the European Electronic Communications Code) ("the EECC"). The numbering provisions in the EECC are for the most part identical to the numbering provisions in the existing EU Telecoms Framework.

A 10.2 This section is intended as a general guide to ComReg's role in the area of number management and not as a definitive or exhaustive legal exposition of that role. Further, this section restricts itself to consideration of those powers, functions, duties and objectives of ComReg that appear most relevant to the creation and imposition of numbering conditions and it generally excludes those that are not considered relevant to this issue.

A 10.3 ComReg's overarching function to manage the national numbering resource must be exercised having regard to ComReg's objectives as set out in Section 12 of the 2002 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2022 Regulations, and in accordance with any applicable ministerial Policy Directions issued under Section 13 of the 2002 Act.

A 10.4 ComReg's primary objectives in carrying out its statutory functions in the context of electronic communications are to: • promote competition; • contribute to the development of the internal market; • promote the interests of users within the Community; • ensure the efficient management and use of the radio frequency spectrum and national numbering resource in accordance with any ministerial directions issued under Section 13 of the 2002 Act; and take the utmost account of the desirability that the exercise of its functions aimed at achieving the objectives referred to in section 12(1)(a) does not result in discrimination in favour of or against particular types of technology for the transmission of electronic communications services.

## Promotion of competition

A 10.5 Section 12(2)(a) of the 2002 Act requires ComReg to take all reasonable measures which are aimed at the promotion of competition, including: • ensuring that users, including disabled users, derive maximum benefit in terms of choice, price and quality; • ensuring that there is no distortion or restriction of competition in the electronic communications sector; and • encouraging efficient use and ensuring the effective management of radio frequencies and numbering resources.

A 10.6 In so far as the promotion of competition is concerned, Regulation (3)(b) of the 2002 Regulations also requires ComReg to: promote competition in the provision of electronic communications networks and associated facilities, including efficient infrastructure-based competition, and in the provision of electronic communications services and associated services.

## Contributing to the Development of the Internal Market

A 10.7 Section 12(2)(b) of the 2002 Act requires ComReg to take all reasonable measures which are aimed at contributing to the development of the internal market, including: • removing remaining obstacles to the provision of electronic communications networks, electronic communications services and associated facilities at Community level; • encouraging the establishment and development of trans-European networks and the interoperability of transnational services and end to-end connectivity; and • co-operating with electronic communications national regulatory authorities in other Member States of the Community and with the Commission of the Community in a transparent manner to ensure the development of consistent regulatory practice and the consistent application of Community law in this field.

## Promotion of Interests of Users

A 10.8 Section 12(2)(c) of the 2002 Act requires ComReg, when exercising its functions in relation to the provision of electronic communications networks and services, to take all reasonable measures which are aimed at the promotion of the interests of users within the Community, including: • ensuring that all users have access to a universal service; • ensuring a high level of protection for consumers in their dealings with suppliers, in particular by ensuring the availability of simple and inexpensive dispute resolution procedures carried out by a body that is independent of the parties involved; • contributing to ensuring a high level of protection of personal data and privacy; • promoting the provision of clear information, in particular requiring transparency of tariffs and conditions for using publicly available electronic communications services; • encouraging access to the internet at reasonable cost to users; • addressing the needs of specific social groups, in particular disabled users; and •



ensuring that the integrity and security of public communications networks are maintained.

A 10.9 In so far as promotion of the interests of users within the EU is concerned, Regulation(3)(d) of the 2022 Regulations also requires ComReg to: promote the interests of the consumers and businesses in the State, by ensuring connectivity and the widespread availability and take-up of very-high-capacity networks, including fixed, mobile and wireless networks, and of electronic communications services, by enabling maximum benefits in terms of choice, price and quality on the basis of effective competition, by maintaining the security of networks and services, by ensuring a high and common level of protection for end-users through the necessary sector-specific rules and by addressing the needs, such as affordable prices, of specific social groups, in particular end-users with disabilities, elderly endusers and end-users with special social needs, and choice and equivalent access for end-users with disabilities.

## Regulatory Principles

A 10.10 In pursuit of the policy referred to in Regulation 4(3) of the 2022 Regulations, objectives under Section 12 of the 2002 Act, and Regulation 4 of the Framework 2022 Regulations, ComReg and other competent authorities shall apply impartial, objective, transparent, non-discriminatory and proportionate regulatory principles by, inter alia — (a) promoting regulatory predictability by ensuring a consistent regulatory approach over appropriate review periods and through cooperation with each other, with BEREC, with the RSPG and with the European Commission, (b) ensuring that, in similar circumstances, there is no discrimination in the treatment of providers of electronic communications networks and services, (c) applying European Union law in a technologically neutral fashion, to the extent that this is consistent with the achievement of the objectives set out in paragraph (3), (d) promoting efficient investment and innovation in new and enhanced infrastructures, including by ensuring that any access obligation takes appropriate account of the risk incurred by the investing undertakings and by permitting various cooperative arrangements between investors and parties seeking access to diversify the risk of investment, while ensuring that competition in the market and the principle of non-discrimination are preserved, (e) taking due account of the variety of conditions relating to infrastructure, competition, the circumstances of end-users and, in particular, consumers that exist in the various geographic areas within the State, including local infrastructure managed by individuals on a not-for-profit basis, and (f) imposing ex-ante regulatory obligations only to the extent necessary to secure effective and sustainable competition in the interest of end-users where there is no effective and sustainable competition and relaxing or lifting such obligations as soon as that condition is fulfilled.

