

**Additional comments:**

Royal Mail is pleased that Ofcom is minded to grant its request for a Direction providing an exception to the universal service on the day after the Battle of the Boyne bank holiday.

**Question 1: Do you agree that there should be an exception to the universal service (i.e. no deliveries or collections by Royal Mail except for limited deliveries and collections in Londonderry only) on the next working day following the Battle of the Boyne bank holiday in Northern Ireland? Please explain your answer.:**

**Question 2: If you live and/or work in Northern Ireland, how important is it for you or for your business to have deliveries and/or collections on the next working day after the Battle of the Boyne bank holiday? Please explain your answer.:**

**Question 3: If you are posting mail to Northern Ireland, how important is it for your item(s) to be delivered on the next working day after the Battle of the Boyne holiday?:**

**Question 4: Are there any other issues you think Ofcom should be made aware of in its consideration of whether an exception to the universal service should be allowed for next working day after the Battle of the Boyne bank holiday? Please provide details where relevant.:**