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□ **TARIFF MONITOR – ONE YEAR OF ACTIVITY**

Launched on 28 July 2005, the mobile telephone service (MTS) Tariff Monitor has completed one year of activity, during which it has been accessed nearly 60,000 times and carried out 110,000 simulation operations, corresponding to a monthly average of nearly 5,000 accesses and 9,100 simulations. In other developments, the Monitor has since last 31 July included a new function for the simulation of monthly consumption, by means of the “My Monthly Consumption Profile” option. This function allows users, after carrying out a monthly con-

sumption simulation, to obtain detailed information on their profile, which can be changed and used in other simulations. The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) will soon introduce some access improvements, specifically by making available the text version – Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) channel – of the Monitor. ANACOM is also thinking of expanding the simulator to other communication services such as internet access, which may take place in 2007.

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□ **DRAFT REGULATION ON RADIATION MEASUREMENT**

ANACOM has approved the draft regulation setting out the methodology to use until 2010 to monitor and measure the intensity levels of electromagnetic fields resulting from radio station emissions for the various publicly available electronic communications services. The document was approved by determination dated 13 July 2006 and contains a transition standard for 2007, in which the

results to submit can refer to monitoring carried out in the three previous years. The draft is subject to the regulatory consultation procedure; comments may be submitted, preferably by email, to plano.monitorizacao@anacom.pt, until 5 October. (+info)

□ **SITUATION OF COMMUNICATIONS – 2005 REPORT PUBLISHED**

The report on the situation of postal and electronic communications in Portugal in 2005 has been released, in compliance with the obligation set out in paragraph d) of article 26 of the ANACOM statutes. Besides the international context, particularly the performance of the electronic communications sector in the European Union, this report covers fixed and mobile telephone service,

trunking mobile service, internet access service and other data transmission services, and cable television distribution service, as well as postal services. As has occurred since 2003, the paper edition of this document will include the ANACOM Regulation Report for 2005, which is soon to be released, also in electronic format. (+info)

□ **DECISION ON DETAILED AND NON-DETAILED BILLING**

By determination dated 6 July 2006, ANACOM ruled that *PT Comunicações* (PTC) must send to subscribers who signed adhesion contracts prior to the contract model approved on 8 July 2005 a form allowing them to opt between detailed or non-detailed billing. This form, to be included with the bill, must be sent within 60 working days counting from 1 July 2006 and explain what information is included in each kind of invoice. It must also inform subscribers that if they

do not express their choice within a time period to be determined by PTC they will continue to receive the same invoice type as before or the one they had previously chosen. After the form's reply period, PTC must provide invoicing with the level of detail required in section 2 of article 94 of the Electronic Communications Law. (+info)

■ **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS – STATISTICAL INDICATORS**

ANACOM approved by determinations dated 27 July 2006 a decision and five draft decisions on a set of statistical information to be submitted to this Authority by electronic communications service providers. The indicators in question concern nomad voice over internet protocol (VoIP) service, services based on the UMTS system, trunking mobile service (TMS), the definition of relevant markets, and the assessment of significant market power (SMP) in the markets for leased lines, broadband and fixed switched low bandwidth services. Interested parties were notified of all the statistical indicator proposals, except the case of the decision regarding nomad VoIP, whose form is already available, and were given 10 working days to comment in writing, as per the Code of Administrative Procedure. (+info)

CURRENT EVENTS

POST OFFICES – EVALUATION PROCESS ENDED

By determination dated 27 July 2006, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) decided to end the regulatory procedure for the draft regulation determining the rules applied to notifications by the universal postal service concessionaire (CTT-*Correios de Portugal*) of post office closings or reduced opening times. This decision follows on the publication of Decree-Law no. 112/2006 of 9 June, which modifies the Concession Bases for Universal Postal Service. (+info)

2005-2006 NFAP MODIFIED

ANACOM decided on 13 July 2006 to approve a number of changes to the 2005-2006 National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP) to enable extension of the radio licence assigned to Radio and Television of Portugal (RTP) to SAP/SAB applications (video connections) in the 2500-2690 band. (+info)