## **BEREC**

A 10.11 Under Regulation 4(4) of the 2022 Regulations, ComReg must inter alia: having regard to its objectives under section 12 of the Act of 2002 and its tasks under these Regulations, actively support the goals of BEREC of promoting greater regulatory coordination and consistency, and take the utmost account of guidelines, opinions, recommendations, common positions, best practices and methodologies adopted by BEREC when adopting decisions for markets in the State.

## **Other Obligations under the 2002 Act**

A 10.12 In carrying out its functions, ComReg is required amongst other things to seek to ensure that any measures taken by it are proportionate having regard to the objectives set out in Section 12 of the 2002 Act; and have regard to international developments with regard to electronic communications networks and electronic communications services, associated facilities, postal services, the radio frequency spectrum and numbering.

## **Policy Directions**

A 10.13 Section 12(4) of the 2002 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, ComReg must have appropriate regard to policy statements, published by or on behalf of the Government or a Minister of the Government and notified to the Commission, in relation to the economic and social development of the State. Section 13(1) of the 2002 Act requires ComReg to comply with any policy direction given to ComReg by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (“the Minister”) as he or she considers appropriate, in the interests of the proper and effective regulation of the electronic communications market and the formulation of policy applicable to such proper and effective regulation and management, to be followed by ComReg in the exercise of its functions. Section 10(1)(b) of the 2002 Act also requires ComReg, in managing the national numbering resource, to do so in accordance with a direction of the Minister under Section 13 of the 2002 Act, while Section 12(1)(b) requires ComReg to ensure the efficient management and use of the national numbering resource in accordance with a direction under Section 13.

A 10.14 The Policy Directions which are most relevant in regard to this consultation include the following: • Policy Direction No.4 - ComReg shall ensure that in making regulatory decisions in relation to the electronic communications market, it takes account of the state of the industry and in particular the industry’s position in the business cycle and the impact of such decisions on the sustainability of the business of undertakings affected. Policy Direction No.5 - Where ComReg has discretion as to whether to impose regulatory obligations, it shall, before deciding to impose such regulatory obligations on undertakings, examine whether the objectives of such regulatory obligations would be better achieved by forbearance from

imposition of such obligations and reliance instead on market forces. • Policy Direction No.6 - ComReg, before deciding to impose regulatory obligations on undertakings in the market for electronic communications, shall conduct a Regulatory Impact Assessment in accordance with European and International best practice and otherwise in accordance with measures that may be adopted under the Government's Better Regulation programme. • Policy Direction No.7 - ComReg shall ensure that, where market circumstances are equivalent, the regulatory obligations imposed on undertakings in the electronic communications market in Ireland should be equivalent to those imposed on undertakings in equivalent positions in other Member States of the European Community. • General Policy Direction No.1 on Competition - ComReg shall focus on the promotion of competition as a key objective. Where necessary, ComReg shall implement remedies which counteract or remove barriers to market entry and shall support entry by new players to the market and entry into new sectors by existing players. ComReg shall have a particular focus on: o market share of new entrants; o ensuring that the applicable margin attributable to a product at the wholesale level is sufficient to promote and sustain competition; o price level to the end user; o competition in the fixed and mobile markets; o the potential of alternative technology delivery platforms to support competition.

## **The Framework applying to Numbering**

A 10.15 There is a distinction between (a) statutory obligations relating to numbers which exist under primary or secondary legislation and (b) conditions attached to numbers which are imposed by ComReg pursuant to regulation 6 or 10 of the 2022 Regulations.

A 10.16 The numbering conditions set out in sections 4 and 5 fall into two broad categories in that they are either "GA Conditions" or "Rights of Use Conditions".

### ***GA Conditions***

A 10.17 Most of the numbering conditions are attached to the General Authorisation. These conditions are created and imposed pursuant to Regulation 6 and Part A of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations. This category of condition has universal effect in that it applies equally to all authorised undertakings or to such categories of authorised undertaking as may be specified. An authorised undertaking which uses a number, to which one or more conditions under the General Authorisation have been attached, is required to comply with those conditions.

