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NAZARÉ SUCCESSFULLY SWITCHES TO DTT

As happened in the Alenquer and Cacém pilot areas, the analogue television signal switchoff in the Nazaré/Alcobaça region was carried out successfully. Data gathered by the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) show that only six families said they were unable to watch TV after the Nazaré relay was disconnected on 13 October, affecting nearly 2,000 families. Partly responsible for the success was the major effort to raise citizen awareness about digital terrestrial television (DTT)

through information sessions addressed to the public and professionals, the timely distribution of a DTT Guide to all homes and the involvement and participation of various local players. The switchover has thus been completed in the three pilot areas. On 12 January 2012 the national switchoff will begin along the coast of the Portuguese mainland, followed in March by the Azores and Madeira island regions and in April by the rest of the country. (+)

DTT GUIDE DELIVERED NATIONWIDE

As part of the process of switching from analogue television to digital terrestrial television (DTT), ANACOM has distributed nearly 6 million copies of the DTT Guide in Portugal (mainland and island regions), ensuring that all families and businesses

are provided with information to prepare for the upcoming change. The DTT Guide's 12 pages clearly and succinctly explain all the steps needed to switch over to DTT. (+)

ANACOM JOINS FORCES WITH DECO TO EXPLAIN DTT

A partnership between ANACOM and the DECO consumer defence organisation is to provide nearly a hundred information sessions about digital terrestrial television throughout mainland Portugal. ANACOM aims to clear up all doubts about the switchover to DTT, while DECO hopes to minimise costs and

help consumers make the best decisions in this process. Five sessions will thus be held in each of the country's 18 districts. A further 10 sessions will take place in areas with satellite coverage. (+)

MULTIBAND AUCTION REGULATION APPROVED

By determination dated 17 October, ANACOM approved the auction regulation for allocating frequency usage rights in the 450 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands (Multiband Auction), which was published in the *Diário da República* (official gazette) on 19 October - Regulation no. 560-A/2011 of 19 October. (+)

Also approved was the report from the regulatory procedure to which the draft Multiband Auction Regulation was submitted, since rectified by determination dated 3 November. (+)

Explanatory information regarding the multiband auction was

likewise posted online and, following the determination of the same date, the bidding deadline was extended for three working days, i.e. to 11 November. An administrative rule was meanwhile published on 4 November which specifically sets the amount of the fee for allocating frequency usage rights in the scope of the auction.

ANACOM has publicised the auction internationally in the newspapers *Financial Times* and *Expansión*, the magazine and website *Policy Tracker* and on the *Rethink Wireless* and *Financial Times* websites.

COMMUNICATIONS IN PORTUGAL

NEWS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENCE CASES

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) noted that FELCOURIER - Distribuição de Encomendas Nacionais e Internacionais had failed to submit legally required statistical information and thereby decided to fine the company 800 euros. The amount was not paid and has been passed on for judicial execution.

Upon verification that NACACOMUNIK had failed to submit to ANACOM within the 10 working day deadline information concerning client pre-selection deactivation processes, it was given a reprimand, which became final and binding on 12 September.

Upon verification of the practice of eight infringements of merely social nature in matters of portability, OPTIMUS was fined 46,500 euros. The company objected and on 1 September contested the decision in an appeal filed in the Lisbon Commercial Court.

For failing to submit legally required statistical information to ANACOM, P.P. EXPRESSO - Transporte de Mercadorias was fined 800 euros, which it voluntarily paid. For similar reasons PORTIPOST - Serviço de Transportes Urgente was fined the same amount, which it likewise paid. For failing to send in statistical information, ASL COURIER was also fined 249.40 euros, which it paid.

ANACOM PUBLIC SPEECHES

The speech by ANACOM vice-chairman Alberto Souto de Miranda on "Secrets of State - transparency on the internet" has been posted online. It was given last 7 October in Setúbal at the 10th Arrábida Forum - Rethinking the Future of the Information Society.

