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OFCOM to Prepare Re-Allocation of Mobile Radio Frequencies

According to press release of the Federal Communication Commission ("ComCom") dated November 9, 2009¹, the ComCom has instructed the Federal Office of Communication ("OFCOM") to prepare the allocation of mobile radio frequencies which are either currently free or which will become free in the foreseeable future.

According to the press release, the allocation of the frequencies will take place by way of auction and the public invitation to tender for these frequencies will be launched in the course of next year. The invitation to tender, which will commence in the course year 2010, will concern the frequencies in the following mobile radio bands:

- 900 MHz,
- 1'800 MHz,
- 2'100 MHz,
- 2'600 MHz
- as well as the GSM frequencies allocated to In&Phone, Orange, Sunrise and Swisscom until the end of 2013 and
- the UMTS frequencies allocated to Orange, Sunrise and Swisscom until the end of 2016.

Furthermore, the so-called "digital dividend" frequencies in the frequency band from 790 to 862 MHz should also become available for mobile services in the future.

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¹ See: <http://www.bakom.admin.ch/dokumentation/medieninformationen/00471/index.html?lang=en&msg-id=30007>