### ***Rights of Use Conditions***

A 10.18 Some of the numbering conditions are attached to "rights of use for numbers" which ComReg has granted to individual undertakings. These conditions are created and imposed pursuant to Regulations 10 and 79 and Part E of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations. This category of condition does not have universal effect in that it applies only to the individual

authorised undertaking which applied for and was granted the right of use to which the condition is attached. Only the individual authorised undertaking which applied for and was granted the right of use for a number is required to comply with the conditions attached to that right of use.

A 10.19 The key statutory provisions relevant to the above two categories of conditions are outlined in more detail below:

## **Regulation 79 of the 2022 Regulations**

A 10.20 Regulation 79 of the 2022 Regulations provides that ComReg inter alia: • shall grant rights of use for numbering resources and for number ranges for all publicly available ECS in a manner that gives equal treatment to all undertakings providers of publicly available ECS and the persons eligible in accordance with Regulation 79(5); and establish objective, transparent and non-discriminatory procedures for granting rights of use for national numbering resources; • may attach conditions to rights of use for numbering resources, to ensure their efficient and effective management and to ensure that a person to which the right of use for numbering resources has been granted does not discriminate against a provider of publicly available ECS as regards the numbering resources sequences used to give access to its services; and • shall, from time to time, publish details of the “National Numbering Plan” and that ComReg shall publish details of any significant subsequent additions or amendments to the Plan and, in so far as is practicable, support the harmonisation of specific numbers or numbering ranges within the European Union.

A 10.21 Regulation 79(4) of the 2022 Regulations states that an “undertaking commits an offence if the undertaking assigns to locations, terminals, persons or functions on public communications networks numbers from the National Numbering Scheme that the regulator has not specifically allocated to the undertaking in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services”.

## **GA Conditions - regulations 4, 6 and 8 of the 2022 Regulations**

A 10.22 of the 2022 Regulations requires that any undertaking that intends to provide an electronic communications network or service other than a number-independent interpersonal communications service shall notify ComReg, before doing so. The notification shall be in such form as ComReg may determine and shall contain the information specified in regulation 64. Upon receipt by ComReg of such a notification, the undertaking concerned is deemed to be authorised to provide an electronic communications network or service or, as appropriate, both, subject to such conditions as may be specified by ComReg under Regulation 8,9 or 10 or rights of use referred to in Regulations 28 and 80.

A 10.23 Regulation 8 of the 2022 Regulations mandates ComReg “shall... specify conditions

to be attached to a general authorisation for the provision of electronic communications networks or services only as are listed in Parts A, B and C of Schedule 1.” Such conditions must be non-discriminatory, proportionate and transparent.

## **RoU Conditions - regulations 80, 14 and 15 of the 2022 Regulations**

A 10.24 Regulations 80(1) of the 2022 Regulations provides that where it is necessary to grant individual rights of use for numbering resources, ComReg shall, on receipt of an application in such form as it may from time to time determine, grant a right of use for any class or description of number to any undertaking for the provision of electronic communications networks or services as ComReg considers appropriate, subject to Regulation 10 and to Regulation 99(1)(c) and to any other rules ensuring the efficient use of those numbering resources in accordance with the Directive. Regulation 80(2) provides that the rights of use for numbering resources shall be granted through open, objective, transparent, non-discriminatory and proportionate procedures for granting rights of use for numbers and make such procedures publicly available.

A 10.25 Regulation 80(53) of the 2022 Regulations together provide that ComReg shall make any decision on the grant of a right to use numbering resources as soon as possible after receipt by it of a complete application and in the case of numbering resources that have been allocated for a specific purpose within the National Numbering Plan, within 3 weeks after such receipt. ComReg shall communicate its decision to the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable and, subject to any restrictions which ComReg considers appropriate in order to protect the confidentiality of any information which ComReg considers confidential, ComReg shall make public such a decision as soon as is reasonably practicable, after informing the applicant.

A 10.26 Regulation 80 (3) of the 2022 Regulations provides that when granting a right of use in accordance with Regulation 80(1), ComReg shall specify whether such rights may be transferred by the holder and under what conditions such a transfer may take place.

A 10.27 It is primarily “undertakings” as defined which may be granted rights of use for numbering resources, meaning any undertaking that has made a valid notification to ComReg pursuant to regulation 64(1) of the 2022 Regulations and is thereby deemed to be authorised to provide the electronic communications network(s) (ECN) and/or service(s) (ECS) described in the notification, subject to compliance with the General Authorisation (ComReg Doc 03/81R6). Additionally, pursuant to Regulation 79(5)(a) of the 2022 Regulations, ComReg may also grant rights of use for numbering resources from the national numbering plan for the provision of specific services to a person who is not the provider of ECNs or ECSs, provided that adequate numbering resources are made available to satisfy current and foreseeable future demand.

