

Notification Re Information Notice 00/60

(penalty payments)

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Notification to all Licensed Operators

On the 28th of August 2000, the Director of Telecommunications Regulation issued a direction to *eircom* (Information Notice ODTR 00/60), entitled "Direction to eircom requiring modification to eircom's Service Level Agreement for leased lines (penalty payments)". The effect of this direction was to remove the cap on penalties payable by eircom in the event of late delivery of national analogue and digital leased lines to OLOs.

Under that direction, *eircom* was required to formally notify OLOs of the amendment to its 'Statement of Service Levels for the Provision of Specified Services to Other Licensed Operators' by 5.30pm on the 7th of September 2000. However, on the 7th of September 2000, *eircom* challenged the direction and an Order of Prohibition was granted by the High Court preventing the direction from coming into effect.

Licensed Operators should note that the effect of the Order granted by the High Court is to suspend the above direction.