



Commission for
Communications Regulation

Revocation of ComReg Direction 07/06: Regulation of Postal Services – Universal Service Obligation - Bulk Mail Access

Information Notice

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1. On 31 January 2007, the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) published a Response to Consultation (Doc 07/06) which included a formal direction which issued to An Post, under Regulation 4(1)(b) of the European Communities (Postal Services) Regulations, 2002. The Direction was issued to An Post in its capacity as the designated universal service provider and was for the purpose of ensuring that the density of access points for An Post's bulk mail services took account of the needs of postal service users.
2. Direction 07/06 provided that whenever An Post applied special tariffs to certain customers, including for the provision of postal services for businesses, bulk mailers or consolidators of mail from different customers, then An Post was required to provide all such customers with full and unconditional access to each of the 43 access points within its public postal network, as listed in Direction 07/06.
3. Direction 07/06 has since been superseded by provisions contained within the Communications Regulation (Universal Postal Service) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 280 of 2012)¹, enacted by ComReg in July 2012 following a public consultation carried out in accordance with section 16(9) of the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011. ComReg has therefore decided to revoke Direction 07/06 as it is considered appropriate and reasonable to do so at this time, and An Post has been formally notified in writing of this fact.

¹ http://www.comreg.ie/_fileupload/publications/SI_280_of_2012.pdf