A 10.28 Regulations 104(1)(4) of the 2022 Regulations together provide that ComReg shall specify conditions to be attached to rights of use for numbering resources only as are listed in Part E of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations. Such conditions must also be non-discriminatory, proportionate and transparent while ComReg may decide that certain conditions shall not apply to certain classes or types of undertakings. An undertaking shall comply with the conditions attaching to rights of use for numbering resources applicable to it. A condition attaching to a right of use for a number may not also be a condition of the General Authorisation.

A 10.29 Regulations 104(54) and (6) of the 2022 Regulations provide that an undertaking commits a hybrid offence if it fails to comply with a condition of its right of use for numbering resources. In proceedings for such an offence it is a defence for the undertaking charged to show that it took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence. The specific provisions relating to prosecutions of offences, including procedures and penalties, are set out in Part 13 (“Enforcement”) of the 2022 Regulations.

A 10.30 Conditions attaching to rights of use for numbers fall into two categories - the general conditions in Section 3 apply to all classes of numbers and the specific conditions in Section 4 apply to particular classes of numbers.

A 10.31 Regulation 14 of the 2022 Regulations provides that ComReg may amend the rights, conditions and procedures concerning rights of use for numbering resources, in objectively justified cases and in a proportionate manner. Except where such an amendment is minor in nature and agreed to, ComReg shall give notice of its intention to make any amendment and shall invite interested parties to make representation.

### ***Enforcement – compliance with GA Conditions and RoU Conditions***

A 10.32 The statutory provisions for enforcing the GA Conditions and the RoU Conditions are the same.

A 10.33 Regulation 105(1) of the 2022 Regulations provides that ComReg shall monitor and supervise compliance with conditions of the general authorisation and of rights of use for numbering resources. Regulation 105(2) provides that ComReg may require an undertaking subject to the general authorisation or benefitting from rights of use for numbering resources to provide all information that ComReg considers necessary to verify compliance with those conditions.

A 10.34 Regulation 105(3) of the 2022 Regulations provides that a person shall comply with any regulatory decision, determination, specification, requirement, direction, an obligation, term, condition or measure under the Regulations, including inter alia one or more of its

obligations under Regulation 6; one or more of the obligations attached to its general authorisation, or one or more of the conditions attached to its rights of use for numbering resources. Pursuant to section 69 of the Act of 2023, an authorised officer, having investigated a suspected regulatory breach, may subject to section 68 and with the consent of ComReg inter alia where the authorised officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the notified person has committed or is committing a regulatory breach, refer the matter in accordance with section 71 to adjudication. Pursuant to section 91 of the Act of 2023, where an adjudicator makes a decision under section 90(2) that a person has committed a regulatory breach, he or she may do one or more of the following: (a) require the person to cease the regulatory breach or to take specified measures to remedy the breach; (b) impose a financial penalty on the person in accordance with section 94; (c) require the person to pay a refund to a third party in accordance with section 94; (d) require the person to pay compensation to a third party in accordance with section 96; or (e) suspend or withdraw the person's authorisation to provide electronic communications networks or services (other than number-independent interpersonal communications services) or some or all of the person's rights of use for numbering resources in accordance with section 97.

A 10.35 Regulation 110(1) of the 2022 Regulations provides that where ComReg considers that there is or has been serious or repeated breaches by an undertaking of the conditions attached to its general authorisation, or its rights of use for numbering resources, ComReg may decide, having considered any representations made by the undertaking within the period referred to in Regulation 110(2), that the undertaking is no longer authorised under Regulation 64 and ComReg may suspend or withdraw any rights of use for numbering resources granted to the undertaking. Pursuant to Regulation 110(2), ComReg shall first notify the undertaking and allow the undertaking 28 days to make representations. In making any such decision, ComReg may also apply to the High Court for an order to pay a financial penalty to ComReg, in such amount as ComReg proposes as appropriate. Note that section 61(2) of the Act of 2023 provides that Part 7 ("Administrative Sanctions") of that Act is without prejudice to any power of ComReg to suspend or withdraw general authorisation or rights of use for numbering resources.

A 10.36 Regulation 99 of the 2022 Regulations provides that ComReg may require an undertaking to provide information to it in respect of the general authorisation or of a right of use for numbers, where such a requirement is proportionate and objectively justified and only for the specific purposes set out therein.

A 10.37 Regulation 81 of the 2022 Regulations provides that ComReg may, subject to section 13 of the Act of 2002, impose fees for rights of use for numbering resources which reflect the need to ensure the optimal use of those resources. No such fees are imposed at present though ComReg reserves the right to review and amend this policy as it sees fit.

***Other matters***

A 10.38 Regulation 93(1) of the 2022 Regulations provides that a provider of publicly available number-based interpersonal communications services, where those services allow end-users to originate calls to a number in the national numbering plan or in an international numbering plan (including public pay telephones) shall ensure that end-users are able to access the emergency services free of charge through the emergency communications referred to in paragraph (2) and without having to use any means of payment, by using the single European emergency call number “112”, the national emergency number 999 and any national emergency call number that may be specified by ComReg.

