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ComReg consults on its proposals for postal regulation

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today initiated a public consultation on its proposals for postal regulation under the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011. The consultation sets out ComReg's proposals as to how postal service providers should be authorised and the rights and obligations which should attach to such authorisations. The consultation also addresses the set of universal postal services that An Post, as the "universal postal service provider" designated by the Oireachtas, should be required to provide.

In setting An Post's universal postal services, ComReg's proposals reflect its efforts to balance the need to protect the universal postal service which consumers and small business depend on while also allowing An Post maximum commercial flexibility to negotiate individually tailored terms and conditions (including price) with its larger customers. The consultation proposes setting a minimum set of universal postal services to include:

- At a uniform and affordable price, high quality "standard" services for letters, large envelopes, packets, and parcels, irrespective of where senders and addressees are located within the State.
- A single "bulk mail" service to meet the needs of businesses and organisations which post a substantial quantity of mail at the same place and time, again irrespective of where they are located.
- An "unbundled" Registered Post service that separates "registration" and "insurance", as mandated by the Oireachtas.

The Consultation document (ComReg Document 12/38) is available to download on the ComReg website at www.comreg.ie. ComReg invites and encourages all interested parties to read it and to provide their considered feedback, which must be received by **Monday 28 May 2012**.

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