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ComReg welcomes the European Commission's endorsement of its review of the Irish mobile market

The Commission for Communications Regulation has welcomed the European Commission's endorsement of its review of the Irish mobile market.

Last December ComReg notified the European Commission of its conclusions following a comprehensive review of the Irish Mobile market in which it found Vodafone and O_2 to have joint dominance.

In its notification, ComReg proposed that the networks of Vodafone and O₂ should be open to alternative providers such as Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNOs). ComReg also proposed that existing agreements regarding national roaming should be maintained.

The EU Commission had the power to veto this notification and could request ComReg to withdraw this measure. However, ComReg has today received a letter from the European Commission endorsing ComReg's decision and its proposed remedies in relation to the Irish Mobile Market.

ComReg will now proceed to implement its remedies in order to bring more competition into the Irish mobile market.

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