Also posted was the speech by Alberto Souto de Miranda on "Independence of Regulation and Regional and Supra-national Regulation" given at the International Association of Portuguese Language Communications (AICEP) seminar held last 17-18 October in Praia, Cape Verde. (+)

ANACOM chairman José Amado da Silva participated in the opening session of a seminar of the Industrial Resources and Communications Services Group (IRCSG) pertaining to NATO's Civil Emergency Planning Committee, held last 25-27 October in Monte Estoril outside Lisbon. The theme topic was "Cyber Security in the Energy and Manufacturing Industry Sectors".

T'COM INFRASTRUCTURE SEMINARS - PRESENTATIONS

The presentations given during the seminars on "The Telecommunications Infrastructures in Constructions (ITED-ITUR) Regime, Centralised Information System and Digital Terrestrial Television" held by ANACOM last 4 July and 28 September respectively in Santarém and Viseu have been published.

SPECTRUM - TRANSFER OF RIGHTS

By determination dated 13 October, ANACOM authorised the transfer to the title of Rádio Renascença of the frequency usage right allocated to RSF-Radiodifusão to practice the activity of audio broadcasting in a local environment via the "Radio NoAr" programming service. (+)

ANACOM made public that it received from the Media Regulatory Board (ERC) a request for a decision on the intention manifested by Maisactual - Comunicação e Meios to transfer to Rádio Comercial the frequency usage right it was allocated to practice the activity of audio broadcasting.

ANACOM REPORT PUBLISHED

The Report on Regulation, Supervision and Other ANACOM Activities with respect to 2010 is now available. It contains five major chapters, on context, regulation, supervision, other activities and final considerations.

CONSUMER PORTAL UPDATED

Information about DTT provided via the Consumer Portal has been updated so that all Portuguese can prepare for the arrival of digital TV.

TV IN PORTUGAL - OBERCOM STUDY

The Communications Observatory (OberCom) has released a new report on "Television in the Network Society" which examines consumption trends and TV use in Portugal compared to other media and platforms. (+)

COMPLAINTS BOOK - 1ST HALF-YEAR STATISTICS

The Directorate-General for Consumers has posted statistical data for the first half of 2011 concerning complaints filed in complaint books. The report indicates that the highest number of complaints is registered in the electronic communications sector.

EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF UNBUNDLED ACCESSES

2008				2009				2010				2011		
Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep
319908	314034	318374	305244	300822	307153	296609	280518	277507	270489	255718	242103	230655	220168	209362



INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPLY CONDITIONS - FINAL DECISION

By determination dated 10 October, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) approved the final decision on modification of the determination concerning the aim and manner of disclosing conditions for supplying and using electronic communications services, dated 21 April 2006. Compa-

nies that provide public communications networks and electronic communications services accessible to the public must implement the approved changes within a maximum of 120 working days counting from notification of this determination. (+)

SPECIAL NEEDS - ANACOM PUBLISHES GUIDE

ANACOM has published a guide for users with special needs which provides information about fixed and mobile telephone and internet services, functions and equipment available in Portugal that specifically meet the needs of those users. The initiative is meant to uphold the right of all electronic communi-

cations product and service users to have complete and detailed information per ANACOM's mission as the regulatory authority for communications in Portugal. The Guide, which is being extensively distributed, is published in Portuguese and English and will soon count audio, Braille and amplified versions. (+)

5TH ANACOM CONFERENCE - CONCLUSIONS

The summary of work/conclusions from the fifth ANACOM International Conference held last 6 October in Lisbon is now

available. The conference's theme topic was "Postal Service Liberalisation: year one". (+)

NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

Administrative Rule no. 291-A/2011 (Series I - *Diário da República* of 4 November) - Establishes the third modification of Administrative Rule no. 1473-B/2008 of 17 December, which approves the fees due for the issuance of statements proving rights, the practice of the activity of supplier of electronic communications networks and services, the allocation of frequency and number usage rights and radio spectrum use and other fees due to ANACOM.

Resolution of Parliament no. 139/2011 (Series I - D.R. of 24 October) - Election of four members to the regulatory council of the Media Regulatory Board (ERC).

The government met in Council of Ministers last 27 October and approved a resolution creating the Project Group for Information and Communication Technologies.