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The ANACOM Advisory Council met in Lisbon for the seventh time, chaired by Álvaro Dâmaso. The meeting approved the opinion on the ANACOM Activities Plan for 2007/2009 and the General Guidelines for the 2007 Budget. (+info)
In the previous session held on 10 July, the Advisory Council approved the opinion on the ANACOM Regulation Report and Activities Report for 2005. (+info)

VODAFONE – RIGHT TO USE FREQUENCIES

By determination dated 20 July 2006, ANACOM issued the title to renew Vodafone Portugal's right to use the frequencies assigned same to offer mobile telephone service using the GSM digital system for a period of 15 years ending on 19 October 2021. (+info)

NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE IN BUILDINGS DEVELOPMENTS

ANACOM approved in determinations dated 20 July 2006 the partial cancellation of the registration of the *PT Comunicações* (PTC) Viana do Castelo branch, the registry maintenance of that company's Braga branch and cancellation of the registration of the company *Vasconcelos & Filho*. (+info, Portuguese only)

Meanwhile, by determination dated 6 July 2006 it was decided to maintain the registration of CERTITEJO – *Certificação de Instalações de Telecomunicações, Unipessoal* as a telecommunications infrastructure in buildings (ITED) entity. (+info, Portuguese only)

The Portuguese Electrotechnical Institute (IEP), an ITED training entity, has new training facilities available in Barcelos to offer courses on telecommunications infrastructures in buildings. (+info, Portuguese only)

NATIONAL NUMBERING PLAN

Summarised information on the national numbering plan (NNP) has been updated on the corresponding area of the ANACOM website, with respect to short numbers, number blocs assigned to the providers of telephone service at a fixed location (FTS), data network access services, private voice network services, universal access services (707xy) and free cost for the caller, shared cost call, virtual calling card and personal number services. (+info)

RADIOCOMMUNICATION SERVICES

ANACOM has posted on its website the updated (as of 8 July 2006) version of the list of licensed amateur station call indicators, indicating the category of the respective title-holder and the location of the corresponding postal zone.

(+info, Portuguese only)

PT UPDATES REFERENCE OFFERS

The updated versions of the reference offers for access to the broadband ADSL network, the leased lines reference offer (LLRO) and the reference interconnection offer (RIO) have been posted by *Portugal Telecom* on its respective website. (+info, Portuguese only)

FIXED SERVICE – NEW ADHESION CONTRACT

The new *PT Comunicações* adherence contract to provide telephone service accessible to the public at a fixed location was approved by ANACOM in a determination dated 20 July 2006. (+info, Portuguese only)

PORTED NUMBERS

There were a total of 472,029 ported numbers at the end of July: 372,508 pertained to numbers from telephone service at a fixed location (FTS), 99,018 to mobile telephone service (MTS) and 503 to non-geographic services (NGS). (+info)

STATISTICS – MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE AND CABLE

ANACOM has released second quarter 2006 statistical information on mobile telephone service (MTS). There were 11.7 million MTS subscribers on 30 June, 1.6 percent more total subscribers than in the previous quarter. This Authority has also published statistical data on the cable distribution networks. (+info)

STATE ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

Following the publication of Decree-Law no. 116-A/2006 of 16 June, which set up the State Electronic Certification System – Public Keys Infrastructure, ANACOM appointed a representative in the respective Management Council and Technical Accreditation Council. (+info)

BALANCE OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL PLAN

The first evaluation of the Technological Plan is now available, one year after the launch of this initiative meant to encourage development focused on knowledge, technology and innovation. The data presented indicates that 79 percent of the measures are now being implemented or are already completed. The remaining measures under preparation await financing from the National Strategy Reference Plan for the 2007-2013 period. (+info, Portuguese only)

PUBLIC POSITIONS ON THE CONSUMER CODE

As the regulator of the electronic communications sector and the postal sector, and as per its responsibilities, ANACOM presented during the public hearing period its comments on the preliminary draft of the Consumer Code, namely with respect to the significant normative precepts in those sectors.