A 10.39 Regulation 83(1) of the 2022 Regulations provides that ComReg may, where technically feasible and except where a called end-user has chosen for commercial reasons to limit access by calling parties located in specific geographical areas, specify requirements for compliance by an undertaking operating a public telephone network or providing voice communications services for the purpose of ensuring that end-users are able to— (a) access and use services using non-geographic numbers within the European Union; and (b) access all numbers provided in the European Union, regardless of the technology and devices used by the operator, including those in the national numbering plans of Member States, and Universal International Freephone Numbers (UFIN).

A 10.40 Regulation 83(2) of the 2022 Regulations provides that ComReg may require providers of public electronic communications networks or publicly available networks or publicly available electronic communications services to block, on a case by case basis, access to numbers or services where this is justified by reason of fraud or misuse and to require that in such cases those providers withhold relevant interconnection or other service revenues.

A 10.41 Regulation 90(3) of the 2022 Regulations provides that an end-user with a number from the National Numbering Plan has the right, upon request, to retain his or her number independently of the provider providing the service— (a) in the case of Geographic Numbers, at a specific location, and (b) in the case of Non-Geographic Numbers, at any location.



## Appendix: 12 Definitions

In this National Numbering Scheme, except where the context otherwise requires -

**“access code”** means the 3 – 4 digits associated with a Non-Geographic Number. The access code is 3 – 4 digits in length and is placed before the subscriber number;

**“activated”** means the status of a number which is fully operational such that it is able to support the telecommunications service for which it is designated. Therefore ‘activation’ implies bringing the number into service so that a PSTN/ISDN/Mobile Network connection can be made to that number;

**“2002 Act”** means the Communications Regulation Act, 2002 – 2023;

**“Act of 2007”** means the Communications Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2007 (No. 22 of 2007);

**“authorised undertaking”** means an undertaking deemed to be authorised under Regulation 6 and Part A of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations;

**“area code”** means the 2 – 4 digits, comprised of the trunk prefix ‘0’ followed by the national destination code (NDC), which provides the geographic significance to a Geographic Number;

**“Bursty Traffic Number”** means a Non-Geographic Number that is used for services that are likely to generate very large call volumes over a short period of time.;

**“call”** means a connection established by means of a publicly available electronic communications service allowing two-way voice communication;

**“called party”** means any party in a call other than the caller;

**“caller”** means the party that initiates the call establishment;

**“calling line identification” (CLI)** means a service within telecommunications networks that provide users with capabilities of sending, receiving and displaying International ITU-T E.164 numbers;

**“Carrier Short Code”** means a short code that allows end-users to access their preferred electronic communications service and/or network provider;

**“ComReg”** means the Commission for Communications Regulation;

**“country code”** means a combination of one, 2 or 3 digits identifying a specific country,

countries in an integrated numbering plan, or a specific geographic area;

**“customer”** means any natural person or legal entity who or which is party to a contract with the provider of publicly available electronic communication services or publicly available electronic communications networks for the supply of such services or network facilities;

**“Customer Support Short Code”** means a short code that is used by network operators for the purpose of providing non-commercial support services to existing Customers;

**“direct dialling inwards” (DDI)** means a supplementary service that enables an end-user to directly call another end-user on a ISPBX or other private system without attendant intervention;

**“directory enquiry service”** means a service which involves the provision of a requested telephone number or numbers to a calling party, based on information provided by the calling party and utilising one or more number databases or any other sources of information;

**“E.164 number”** means a string of decimal digits that satisfies the three characteristics of structure, number length and uniqueness specified in Annex A of ITU-T Recommendation E.164. The number contains the information necessary to route the call to a specific termination point associated with this number;

**“electronic communications network” (ECN)** means transmission systems and, where applicable, switching or routing equipment and other resources, including network elements which are not active, which permit the conveyance of signals by wire, by radio, by optical or by other electromagnetic means, including satellite networks, fixed (circuit- and packet-switched, including Internet) and mobile terrestrial networks, electricity cable systems, to the extent that they are used for the purpose of transmitting signals, networks used for radio and television broadcasting, and cable television networks, irrespective of the type of information conveyed;

**“electronic communications service” (ECS)** means a service normally provided for remuneration via electronic communications networks, which encompasses, with the exception of services providing, or exercising editorial control over, content transmitted using electronic communications networks and services, the following types of services:

(a) ‘internet access service’ as defined in point (2) of the second paragraph of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2120; (b) interpersonal communications service; and (c) services consisting wholly or mainly in the conveyance of signals such as transmission services used for the provision of machine-to-machine services and for broadcasting;

**“emergency call”** means a call that is forwarded from an undertaking to the operator of

the “emergency call answering service” for onward transmission to an “emergency service” and includes a call that may not be a genuine one (see defined terms in section 58A of the 2002 Act as inserted by the Act of 2007);