DETERMINATIONS ADOPTED BY ANACOM - 3RD QUARTER 2011

DATE	DETERMINATION
29.09.11	Draft cancellation of the frequency usage right of MobiZAPP (draft decision) (+)
16.09.11	Regulation concerning the method for monitoring and measuring intensity levels of electromagnetic fields resulting from radio station emissions (draft decision) (+)
16.09.11	Public tender to acquire electric power services (draft decision) (+)
14.09.11	Registration of Repleto & Genial, Unipessoal, Lda. to provide audiotext services (draft decision) (+)
29.08.11	Decision on complaint from PT Comunicações regarding the decision on the method to apply when calculating the net costs of universal service (final decision) (+)
26.08.11	International public tender for acquisition of a vector analyser for ANACOM's spectrum monitoring and control centres (final decision) (+)
26.08.11	Revision of calculation of the capital cost rate of PT Comunicações applicable to 2010 and 2011 (final decision) (+)
16.08.11	Registration of Horas Cheias for the provision of audiotext services (final decision) (+)
12.08.11	Declaration to OPTIMUS for the supply of satellite broadband internet access service (final decision) (+)
12.08.11	Registration of CÓDIGOECO to provide audiotext services (final decision) (+)
10.08.11	Registration of CM International B.V. for the provision of value added services (final decision) (+)
05.08.11	Declaration to VALICOM for the supply of leased line, virtual private network (VPN) and internet access resale services (final decision) (+)
05.08.11	Declaration to Kubi Wireless S.L. for the supply of public electronic communications network (WiFi) and internet access services (final decision) (+)
05.08.11	Declaration to KVA for the supply of public electronic communications network service (final decision) (+)
05.08.11	Declaration to MINHOCOM for the supply of leased line, virtual private network (VPN) and internet access resale services (final decision) (+)
28.07.11	Cross-border dispute between EDA and Ar Telecom concerning telephone directories (draft decision) (+)
28.07.11	Cross-border dispute between EDA and Cabovisão concerning telephone directories (draft decision) (+)
28.07.11	Cross-border dispute between EDA and Optimus concerning telephone directories (draft decision) (+)
28.07.11	Cross-border dispute between EDA and ZON concerning telephone directories (draft decision) (+)
28.07.11	Decision in dispute between Nortenet and PT Comunicações regarding the PT ADSL Network (Rede ADSL PT) (final decision) (+)
21.07.11	Revision of the PTC capital cost rate for 2010 and 2011 (final decision) (+)
13.07.11	Regulations for auction to allocate frequency usage rights in the 450, 800, 900 and 1800 MHz and 2.1 and 2.6 GHz bands - closure of consultation (final decision) (+)
13.07.11	Limit to the number of frequency usage rights in the 450 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2.1 GHz and 2.6 GHz bands - closure of consultation (final decision) (+)
13.07.11	Declaration to F300 to supply electronic communications services (final decision) (+)
07.07.11	Calculation of the amount of regulation costs for the 2011 fees - electronic communications (final decision) (+)
07.07.11	Public tender for the conception, production and implementation of a DTT awareness campaign (final decision) (+)
07.07.11	Closure of consultation on public payphone service (final decision)
07.07.11	Closure of consultation on the 2010-2011 NFAP (final decision) (+)
01.07.11	Definition of method for the development and implementation of a mobile termination costing model (final decision) (+)

CTT 2008 COST ACCOUNTING APPROVED

Following the audit carried out by KPMG, ANACOM approved last 27 October the conformity declaration for the cost accounting system of the Portuguese postal service (CTT-Correios de

Portugal) with respect to 2008. Also approved were this Authority's determinations and recommendations to improve the CTT's cost accounting system.

COMMUNICATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

EUROPEAN UNION

EC DESTINES 9 BILLION FOR BROADBAND

In a proposal presented on 19 October, the European Commission (EC) disclosed a funding proposal called the Connecting Europe Facility which earmarks 9.2 billion euros for projects that invest in fast and ultra fast broadband networks as well as for pan-European digital services. The EC explains that at least 7 billion euros will be available to finance broadband infrastructures, an amount which could stimulate from 50 to 100 billion euros of public and private investment. Regarding digital services, the Commission adds that the amounts will be used for grants to build infrastructures to implement eID, e-procurement, electronic healthcare records, Europeana, e-justice and customs-related services. (+)