The Association of Telecommunications Operators (APRITEL) has also published its response to the public consultation on the same preliminary draft. In that document, posted on the Association's website, APRITEL "expresses the main concerns regarding the preliminary draft of the Consumer Code, identifying those issues liable to harm the sector and the customer consumer of electronic communications". (+info, Portuguese only)

COMPETITION AUTHORITY

The latest issue of the e-Concorrência newsletter is now available for consultation. It highlights the signing of a protocol with the Accounting Court, the award of international prizes to two research projects conducted by economists from the Authority and the raised standing of same in the international ranking of Global Competition Review. (+info, Portuguese only)

■ ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENCE CASES – SITUATION AT 30.06.2006

Cases processed

		Cases filed	Cases decided	Voluntary payment	Decision to admonish	Application of fine
Electronic Communications Networks and Services	Start of activity without prior communication to the NRA - General Authorisation Regime (Art. 21/1)	4	1			1 / €1.250,00
	Failure to comply with the obligation to provide information to the NRA (article 108)	1				
	Use of adhesion contracts without prior NRA approval (article 39/4)	1				
	Violation of regulatory obligations imposed under article 85	1				
	Violation of subscribers' right to portability (article 54/1)	1				
	Failure to comply with legitimate NRA orders or mandates [See Art. 113/1, par. vv) and section 2]	7				
Other Networks or Services	Postal services	3				
	Telecommunications infrastructures in buildings (ITED)	4	2		2	
	Electromagnetic compatibility	1				
	Terminal equipment	3				
	Audio broadcasting	3				
	Audio broadcasting – RDS	1				
	Amateur radio service	2	1			1 / €50,00
	Personal radio service – CB	58	35	25 €2.593,76	2	8 / €799,28
	Private use land mobile service	12	2			2 / €749,39
Total	102	41	25 €2.593,76	4	12 / €2.848,67	

Cases passed on from 2005

		Cases decided	Decision to shelve	Voluntary payment	Decision to admonish	Application of fine
Electronic Communications Networks and Services	Start of activity without prior notification of NRA - General Authorisation Regime (Art. 21/1)	7			2	5 / €16.500,00
	Failure to comply with legitimate NRA orders or mandates [See Art. 113/1, par. vv) and section 2]	1			1	
	Violation of users' right to access publicly available networks and services on equal terms [Art. 39/1, par. a)]	1			1	
	Failure of the obligation to provide information to the NRA (Art. 108)	1				1 / €5.000
	Suspension of the provision of telephone services without prior (Art. 52/1)	1				1 / €5.000
Other Networks and Services	Postal services	1				1 / €498,80
	Personal data processing and privacy protection	2	1		1	
	Audiotext service	2	2			
	Television activity	1			1	
	Audio broadcasting activity	9	1		3	5 / €7.996,00
	Amateur radio service	1		1 €49,87		
	Personal radio service - CB	27	4	15 €2.145,32	1	7 / €648,92
Private use land mobile service	12	2		4	6 / €3.043,97	
Total	66	10	16 €2.195,19	14	26 / €38.687,69	

□ CLARIFICATION FOR TV CABO PORTUGAL CONSUMERS

After hearing the position of *TV Cabo Portugal*, and bearing in mind the applicable legislation, the *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) has published on its website a clarification of various questions raised in numerous

requests concerning the provision of cable television distribution service by that company. Those clarification requests are based on information contained in "open letter" format and posted on the internet. (+info)

