

## Telecomms

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### **End of the Individual Licensing Regime - interim fee arrangements**

On 25 July 2003 a package of EU Directives on Communications will come into force which will alter the regulatory regime under which the telecommunications sector operates currently. One of the principal changes will be the ending of the current individual licensing regime. This will be replaced by a new general authorisation regime.

Between now and the introduction of the new regime companies will continue to be required to apply for individual licences and submit ISVR registration requests, but the following interim fee arrangements will apply:-

- Individual licences without Code powers - £75
- Individual licences with Code powers - £15,000
- ISVR registrations - no charge

Applications for licences which include code powers will be processed in the normal way up until the point where there is insufficient time to complete the statutory public consultation before the ending of the individual licensing regime. However, such applications for the telecommunications code must follow a statutory public consultation and companies should recognise that any application made after early May of this year, which includes an application for the telecommunications code, is unlikely to be granted before the end date of 24th July.

Further information on the implementation of the new EU Communications Directives is available at :-

[http://www.oftel.gov.uk/ind\\_info/licensing/licence\\_end0702.pdf](http://www.oftel.gov.uk/ind_info/licensing/licence_end0702.pdf)