“**end-user**” means a user not providing public communications networks or publicly available electronic communications services;

“**Extraterritorial use**” means the use of Irish numbering resources in other countries on a permanent basis by way of (i) activation of the Irish numbering resources in a telecommunications network in another country; or (ii) by way of permanent international roaming. The use of Irish numbering resources for temporary roaming is not considered as Extraterritorial use;

“**fixed-mobile convergence (FMC)**” means that in a given network configuration, the capabilities that provide services and application to the end-user regardless of the fixed or mobile access technologies being used and independent of the end-user's location. In the next generation network (NGN) environment, it means provide NGN services to end-users regardless of the fixed or mobile access technologies being used;

“**Freephone Number**” means a Non-Geographic Number where the charge for the call is paid by the called party and not the caller;

“**General Authorisation**” means an authorisation for an undertaking to provide an electronic communications network or service under and in accordance with Regulation 6 and Part A of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations;

“**Geographic Number**” means a number from the National Numbering Scheme where part of its digit structure contains geographic significance used for routing calls to the physical location of the network termination point (NTP);

“**geographic number portability (GNP)**” means a facility which enables end-users to retain their Geographic Number independently of the operator providing the service;

“**Harmonised Codes of Social Value**” means any short code that is reserved for the provision of harmonised services of social value as defined in Article 2 of Decision 2007/116/EC, as amended by Decision 2009/884/EC;

“**holder**” means an undertaking which has been granted a right of use for any class or description of number by ComReg, or to which such a right of use has been transferred or ported by another undertaking or which jointly holds the rights of use under a sub-assignment agreement with an aforementioned undertaking;

“**Individual Number Assignment (INA)**” means the ComReg system that incorporates use of the Fixed Number Portability (FNP) system to assign individual 1800 and 0818 NGNs;

**“integrated services digital network” (ISDN)** means an integrated services network that provides digital connections between user-network interfaces;

**“international mobile subscriber identity” (IMSI)** means a string of decimal digits, up to a maximum length of 15 digits, which identifies a unique subscription. The IMSI consists of three fields: the mobile country code (MCC), the mobile network code (MNC), and the mobile subscription identification number (MSIN);

**“International Signalling Point Code” (ISPC)** means a code with a unique 14-bit format used at the international level for signalling message routing and identification of signalling points involved;

**“Internet Access Number”** means a Non-Geographic Number that is used by internet service providers to route traffic from the PSTN, ISDN or mobile network to the point-of-presence (PoP) of the internet service provider;

**“Interpersonal Communications Service”** means a service normally provided for remuneration that enables direct interpersonal and interactive exchange of information via electronic communications networks between a finite number of persons, whereby the persons initiating or participating in the communication determine its recipient(s) and does not include services which enable interpersonal and interactive communication merely as a minor ancillary feature that is intrinsically linked to another service;

**“Know Your Customer (“KYC”)**” means, in general terms, the policies and procedures put in place by organisations to verify the identities of customers and manage risk.

**“local call”** means a call within a local calling area as defined by the undertaking that originates the call. In the case of Eircom, a local call means a call within an NDC geographic area and to locations in adjacent NDC geographic areas between which calls are charged at the local rate, as defined in Section 2.1.1 of the published ‘Eircom Price List 2014’, or any subsequently amended price list;

**“Long-lining”** means the implementation by an undertaking of a dedicated SIP or alternative trunk type to serve an end-user to ensure that calls from that end-user originate on the Irish PSTN;

**“M2M service”** means a service consisting of the exchange of data between devices, over a public electronic communications network, with limited or no human intervention;

**“message”** means the content sent between numbers and codes, that is composed of alphabetical or numerical characters, or multimedia content;

**“Messaging and Payment Short Code”** means a short code that is used for messaging, transmission of short video messages and mobile payments;

**“Mobile Country Code” (MCC)** means the first field of the IMSI and is 3 digits in length and identifies a country;

**“mobile network”** means a 2nd, 3rd or 4th Generation digital wireless network, or any intermediate evolution of those, using Mobile Numbers, in which seamless handover and roaming features are provided;

**“Mobile Network Code” (MNC)** means the second field of the IMSI, it is 2 or 3 digits in length and provides sufficient information to identify the home network of the mobile terminal or mobile end-user;

**“mobile network operator” (MNO)** means an authorised undertaking that owns and operates a 2nd, 3rd or 4th Generation digital wireless mobile network, or any intermediate evolution of those, using radio frequency spectrum in any of the 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and/or 2100 MHz bands or other radio frequency spectrum bands as assigned by ComReg from time to time;

**“mobile virtual network operator” (MVNO)** means an authorised undertaking that, through a contractual agreement with an Irish MNO, has access to a mobile network to provide a mobile service;

**“Mobile Service Provider” or “MSP”** means an authorised undertaking providing End-Users with land based/terrestrial publicly available mobile telephony services using a mobile network;

