

## Vodafone Ireland Limited- noncompliance with respect to Regulation 6(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy (3.6 GHz Band Licences) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 532 of 2016)

## **Information Notice**

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1. On 15 December 2022, the Commission for Communications Regulation ("ComReg") notified Vodafone Ireland Limited ("Vodafone") of a finding of non-compliance with its obligations under the Wireless Telegraphy (3.6 GHz Band Licences) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 532 of 2016) ("the 3.6 GHz Band Licence Regulations") and the conditions of its 3.6 GHz Band Liberalised Use Licence (Licence Number: 3L1002) ("the Licence") ("the Notification").1

- 2. The Notification concerned Vodafone not:
  - a) operating and using the required 15 Rollout Base Stations for the South-East Region<sup>2</sup> within 3 years of the Licence Commencement Date for same Region; and
  - b) operating and using the required 15 Rollout Base Stations in at least 4 counties for the South-East Region.
- 3. Vodafone had until 16 January 2023 to state its views, including its proposal to remedy the non-compliance within a reasonable time frame.
- 4. On 16 January 2023, Vodafone responded to the Notification and committed to addressing its non-compliance within the 2023 calendar year.
- 5. During the course of 2023, Vodafone submitted its rollout plan and various updates on same and, on 3 November 2023, Vodafone submitted a list of 15 sites in the South-East Region which it confirmed were rolled out and live. See Table 1 below.
- 6. From the information submitted by Vodafone, and ComReg's assessment of additional information provided by Vodafone in the context of ComReg's Outdoor Mobile Coverage Map<sup>3</sup>, ComReg is of the view that Vodafone has subsequently come into compliance with the above-mentioned obligations.
- 7. Accordingly, ComReg has decided to close the investigation and does not intend to take any further action in respect of this matter.
- 8. ComReg will continue to monitor and supervise compliance by all 3.6 GHz Band licensees with their respective obligations and reserves the right to investigate any matters arising.

https://www.comreg.ie/media/dlm\_uploads/2016/08/ComReg-1671-1.pdf

ComReg Document 22/107 – Notification of a Finding of Non-Compliance to Vodafone Ireland Limited with respect to the 3.6 GHz Regulations – published 15 December 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Section 2.2 of ComReg Document 16/71 for information regarding the Regions where 3.6 GHz Band spectrum rights of use were awarded.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://coveragemap.comreg.ie/map

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Table 1:List of Vodafone 3.6 GHz sites rolled out and live in the South East

Site ID	Site Name	Longitude	Latitude
CW015	Carlow AEH	-6.92340278	52.84561352
CW049	Delmec Engineering	-6.936711959	52.84191468
CW500	Carlow Exchange	-6.931424207	52.83567283
KK091	Brannigans Haulage	-7.264713348	52.66811017
KK109	Ardnore	-7.246395111	52.64066813
KK113	Ormonde St Carpark	-7.252476833	52.65063641
KKKYC	Kilkenny AEH	-7.230024968	52.65360187
TY084	Showgrounds SC Clonmel	-7.691299452	52.3549477
WDCHN	Crohaun	-7.601818447	52.15874669
WX011	Coolcots ESB	-6.475462129	52.33571288
WX050	Enniscorthy AEH	-6.579590523	52.50788978
WX054	Drinagh Business Park	-6.459204636	52.30801192
WXAKH	Ask Hill	-6.252874796	52.70082054
WXETY	Enniscorthy Exchange	-6.567370655	52.50053538
WXWXD	Wexford Exchange	-6.46366091	52.32994294