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OPERATORS/PROVIDERS OF COMMUNICATION NETWORKS AND SERVICES

Operators/Providers of Electronic Communication Networks and Services

	No. of authorised entities (a)	Operational entities (b)
Operators of Electronic Communication Networks (ECNs)		
Cable Distribution Networks (CDNs)	11	10
- Networks available to the public	9	9
- Networks not available to the public	2	1
Other Electronic Communication Networks (c)	26	21
Providers of Electronic Communication Services (ECSs)		
Television Signal Distribution Service (d)	11	10
Mobile Telephone Service (GSM and UMTS)	3	3
Fixed Telephone Service (FTS)	21	12
Trunking Mobile Service (TMS)	2	2
Data Transmission Services (DTS)		
- Internet Access Service (ISP)	38	28
- Voice Internet Service	18	12
- Other Data Services (e)	35	18
Public Payphone Services	18	12
Virtual Calling Card Service	30	18

Providers of Postal Services

	No. of authorised entities (a)	Operational entities (b)
Express Mail Services	45	43 (f)
Services Not Covered by the Express Mail Category	7	6

Audiotext Service Providers

	No. of authorised entities (a)	Operational entities (b)
Audiotext Services	10	2 (g)

(a) Situation at 30 June 2006

(b) Situation at 31 March 2006

(c) Other Electronic Communication Networks (except CDNs)

(d) Includes service provided under CDNs and via other platforms.

(e) Other data services (except internet)

(f) Includes 29 companies providing the service under the MRW brand. The IBERCOURIER company owns the MRW brand; a number of companies are providing services under this brand on a franchising basis.

(g) Source: PT Comunicações, SA

SIC AND TVI – RENEWAL OF FREQUENCY USAGE RIGHTS

The *Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações* (ANACOM) decided in a determination dated 6 July 2006 to renew for 15 years the frequency usage rights held by the television stations SIC and TVI, for the exercise of television activity according to the analogue system. This decision is based on the public consultation on the issue launched last 22 February, whose final report considers the comments received by SIC, TVI and Vodafone Portugal. The details of the corresponding

renewal titles were submitted to the prior hearing of SIC, TVI and *PT Comunicações*. The conditions associated to renewal of those rights were also determined, with a decision made to include the recovery at no charge by ANACOM of the frequencies in question should any changes be made to the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP), particularly on the date eventually set by law for the end of television emissions using the analogue system (switch-off). (+info)

NEWLY ENACTED LEGISLATION

- **Administrative Rule no. 728-A/2006** (I Series – Supplement, *Diário da República* of 24 July) – Regulates delivery of the injunction procedure via the internet.
- **Administrative Rule no. 657-C/2006** (I Series, D.R. of 20 July) – Regulates the designation, operation and functions of the internet website that enable the constitution of online business companies and civil societies.
- **Order no. 14672/2006** (II Series – Part C, D.R. of 11 July) – Establishes the Simplification Group of the Ministry of Finance and Public Administration.
- **Notice** (II Series – Special Part, D.R. of 10 July) – Price of termination service for voice calls in the TMN network.

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□ EUROPEAN UNION

EC PRESENTS PROPOSED ROAMING REGULATION

The main goal of the proposed roaming Regulation submitted by the European Commission last 12 July is to achieve lower costs for using mobile phones abroad. The European Commissioner for Information Society and the Media, Viviane Reding, wants the initiative to help consumers stop paying higher comparative prices to use mobile phones when outside their countries of origin – the reduction may be on the order of 70 percent. The proposed Regulation is fundamentally based on three ideas: limitation of the wholesale prices covered by operators to transport calls coming from foreign networks; limitation of the retail prices, with operators allowed to add a maximum retail mark-up of 30 percent, corresponding to the margin operators can normally use in domestic calls; and enhanced transparency of retail roaming prices, forcing the operators to provide consumers full information on tariffs at the moment contracts are signed and to regularly update that information. Among other aspects, it will be up to the national regulators to monitor the evolution of roaming prices in written (SMS) and multimedia (MMS) message services. If the proposal is accepted its effects are likely to be felt beginning in the summer of 2007. **(+info)**