**“Mobile Number”** means a Non-Geographic Number that is used as part of a mobile service;

**“mobile number portability” (MNP)** means a facility which enables end-users to retain their Mobile Number independently of the mobile Operator providing the service;

**“minimum numbering area” (MNA)** means one of the 106 geographic areas associated with Geographic Numbers, as defined in the “the National Numbering Plan”;

**“mobile service”** means a land based terrestrial publicly available mobile voice telephony, messaging and/or data service provided by means of a mobile network;

**“mobile subscription identification number” (MSIN)** means the third field of the IMSI, it is up to 10 digits in length, and is administered by the relevant operator to identify individual subscriptions;

**“national call”** means a call that originates and terminates on Geographic Numbers within the state;

**“National Numbering Scheme”** means the scheme administered by ComReg which sets out the sequence of numbers or other characters which must be used to route communications to specific locations, terminals, persons or functions on public electronic communications networks, and consisting of:

- (i). the numbering plan databases containing details for all rights of use for numbers granted;
- (ii). the national numbering plan, listing the 106 geographic areas associated with Geographic Numbers and the designations for all classes of numbers; and
- (iii). the numbering conditions of use and application process document.

**“National Signalling Point Code” (NSPC)** means a code with a unique 14-bit format used at the national level for signalling message routing and identification of signalling points involved;

**“network CLI”** means a line identity that comprises a unique E.164 number (or from which that number may be reconstructed) that unambiguously identifies:

- (i). the Network Termination Point (NTP); or
- (ii). the line identity that has been provided to an individual end-user or terminal/telephone with non-fixed access to the public telephone network.

In SIP based networks, the Network Number is carried in a “P-Asserted-Id” header field, as defined in RFC 3325<sup>25</sup> as amended.

**“network operator”** means an operator that manages a telecommunications network;

**“network-to-network-interface” (NNI)** means an interface at a network node which is used to interconnect with another network node;

**“Network-Use Short Code” (NUSC)** means a short code dedicated to offering services that are restricted to use within a network, and which is not normally transmitted across network-to-network interfaces;

**“network termination point” (NTP)** means the physical point at which a subscriber is

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<sup>25</sup> RFC 3325 Private Extensions to the Session Initiation Protocol for Asserted Identity within Trusted Networks. Available here: [RFC 3325: Private Extensions to the Session Initiation Protocol \(SIP\) for Asserted Identity within Trusted Networks \(rfc-editor.org\)](http://rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3325.html)

provided with access to a public communications network; in the case of networks involving switching or routing, the NTP is identified by means of a specific network address, which may be linked to a subscriber number or name;

**“Non-Geographic Number”** means a number from the National Numbering Scheme that is not a Geographic Number in that its geographic network termination point (NTP) is not identifiable from its digit structure;

**“non-geographic number portability” (NGNP)** means a facility which enables end-users to retain their Non-Geographic Number independently of the operator providing the service;

**“number”** means a character and a combination of numbers or characters or both;

**“number change”** means a change by ComReg to the digit structure of an access code, short code or subscriber number;

**“Number Hosting”** means the implementation of numbers, which are held by an undertaking, on another undertaking’s network; this is to enable connectivity for the number holders end users.

**“number portability”** means a facility which enables end-users to retain their E.164 number independently of the operator providing the service;

**“Number Portability Routing Prefix”** means a short code used for the purpose of routing calls to ported numbers;

**“operator”** means an undertaking providing or authorised to provide a public communications network or associated facility;

**“OTT Service Provider”** means a service provider of content, a service or an application that is provided to the end user over the public Internet;

**“PA”** means participating aggregator. This is an SMS aggregator that signs up to the relevant Sender ID registry rules and carries messages bearing a registered Sender ID from SIDOs via an Irish MSP;

**“premium rate service”** means a service having all of the following characteristics:

- (i). it consists in the provision of the contents of communications (other than a broadcasting service) through an electronic communications network or by using an electronic communications service, which may include or allow the use of a facility made available to the users of the service;

- (ii). there is a charge for the provision of the service which exceeds the cost attributable to communications carriage alone; and
- (iii). the charge referred to in paragraph (ii) is paid by the end-user of the service directly or indirectly to the provider of the electronic communications network or electronic communications service used in connection with the provision of the service by means of a billing or other agreed payment mechanism.

**“Premium Rate Service Number”** means a Non-Geographic Number that is used to provide Premium Rate Services;

**“Premium Rate Service Short Code”** means a short code within the ranges 53XXX to 59XXX that are used by Premium Rate Service providers to provide Premium Rate Services;

**“premium rate service provider”** means a person who does any or all of the following, for gain:

- (i). provides the contents of a Premium Rate Service;
- (ii). exercises editorial control over the contents of a Premium Rate Service; (iii). packages together the contents of a Premium Rate Service for the purpose of facilitating its provision;
- (iv). makes available a facility as part of a Premium Rate Service;
- (v). transfers a Premium Rate Service from a content provider to one or more electronic communications networks; or
- (vi). provides the electronic communications service over which a Premium Rate Service is provided, or provides the electronic communications network over which a Premium Rate Service is transmitted.