EC WANTS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF MSS

The European Commission adopted last 10 October a decision that will enable member states to co-ordinate efforts to speed the commercial deployment of pan-European mobile satellite services (MSS) and, if necessary, to intervene in their effective provision. This decision follows expiration of the two-year period granted to Inmarsat Ventures Limited and Solaris Mobile Limited to establish MSS systems throughout Europe. European Digital Agenda Commissioner Neelie Kroes recalled that "either the operators deliver on their promises, or the spectrum they which they have available, a scarce resource, should be used in other ways". (+)

EC AGAINST NON-COMPETITION BETWEEN PT AND TELEFÓNICA

The EC has notified Telefónica and Portugal Telecom (PT) of its objections to a non-compete agreement between the two companies following the Spanish operator's acquisition in 2010 of sole control of the Brazilian mobile operator VIVO, previously

jointly owned by both parties. The statement of objections is an essential though preliminary element in a case involving a breach of anti-trust rules; the two companies have been given two months to respond. (+)

EC WANTS MORE INFRASTRUCTURES IN GREECE

The EC has asked Greece to adopt laws that make it easier for telecom operators to install infrastructures such as ducts, masts or antennas on public and private property. According to the original schedule, Greek authorities were to approve laws for such rights of way by 2006. But the necessary laws have yet to be adopted and the EC holds that this has hindered broadband internet development in the country. (+)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES MOTION ON WRC-12

The European Parliament approved last 15 September a resolution supporting a strong European Union co-ordination role at the next World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), scheduled for this coming 23 January to 17 February 2012 in Geneva. (+)

BEREC INAUGURATES OFFICE IN RIGA

The offices of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) were inaugurated last 14 October in Riga, Latvia. The Office's 2012 budget is 4.44 million euros.

CONSUMER RIGHTS DIRECTIVE APPROVED

The European Council has approved the Consumer Rights Directive, which aims to ensure more protection for consumers in distance sales, including e-commerce. The European Union member states have been given two years to transpose this directive into national law, counting from its publication in the Official Journal of the EU. (+)

OJEU

Recommendation - From the EFTA Surveillance Authority, dated 2 December 2009, concerning notifications, deadlines and consultations envisaged in article 7 of the Act referred to in point 5c1 of appendix XI to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (Directive 2002/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services), as adjusted by its Protocol no. 1.

ANACOM INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) represents the Portuguese communications sector before international sector-related organisations and took part in a number of recent meetings in the scope of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC), the European Union (EU), the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), the Latin American Forum of Telecommunications Regulatory Authorities (Regulatel) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

CEPT

In the scope of work undertaken by the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC), the following meetings took place:

- meeting of the project team (PT) on Technical Regulation and Interconnection Standards (TRIS) of the Numbering and Networks working group (WG NaN), on 4-5 October in Bucharest; (+)
- meeting of the WG NaN PT on Number Portability, on 12-13 October in Stockholm; (+)
- meeting of PT22 of the Spectrum Management working group (WG FM), on 4-7 October in Split; (+)
- 60th meeting of the Spectrum Engineering working group (WG SE), on 10-14 October in Tallinn; (+)
- 73rd meeting of WG FM, on 17-21 October in Lille. (+)

Montreux hosted last 27 October the 45th plenary meeting of the European Committee for Postal Regulation (CERP). (+) Vienna served as venue last 12-13 October for the first meeting of the CERP working group on Universal Postal Union (UPU) issues. (+)

BEREC

The Belgian city of Brussels hosted the following:

- meeting of drafters from the group of experts (EWG) on Cross Border Issues, on 13 October; (+)
- meeting of the EWG from the PT on Convergence and Economic Analysis, on 26 October; (+)
- meetings of the joint PT of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group and BEREC, on 7 (+) and 27 October; (+)

- joint meeting of the drafting groups for the documents titled "Competition Issues Related to Net Neutrality" and "Net Neutrality and Quality of Service", on 11 October. (+)

EU

The Internal Market Forum organised in the scope of the Polish EU Presidency was held last 3-4 October in Krakow. (+)

Also in the context of the Polish Presidency, Warsaw hosted last 19-20 October the Ministerial Conference on "Prospects for Development of the Electronic Communications Market in the EU". (+)