POSTAL SECTOR STUDIES PUBLISHED

The European Commission recently placed on its website two studies concerning the postal sector, which analyse the liberalisation process scheduled for 2009. The study titled “The Impact on Universal Service of the Full Market Accomplishment of the Postal Internal Market in 2009”, conducted from November 2005 to May 2006, looks at the prospects for sustaining universal postal service in each European Union (EU) member State and the impact competition will have on said universal service in the scenario of a totally liberalised market. The second, on “Main Developments in the Postal Sector (2004–2006)”, contains relevant sector-related information to enable the Commission to produce by the end of this year the respective biannual report on application of the Postal Directive. This report also summarises regulatory and market developments in the European postal sector since that Directive was adopted in 1997. **(+info)**

PROTECTION OF MINORS USING MOBILE PHONES

The European Commission (EC) launched on 25 July a public consultation on the protection of minors vis-à-vis mobile telephone use. This EC initiative, which runs through 16 October, is part of a process begun in June 2005 with a plenary session of the Forum for a Safer Internet, attended by representatives of industry and organisations dedicated to children’s welfare. This Forum is part of the Safer Internet Commission programme under way since 1999, which aims to provide parents and teachers with the knowledge and tools needed to ensure internet safety. **(+info)**

FRANCE IN COURT OVER ILLEGAL STATE AID

The EC has decided to submit a complaint against the French state to the European Court of Justice for not respecting a Commission decision regarding France Télécom dated 2 August 2004. At stake is the preferential treatment given the French company in tax payments, which violates the Common Market’s free competition rules. European authorities estimated in 2002 that the amount to be recovered by France Télécom would be “between 798 and 1,140 million euros”. **(+info)**

BROADCASTING: ITALY NOTIFIED BY THE EC

The European Commission has officially notified Italy that it must provide information on the compatibility of Italian broadcasting legislation with European free competition rules in the electronic communications market. The EC suspects that Italian legislation does not comply with EU legal requirements, as it introduces unjustified limits on the supply of broadcasting services and gives advantages, also unjustified, to the current analogue operators. **(+info)**

FRENCH REGULATOR TO CONTROL SMS PRICES

The EC has endorsed the proposal by the French regulator ARCEP (*Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes*) to control the wholesale prices covered by the mobile operators when receiving written messages (SMS) in their networks. ARCEP is the first regulator of a member State to use this approach. **(+info)**

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS: FIVE NEW CASES

The European Commission has announced the opening of five new proceedings for non-compliance with community electronic communications rules, four of them for non-conformity of national legislation with European universal service rules – Belgium (Wallonia and Brussels), the Netherlands and Finland. The Commission simultaneously announced it had closed 18 cases filed previously; in nine of them the member States had to adopt new legislation or other measures to implement EU rules. **(+info)**

EC LAUNCHES STUDY ON ICT STANDARDISATION

The EC has launched a study meant to be used as a platform for the recommendations that will determine European policy for standardising the information and communication technologies (ICTs) sector, to enable same to accompany the rapidly changing transformation of technology markets. The final report should be submitted between July and September 2007. **(+info)**

■ OJEU

- **Invitation to present proposals (2006/C172/09)** – eContentplus Programme. Published on 25 July.
- **Invitation to present proposals (2006/C167/07)** – Safer Internet Plus Programme. Published on 19 July.
- **(EC) Regulation no. 1031/2006** – Of the Commission of 4 July 2006, which applies (EC) Regulation no. 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, concerning community information society statistics. Published on 7 July.
- **Directive 2006/58/EC (2006/L174/5)** – Of the Council of 27 June 2006, which modifies Directive 2002/38/EC concerning the application period for the value added tax regime applicable to television and broadcasting services and certain services provided electronically. Published on 28 June.

