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ComReg places obligations on Vodafone and O₂ to allow for more competition in the mobile phone market

ComReg today published the obligations it is placing on Vodafone and O_2 in order to introduce more competition into the mobile phone market.

Following a review of the mobile market, ComReg found that Vodafone and O₂ have Significant Market Power (SMP) in the market for wholesale mobile access and call origination.

ComReg is imposing an immediate obligation on Vodafone and O₂ requiring them to provide access to other companies on their networks.

ComReg maintains its view that commercially-negotiated access agreements are the preferred solution to the competition problems identified in this market. However, if access agreements are not entered into, ComReg will intervene, at its own discretion, or at the request of an access-seeker, in order to conclude access agreements.

The full document in relation to this matter ComReg 05/27 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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