The following were also held in Brussels:

- meeting of the Communications Committee (COCOM), on 18 October; (+)
- meeting of the EC Group of Experts on Electronic Commerce, on 28 October. (+)

NATO

The second meeting of the Civil/Military Spectrum Panel (NATO C3B CaP 3) was held on 12 October at NATO headquarters in Brussels. (+)

REGULATEL

The second meeting of Regulatel co-directors was held on 19-21 October in the Colombian city of Cartagena, along with a technical seminar which included sessions of three working groups (broadband, regulation policies and statistical indicators). (+)

ITU

The ITU Council, the body responsible for managing the organisation between Plenipotentiary Conferences, met on 11-21 October in Geneva. (+)

Two training actions promoted by the ITU Excellence Centre for the Portuguese and Spanish speaking countries were held in Guinea Bissau on 3-7 October and 10-14 October. The centre also organised a seminar on "Interconnection Business", held on 24-28 October in Maputo. (+)

BILATERAL CO-OPERATION - ANACOM LABORATORY

The ANACOM Testing and Calibration Laboratory (LEC) was involved in a bilateral co-operation action with the English Laboratory of RFI Global Services, Ltd., in the areas of radio and

electromagnetic compatibility. The action was carried out in the scope of the NP EN IEC/ISO 17025 standard (participation in inter-laboratory co-operation programmes).

4TH CATESC GATHERS ALL PALOPS

The city of Oeiras outside Lisbon hosted on 10-21 October the fourth Advanced Course for Telecommunications Sector Technicians (CATESC), in partnership with the National Administra-

tion Institute (INA) and ANACOM. It counted 14 participations from national regulatory authorities from all the Portuguese-speaking African countries (known as PALOPs).

NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

GERMANY - Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA)

- The regulator has disclosed the proposed postal price cap Deutsche Post will apply in 2012. (+)
- The NGA Forum, comprising a group of telecommunications sector experts chaired by the BNetzA president, has reached agreement on characteristics of the offer that will enable access to next generation access (NGA) networks. (+)

AUSTRALIA - Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

- The regulator has released draft new guidelines for retransmitting digital television service, including retransmitting services provided by the new Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service. (+)

BELGIUM - Institut Belge des Services Postaux et des Télécommunications (IBPT)

- The regulator has accepted five candidates for the auction of fourth generation (4G) mobile licences due to begin on 28 November: Belgacom NV, BUCD bvba, Craig Wireless Belgium Inc., KPN group Belgium NV and Mobistar NV. (+)

BRAZIL - Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL)

- João Rezende took office on 7 November as president of ANATEL in a ceremony held in Brasília. Among those attending were his predecessor Ronaldo Sardenberg and Brazilian Communications Minister Paulo Bernardo.
- Resolution no. 575 of 28 October 2011 has been published in the official gazette. It approves the Regulation for Managing the Quality of Personal Mobile Service Provision (RGQ-SMP) and changes the Personal Mobile Service Regulation. Resolution no. 575 now considers indicators to evaluate the quality of mobile broadband and the quality perceived by users, besides modernising the current indicators.

SPAIN - Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones (CMT)

- The regulator estimates that universal telecommunications service will cost 37.89 million euros in 2009, the lowest amount since the respective financing fund was created in 2007.
- The CMT has released the proposed Activities Plan for 2012, which sets out its aims, actions and priorities for the coming year, at regulatory level and regarding management and transparency. The main regulatory activity in 2012 will concern revision of all currently regulated markets.

USA - Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

- The speech by FCC chairman Julius Genachowski has been

posted. It was given during presentation of the CTIA - Wireless Association initiative to create a free system to warn mobile service consumers whenever they are close to their plan limits. The system gathers operators representing 97 percent of US mobile customers. (+)

FRANCE - Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes (ARCEP)

- The regulator has published statistical information for 2010 concerning the postal activities market, which in that year brought in 13.7 billion euros in revenue, with a volume of 18.8 billion objects.