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□ CEPT (EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS) MEETINGS

ECC – PLENARY MEETING

The 14th meeting of the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) was held in Galway, Ireland, on 3-7 July, attended by representatives of about 30 administrations. [\(+info\)](#)

ECC PT SE 19

Dublin hosted on 19-22 June a meeting of the group PT SE 19 of the ECC (responsible for fixed service issues), attended by about 30 participants and split into two subgroups: DG Inter-Service and DG Mobility. [\(+info\)](#)

ECC PT1

The 21st meeting of project team 1 of the ECC (ECC PT1) was held on 27-29 June in Oslo, attended by 85 participants. [\(+info\)](#)

PT PPO6

Istanbul hosted on 18-20 July the eighth meeting of the WG ITU project team (PT) charged with preparing for the upcoming Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). [\(+info\)](#)

□ INDEPENDENT REGULATORS GROUP (IRG)

PT 2006 REVIEW

The project team (PT) on 2006 Review met on 20 July in Paris. [\(+info\)](#)

□ EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

WORKSHOP TO PRESENT POSTAL STUDIES

A workshop organised by the European Commission (EC) was held on 3 July in Brussels to present the final version of the postal studies conducted by outside consultants. [\(+info\)](#)

RADIO SPECTRUM COMMITTEE

The 16th meeting of the Radio Spectrum Committee was held on 29-30 June in Brussels. [\(+info\)](#)

□ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS STANDARDISATION ADVISORY GROUP (TSAG)

The ITU's Telecommunications Standardisation Advisory Group (TSAG) met on 3-7 July in Geneva. [\(+info\)](#)

STUDY GROUP – SG9 (FIXED SERVICE)

Working party 9B (WP 9B) of Study Group 9, which covers fixed service (FS) issues, of the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) met from 27 June to 5 July in the Japanese city of Kobe. [\(+info\)](#)

□ UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (UPU)

UPU STRUCTURE AND CONSTITUTION WG

The working group (WG) on the Structure and Constitution of the UPU held a 29 June meeting in the Swiss city of Berne, chaired by Norway. [\(+info\)](#)

□ POSTAL UNION OF THE AMERICAS, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL (UPAEP)

UPAEP FUTURE WG

The working group (WG) on the Future of the UPAEP met in Lisbon on 20-21 July, attended by representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Mexico (chair), Portugal and Spain, along with the Union's Secretary General. [\(+info\)](#)

□ INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION SATELLITES ORGANISATION (ITSO)

ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES

Paris hosted on 19-21 July the 30th Assembly of Parties (AP) of ITSO (International Telecommunication Satellites Organisation), where Portugal, as a Party, was represented by the Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM). [\(+info\)](#)

□ ANACOM CO-OPERATION

- WITH CAPE VERDE

Two members of the board of directors of the recently established Agência Nacional de Comunicações (ANAC), the sector regulator in Cape Verde, conduc-

ted a high level 13 July visit to ANACOM which included a working meeting on specific topics in the area of market regulation.

□ ROAMING – GSM ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES PRICE SIMULATOR

The GSM Association (GSMA), a business association representing more than 690 mobile operators in 213 countries and territories, has launched a website dedicated to comparing mobile roaming prices. The tool in question is meant only for European users and requires three steps to obtain results: choice of

origin country, operator (consumers must specify whether they hold a pre-paid card or subscription) and destination country. Besides enabling price comparisons, the GSMA site also provides diverse information about roaming. [\(+info\)](#)

NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

GERMANY – Bundesnetzagentur (BNetzA)

- The regulator submitted to the European Commission (EC) on 21 July its proposal to regulate bitstream access based on Internet Protocol (IP). The EC and the national authorities of the member States have one month to provide comments. **(+info)**

BELGIUM – Belgian Institute for Postal services and Telecommunications (BIPT)

- The Belgian regulator has notified the European Commission about its analysis of the relevant markets for fixed telephony (markets 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10) as well as the market for voice call termination in individual mobile networks (market 16). **(+info)**

BRAZIL – Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (Anatel)

