



Commission for
Communications Regulation

Information Notice

Notification of extension to deadline for comments on:

**Regulation of Postal Services - Universal Service
Obligation- Bulk Mail Access
ComReg Document No 04/54**

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1 Foreword

On 21 May the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) published a consultation paper seeking views of interested parties about the merits of issuing a Direction to An Post which will set out the precise nature of access which must be provided for Bulk Mail Customers.

ComReg is hereby notifying all interested parties that the deadline for the submission of observations has been extended, at the request of an interested party, to 25 June 2004. All comments / submissions are to be in accordance with Appendix A of this document.

**John Doherty,
Chairperson.**

Appendix A - Submitting Comments

All comments are welcome, however it would make the task of analysing responses easier if comments were referenced to the relevant question numbers in accordance with consultation paper ComReg 04/054 and as summarised in Appendix B of this document.

The consultation period is now extended to 25 June 2004 during which the Commission welcomes written comments on any of the issues raised in the paper.

All responses to this consultation should be clearly marked:-
“Reference: Submission re ComReg **04/54**” as indicated above, and sent by post, facsimile, e-mail or on-line at www.comreg.ie (current consultations), to arrive on or before **1700, Friday 25 June 2004, to:**

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Having analysed and considered the comments received, ComReg will review the proposed Direction to An Post regarding Access for Bulk Mail Customers and publish a report in July 2004 on the consultation which will, inter alia, summarise the responses to the consultation.

In order to promote further openness and transparency ComReg will publish the names of all respondents and make available on its website all responses to the consultation.

Please note ComReg will publish all submissions with the Response to Consultation, subject to confidentiality.

ComReg appreciates that many of the issues raised in this paper may require respondents to provide confidential information if their comments are to be meaningful. Respondents are requested to clearly identify confidential material and if possible to include it in a separate annex to the response. Such information will be treated as strictly confidential.

Appendix B – Consultation Questions from ComReg 04/54

Q. 1. How adequate are the current points of access for bulk mail in meeting the needs of users:

(a) who present mail requiring full processing (sortation, transportation, and delivery)?

(b) who present mail pre-sorted (e.g. pre-sort discount, postaim)?

Please provide a reasoned response.

Q. 2. Is it necessary for ComReg to issue a Direction under Regulation 4(1)(b) to ensure that the points of access for bulk mail meet the needs of users?

Please give your reasons.

Q. 3. Do you agree with ComReg's proposals for the Direction to be issued to An Post? If not, please state your reasons.

Q. 4. What other elements would you include in a Direction to An Post regarding Bulk Mail Access?

Q. 5. If a Direction containing the suggested elements was issued what effect would it have on the volume of mail you generate?