INDIA - Ministry of Communications & Information Technology

- The Indian government has presented a national telecom policy proposal which among other goals aims to encourage affordable, reliable and secure telecommunications, and also to make broadband available nationwide. (+)

IRELAND - Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

- The regulator has placed in public consultation until 21 November a proposed information memorandum concerning the multiband auction (spectrum in the 800 MHz, 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands) it is promoting. (+)
- A consultation is also under way until 28 November on the principles and methods to use when determining a mechanism for financing universal telecommunications service obligations. (+)

UNITED KINGDOM - Office of Communications (Ofcom)

- Maps indicating digital communications coverage, including open-air mobile coverage and mobile broadband availability, have been posted online and are based on data supplied by communications service providers. (+)

These maps are an integral part of the first report on communications infrastructure in the United Kingdom which Ofcom must submit to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport every three years. (+)

- The regulator has placed in public consultation until 6 January 2012 a proposal to revise the guidelines for enforcing regulations. (+)

UNITED KINGDOM - Digital UK

- The body in charge of the switchover to digital television has announced that analogue broadcasts will end on 24 October 2012 when the last analogue TV signal is disconnected in Northern Ireland. (+)

CONSULTATIONS

CHANGES TO PORTABILITY REGULATION

ANACOM approved last 27 October the draft regulation amending the Portability Regulation (Regulation no. 58/2005 of 18 August, with changes introduced by Regulation no. 87/2009 of 18 February and Regulation no. 302/2009 of 16 July), along with the respective justification note. This draft has been placed in public consultation until 14 December. Comments should preferably be sent by email to consulta.regulamentoportabilidade@anacom.pt. (+)

GAUGING THE QUALITY OF WHOLESALE OFFERS

ANACOM decided last 20 October to submit to public consultation the draft decision on the procedures to follow when gauging the quality of service of regulated wholesale offers. Interested parties are asked to submit comments until 12 December, preferably by email to sentidoprovavel.qualidadegrossista@anacom.pt. This draft decision determines that PT Comunicações (PTC) should modify the various reference offers that have problem repair deadlines (RUO, RDAO, ECRO, PT ADSL Network, SLRO) within 30 working days after notification of the final ANACOM decision, as per legal requirements. (+)

SIMPLER WAY TO END CONTRACTS

By determination dated 27 October, ANACOM placed in public consultation until 28 November the draft decision on the required procedures for subscribers to end contracts with respect

to the supply of public networks or electronic communications services accessible to the public. Interested parties are asked to submit comments, preferably by email to proced.contratos@anacom.pt. (+)

PRICE OF ANALOGUE TV BROADCASTING AND DISTRIBUTION

The draft decision on pricing of the (terrestrial) television signal broadcasting and distribution service (analogue) practiced by PT Comunicações (PTC) was under public consultation until 14 November. Interested parties were asked to submit comments, preferably by email to sentidoprovavel.teledifusao@anacom.pt. This draft decision determines that PTC should reduce the price for each of the provisions included in the service of broadcasting and distributing analogue television signal by at least 38 per cent to ensure that the price system respects the orientation to costs principle. (+)

TERMINATION IN MOBILE NETWORKS

- DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 22.11.2011

ANACOM has extended for ten more days the deadline for interested parties to submit comments regarding the draft decision on revision of the price control obligation in wholesale markets for voice call termination in individual mobile networks. The new deadline is 22 November. As previously indicated, comments should preferably be sent by email to sentidoprovavel.mtr@anacom.pt. (+)

ANACOM TENDER - CTT AUDIT

The public tender for the audit of quality of service indicators, complaints and information requests vis-à-vis the Portuguese postal service (CTT-Correios de Portugal) for 2010 and 2011,

along with the study of real mail to update the sample, is under way until 24 November. Bids from interested parties should be submitted via the platform www.compraspublicas.com.

LEGAL SYSTEM GOVERNING COMPETITION - CONSULTATION UNTIL 5.12.2011

The government has placed in public consultation until 5 December 2011 a draft proposed law on the Legal System governing Competition. The executive branch asserts that the revision of the current Competition Law has various aims, specifically simplification of the law, rationalisation of conditions that lead to the opening of investigations, better alignment

between Portuguese laws governing company merger operations and European Union Merger Regulations, and the guarantee of more clarity and legal security when applying the Code of Administrative Procedure to procedures to control company mergers. (+)