- The tender to award radio frequency blocs meant for broadband services in the 3.5 GHz and 10.5 GHz bands is open. The licence will be granted for a period of 15 years, and is renewable only once. **(+info)**
- The regulator has launched a public consultation to bid on the right to operate the Brazilian satellite to convey telecommunication signals. **(+info)**
- Anatel and the regulator from Guinea-Bissau (ICGB – Instituto das Comunicações de Guiné-Bissau) have signed a note of understanding on the implementation of activities such as harmonisation, evaluation of tariffs and prices and assessment of service quality, among others. **(+info)**

CAPE VERDE – Agência Nacional das Comunicações (ANAC)

- The *Agência Nacional das Comunicações* (ANAC) was established in June 2006 as an authority replacing the *Instituto das Comunicações e das Tecnologias de Informação de Cabo Verde* (ICTI). Besides technical regulation of the communications sector, ANAC is also in charge of the sector's economic regulation.

SPAIN – Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones (CMT)

- The regulator has notified the European Commission about the last three relevant markets to analyse: wholesale markets for leased line terminal segments (market 13) and for leased line transit segments (14) and the national wholesale market for international roaming services in public mobile networks (market 17). **(+info)**
- The Spanish telecommunications sector moved 40.87 billion euros in 2005, corresponding to 9.9 percent growth over the previous year. End services accounted for the biggest business volume, with 32.2 billion euros, while wholesale activities totalled 7.45 billion euros. **(+info)**
- Mobile phone users' recourse to number portability registered 289,558 more numbers in May. Total ported numbers have reached 8.3 million since portability was launched in 2000. **(+info)**

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

- A public consultation has been launched on the proposed decision concerning the withdrawal of ex ante regulation applied in the national wholesale market for broadband access. The reply deadline is 21 August. **(+info)**

FRANCE – Conseil de la Concurrence

- The French competition authority has decided to accept the commitments assumed by the companies France Télécom, Pages Jaunes Group and Pages

Jaunes, with respect to the provision of full information to the other operators of directory information services. **(+info)**

IRELAND – Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg)

- The regulator has once again designated eircom (the Irish incumbent operator) as the provider of universal service for a four-year period until June 2010. **(+info)**
- News about the decision titled "The Future Provision of Telephony Services Under Universal Service Obligations", is available for consultation. **(+info)**

MOROCCO – Agence Nationale de Réglementation des Télécommunications (ANRT)

- The regulator has published results of the tender to award three licences to operate third generation (3G) mobile telephony. Of the four companies in the running, Al-Maghrib (Maroc Telecom), Maroc Connect and Medi Telecom were chosen. The first two will use UMTS (universal mobile telecommunication systems) technology, while Medi Telecom opted for the CDMA (code division multiple access) 2000 system. **(+info)**

REINO UNIDO – Office of Communications (Ofcom)