**“presentation CLI”** means number that can identify a caller or be used to make a return call. The presentation CLI must be a number assigned to the caller and is supported by an underlying network CLI. In SIP based networks, the Presentation Number is carried in the “From” header field, as defined in RFC 3261<sup>26</sup> as amended.;

**“Primary Assignee”** means, in the context of sub-assignment, an undertaking which has been granted a right of use for any class or description of number by ComReg.

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<sup>26</sup> RFC 3261 SIP: Session Initiation Protocol. Available here: [RFC 3261: SIP: Session Initiation Protocol \(rfc-editor.org\)](http://rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3261.html)



**“Public Safety Answering Points (“PSAP”)**” means the entity that answers all emergency calls and text messages and connects the caller to the required emergency service. This service is currently provided by ECAS in Ireland

**“public switched telephone network” (PSTN)** means any network providing transmission and switching functions as well as features which are available to the general public, not restricted to a specific user group. The PSTN provides access points to other networks or terminals only within a specific geographical area. From the point of view of an end-to-end connection, a public network can function either as a "Transit Network" (a link between two other networks) or as a combination of "Transit and Terminating Network" in cases where the public network provides connections to terminal equipment such as telephone sets, or private branch exchanges (PBXs);

**“publicly available telephone service” (PATS)** means a service made available to the public for originating and receiving, directly or indirectly, national or national and International calls through a number or numbers in a national or international telephone numbering plan;

**“quarantined number”** means a number which should not be reassigned to an end-user for a certain period of time, typically following de-activation of the number;

**“Registered Entities”** means the SIDO and Registered PA for a given Registered SMS Sender ID;

**“Registered Sender ID”** means a Sender ID that has been approved by ComReg for addition to the Sender ID Registry.

**“Reseller”** means an authorised undertaking that enters into a contract with another authorised undertaking to receive number dependent services that the reseller uses to provide its own number dependent service to its end-users or to other authorised undertakings.

**“right of use for a number”** (or **“number right of use”**) means a right granted by ComReg directly or indirectly to an undertaking pursuant to Regulations 10 and 79 and Part E of Schedule 1 to the 2022 Regulations ;

**“Sender ID owner” or “SIDO”** means the entity to which a Sender ID is assigned by ComReg for use with transiting or terminating SMS. A SIDO could contract a third party to send their messages via a PA rather than send them directly;

**“Sender ID Registry”** means the register managed by ComReg of all Registered Sender IDs, SIDOs and the Registered Entities which may transmit or terminate specific Registered

SMS Sender IDs;

“**service**” means a “Publicly Available Telephone Service”, unless otherwise indicated;

“**service provider**” means an authorised undertaking providing publicly available electronic communications services and which has provided a notification to ComReg in accordance with Regulation 6(1) of the 2022 Regulations;

“**short code**” means a number that is 2 - 6 digits long and is used to access frequently used services or key public interest services;

“**SIDO**” means Sender ID owner which is typically, an organisation that wishes to send SMS messages either directly to a PA or via a trusted BCP;

“**signalling point**” means a node in a signalling network that originates and receives signalling messages, or transfers signalling messages from one signalling link to another, or both;

“**SMS Sender ID**” or “**Sender ID**” means an alphanumeric originating address in the TP-OA field of the SMS-TPDU of an SMS message as specified in the Third Generation Partnership Project technical specification 3GPP TS 23.040;

“**Sub-Assignee**” means, in the context of sub-assignment, an undertaking which has been sub-assigned a right of use for any class or description of number by a Primary Assignee and is jointly responsible with the Primary Assignee for the conditions attached to such numbers.

“**0818/1850/1890 Standard Rate Number**” means a Non-Geographic Number that allows the called party to receive calls at a single or several different locations;

“**subscriber**” means any natural person or legal entity who or which is party to a contract with a provider of publicly available electronic communications services for the supply of such services;

“**sub-assignment**” means, the assignment of numbering resources by a Primary-Assignee to a Sub-Assignee

“**transfer**” means the handover of a number right of use from one undertaking to another, with the recipient undertaking becoming the holder of the number right of use;

“**undertaking**” means a person engaged or intending to engage in the provision of electronic communications networks or services or associated facilities;

“**universal service regulations**” means the European Communities (Electronic

Communications Networks and Services) (Universal Service and Users' Rights) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 337/2011);

**“voice over internet protocol” (VoIP)** means a technology that allows end-users to make and receive calls over an Internet Protocol (IP) transmission network (including the Internet) rather than the public switched telephone network.