



REGULATING PREMIUM RATE SERVICES UNDER LAW

The EU and UK Legal Framework in Practice

Tuesday 10 JUNE 2014 | 6pm Registration & Drinks for 6.30pm start | 1 CPD POINT

THE COURTROOMS AT BROWNS, 82 - 84 ST MARTIN'S LANE, COVENT GARDEN, LONDON, WC2N 4AG

“Payment via phone bill” has the potential to become one of the most common payment methods in the future. The value and range of goods and services paid for by consumers via their phone bills is growing, and so too is interest in the regulatory framework for regulating premium rate phone services.

In this seminar, Monckton Chambers’ specialists in EU, competition and telecoms law explore some of the key issues likely to come before the courts in the coming years relating to the operation and effectiveness of the UK’s regulatory regime for premium rate services. They will also consider how that regime fits within, or may be in tension with, the wider EU framework for regulating electronic communications services. This is a seminar that will be of interest to executives in the premium rate and wider telecoms industry, as well as their in-house and external legal advisers.

Programme

6:30pm - PhonepayPlus Practice and Procedure - Gerry Facenna

6:45pm - Regulation of premium rate video services - Ligia Osepciu

7:00pm - UK regulation of premium rate services and the EU legal framework: Complementary or in conflict? - Alan Bates

7:15pm - Panel Discussion with our speakers and Laura Harcombe Partner of Hamblins LLP

How to register:

Our seminars are free to attend. To ensure your place, please RSVP to Jessica Lines jlines@monckton.com or call 020 7468 6330.

SPEAKERS



PhonepayPlus Practice and Procedure

- The PhonepayPlus Code
- Enforcement and sanctions
- PP+ appeals regime / other options

Gerry Facenna



Regulation of premium rate video services

- The Audiovisual Media Services Directive 2010
- Meaning of “on demand programme service” (“ODPS”)
- Obligations on providers of ODPS
- Appeals and review procedure

Ligia Osepciu



UK regulation of premium rate services and the EU legal framework: Complementary or in conflict?

- Is the UK regulatory regime compatible with the EU Electronic Communications Directives?
- How does EU law apply to ‘payment via phone bill’ services?
- Using EU law to challenge Phonepay Plus decisions
- Can the current UK regulatory regime survive?

Alan Bates



COMMENTATOR

Laura Harcombe

Laura Harcombe is a partner in the Commercial Disputes department at Hamblins LLP. She has 18 years of experience in advising corporates and individuals on a wide variety of litigation matters, often with a regulatory angle. She has recently been involved in a number of cases involving PhonepayPlus.