

14/001 Blackdog Communications – Section 44

Blackdog Communications (“Blackdog”) has paid ComReg €3,000 following an investigation by ComReg into the promotion, content and operation of its premium rate services (“PRS”).

ComReg believes that Blackdog operated PRS on the following premium rate numbers without holding the relevant licences and has therefore committed an offence contrary to Section 12 of the Communications Regulation (Premium Rate Services and Electronic Communications Infrastructure) Act, 2010;

- i. 1590 999 687
- ii. 1590 999 733

The payment of €3,000 to ComReg has been made under Section 44 of the Communications Regulation Acts 2002 to 2011 (“Act of 2002”) and will in turn be passed on to the Exchequer by ComReg.¹ As well as making this payment to ComReg, Blackdog has carried out an internal audit of its PRS for the purposes of ensuring that it has obtained the appropriate PRS licences for the PRS it operates.

In addition, Blackdog has donated the revenues it received while the PRS were operating while unlicensed to charity.

¹ In accordance with Section 44(4) of the Act of 2002