

Information Notice

Notification of extension to deadline for comments on:

Regulation of Postal Services - Universal Service Obligation, Tariff Principles and miscellaneous issues, ODTR No. 02/95

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1 Deadline Extension

1.1 Deadline Extension

Due to representations made to this Office from a number of interested parties, the deadline for comments on the Consultation Paper, 'Regulation of Postal Services - Universal Service Obligation, Tariff Principles and miscellaneous issues', (Document 02/95) has been extended to Friday 31 January 2003.

Comments on the consultation are required by close of business on Friday 31 January 2003. All responses should be addressed to:

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1.2 Point of Clarification

Please note that at the time of publication of the Consultation Paper, 'Regulation of Postal Services - Universal Service Obligation, Tariff Principles and miscellaneous issues', (Document 02/95) on 6 November 2002 the position referred to at 2.4.6 'Proposals for inclusion in Direction, has been subsequently discontinued by An Post on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Section (d) of the Proposal for inclusion in the Direction states

In those cities and towns where collections are currently made on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays, or where there is currently a clearance after 6pm on Monday to Friday to secure next day delivery locally, this standard of service should continue to be provided from a restricted number of posting points so that no one in these towns has to travel more than 3km to post a letter on these days / times.

The office has learned that the General Post Office (GPO) at O'Connell Street, Dublin 1 has closed for business on Sundays and Bank Holidays from the 17 November 2002.

Question 3 of the Consultation Paper asked the question:

Do you agree that existing arrangements for mail posted after 5.30 pm and on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays should be maintained? If you think some alternative criteria should apply please state your reasons.