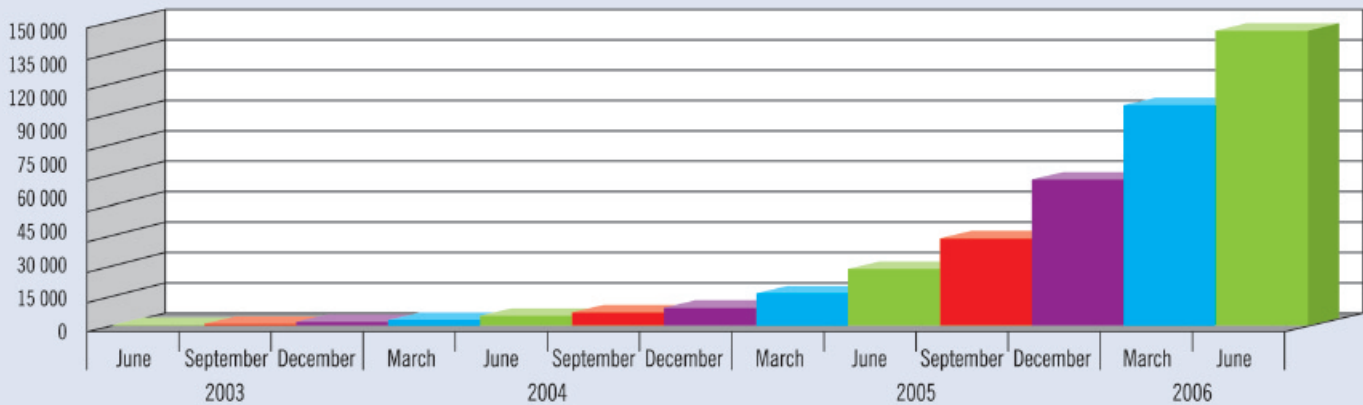
- The end of British Telecom (BT) retail price controls on line rental and fixed telephony calls has been announced. After 22 years of regulation, Ofcom decided that existing market competition and continually sliding prices would allow the end of price setting. BT has for its part pledged to limit price rises for basic services, maintaining its universal service obligations. **(+info)**
- A public consultation has been launched on the possible linking of certain conditions to the licences to operate digital terrestrial television (DTT) and to the services eventually associated to same (programming, audio and new services). **(+info)**
- The next steps to take in the switchover from the analogue to the digital television system have been announced. A study has been provided on the work required, so that consumers can benefit from this change. **(+info)**
- Details have been published about the licensing process that aims to expand digital audio broadcasting (DAB) services at local and national level over the next three years. **(+info)**
- The revision of the regulation on wholesale international services markets (identification of markets and determination of significant market power (SMP) situations) has been published, after public consultation and European Commission reply to the proposal submitted by Ofcom. **(+info)**
- A proposal to streamline private radio licensing has been published. Among other aspects it considers reducing the process's complexity by adopting three kinds of licences instead of the current 21 authorisation types (which encompass nearly 50,000 licence holders). **(+info)**
- A study has been published which examines the current internet regulation situation at national and international level from the standpoint of consumer protection. It encompasses electronic commerce, personal data protection (including the unsolicited communications known as spam), content and attacks on personal computers. **(+info)**

SWITZERLAND – Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM)

- Based on the study conducted by OFCOM, the Federal Communications Commission (ComCom) has concluded that Swisscom (the incumbent operator) must lower the costs of number portability in the fixed network from 31 Swiss francs (CHF) to 17.65 in 2004, 15.5 CHF in 2005 and 11.90 CHF in 2006. **(+info)**

■ EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF UNBUNDLED ACCESSES*

2003			2004				2005				2006	
June	September	December	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December	March	June
295	842	1 867	2 759	4 845	6 515	8 780	15 916	27 987	43 127	72 019	108 794	145 614



* Full/shared broadband accesses and full narrowband accesses

□ NEW SECTION ON ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (PP-06)

The Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações (ANACOM) website now contains a new section focusing on the 2006 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-06) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), scheduled for 6-24 November

2006 in Antalya, Turkey. The section provides relevant information about PP-06, namely on the elections due to be held at the gathering, and on European preparations and interregional co-ordination for same. (+info)

□ ITU DIGITAL OPPORTUNITIES INDEX

The ITU recently published the "World Telecommunication/ICT Development Report 2006: measuring ICTs for social and economic development", a report prepared for the World Telecommunications Development Conference held in March 2006 (WTDC-06). Besides containing information on latest developments in terms of measuring the impact of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in countries' economic and social development, the document

presents a number of indicators which characterise the situation of telecommunications and of ICTs in around 180 economies worldwide, corresponding to the ITU member States. Portugal is ranked 41st in this set of countries, with a value of 0.52 in the digital opportunities index – the global average is 0.37. The 40 European countries examined had an average of 0.55; among them, Portugal was ranked 25th. (+info)

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- 16th Annual European Forum on Information Technologies

Paris, 25-26 September

- 3rd International Seminar on "Mathematic Techniques for Telecommunications Problems"

Leiria (Portugal), 4-8 September

- Euro mGov 2006, 2nd European Conference on Mobile Government

Brighton (United Kingdom), 30 August to 1 September

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