

## Competition - Switzerland

### Federal Bodies Call for Faster Determination of Telecoms Network Access Prices

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On August 28 2008 the Competition Commission, the Price Supervisor and the Federal Communications Commission called jointly for the Federal Council to introduce an efficient instrument for faster determination of the network access prices charged by Swiss telecommunications companies. The regulators argue that the Telecommunications Act should be amended to allow the Federal Communications Commission to act not only on the basis of a complaint from a telecommunications service provider, but also on its own initiative if there are reasons for assuming that access conditions are discriminatory or not based on costs. This specific legislative proposal relates exclusively to the determination of access or interconnection prices paid between providers (ie, at wholesale level); it concerns only providers which are in a market-dominant position as a result of their network and can thus obstruct competition even in downstream end-user markets.

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