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Introduction

Welcome to the sixth edition of our UK Single Market Centre Newsletter. We hope that you enjoy the following articles and please do pass it on to anyone else that might be interested.

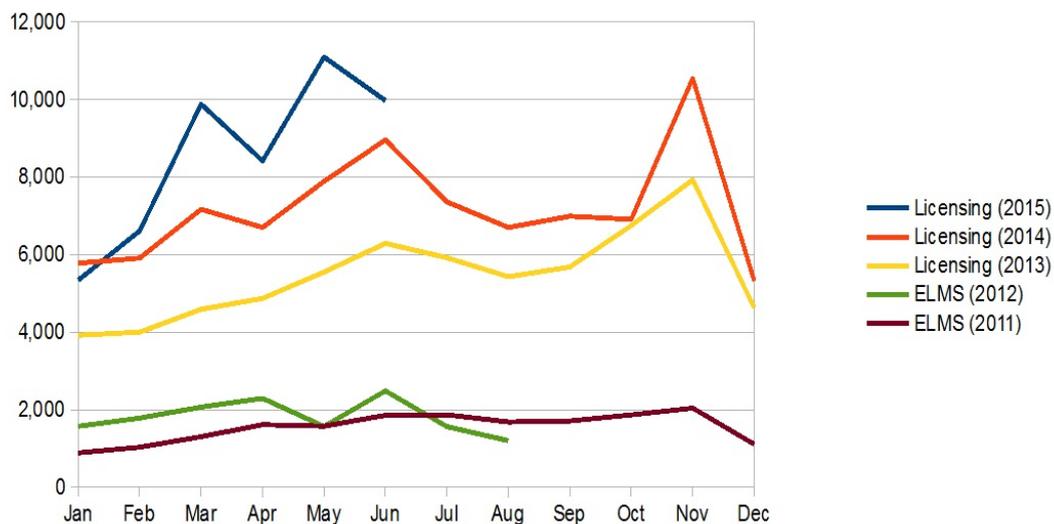
The UK's paper on deepening the single market in goods and services has just been published at: [UK Single Market paper](#). This sets out UK proposals for measures that the EU Commission should bring forward in its package due out in the Autumn.

Point of Single Contact



The following table shows the latest GOV.UK Licensing submissions as at 30th June 2015.

As you can see, the upward trend in the use of online licensing continues – these latest figures show an 11% increase compared to this time last year and an increase of 21% cumulatively against this point in 2014.



UKSMC attended the EUGO PSC Network meeting in Vilnius in June to discuss the results of the 2015 Peer Review of PSCs that was carried out earlier this year. The Review has recently been published (see: [Study on performance of the PSC](#)) and shows that the UK's PSC continues to be rated as amongst the best in the network – currently rated 5th best overall. We are now considering the Review's recommendations and the implications for the UK's PSC.

As always, we would be very interested to know if you have any thoughts or comments either on the Review itself or on how we should proceed (email: uksinglemarketcentre@bis.gsi.gov.uk).

We will also be carrying out random “spot” checks on local and other competent authorities' websites over the Summer. This is a regular house-keeping exercise we do in order to reassure ourselves that compliance with the Services Directive across the UK is consistent.

Services Directive Notifications logged on IMI



The number of Services Directive notifications submitted through IMI continues to increase. There have been 61 notifications so far this year and 21 remain open for comment. In July 2015, the UK submitted its first notification since 2013 regarding the Housing Act 2004 and the management of private rented sector houses. Sweden has submitted the most this year (16) followed by the Czech Republic (13), France (12) and Hungary (6).

The notification procedure is a legal requirement under the Services Directive 2006. Member States submit notifications to the Commission that then disseminates them to other Member States for comment and, since 2013, this process is now done via IMI. We review all notifications to see if they comply with the Directive and, where appropriate, seek views from other organisations.

Note: local authorities must notify any new local authorisation schemes via IMI, including, for example, landlords' registration schemes. They should also ensure that they comply with all the other legal requirements (the February 2015 newsletter contains a helpful summary of these, see: [UKSMS Newsletter Issue 5](#)).

SOLVIT Update



We have recently hosted a visit by advisers from the British Consulate in Madrid, to explain our work and how we can help provide support and assistance to UK citizens as they move to Spain.

We have continued to promote our work through presentations in Brussels, at a seminar organised by the UK National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) to talk about the new Professional Qualification Directive and at a meeting of the BIS Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO). We have also met with DWP colleagues, to discuss how we can work more effectively together.

Once again, we have received a number of complaints against the UK concerning professional qualification recognition that relate to some Portuguese academic bodies not being correctly notified in order that the UK can recognise

the qualification they issue. As we dealt with an identical problem relating to Italian bodies last year, we already know how to resolve it and are working with SOLVIT Portugal to ensure that the notification is made.

We are also working with SOLVIT Croatia in order to find a way forward in respect of a problem of a Croatian Authority not issuing the correct certification for qualification recognition, as well as responding to a lot of concerns being raised through SOLVIT about the UK's decision to raise the level of language requirements for healthcare professionals from other Member States.

Technical Regulations Directive 98/34/EC Latest



In the 2nd quarter of 2015, 194 notifications were submitted to the Commission, 19 of which were from the UK. We have also circulated 175 notifications from other EU countries to our contacts in Whitehall for them to consider.

All these notifications can be found on the European Commission's Technical Regulations Information System (TRIS) website: [TRIS](#)

The UK submitted one detailed opinion on a German notification: Ordinance on minimum technical requirements in terms of the secure and interoperable deployment and operation of recharging points for electro mobile vehicles which are accessible to the public (Charging Column Ordinance [German designation: LSV]). As a result, the standstill period on this was extended until 14 September.

We also submitted comments on 4 other proposals (2 from Poland and 2 from Lithuania).

Single Market Scoreboard



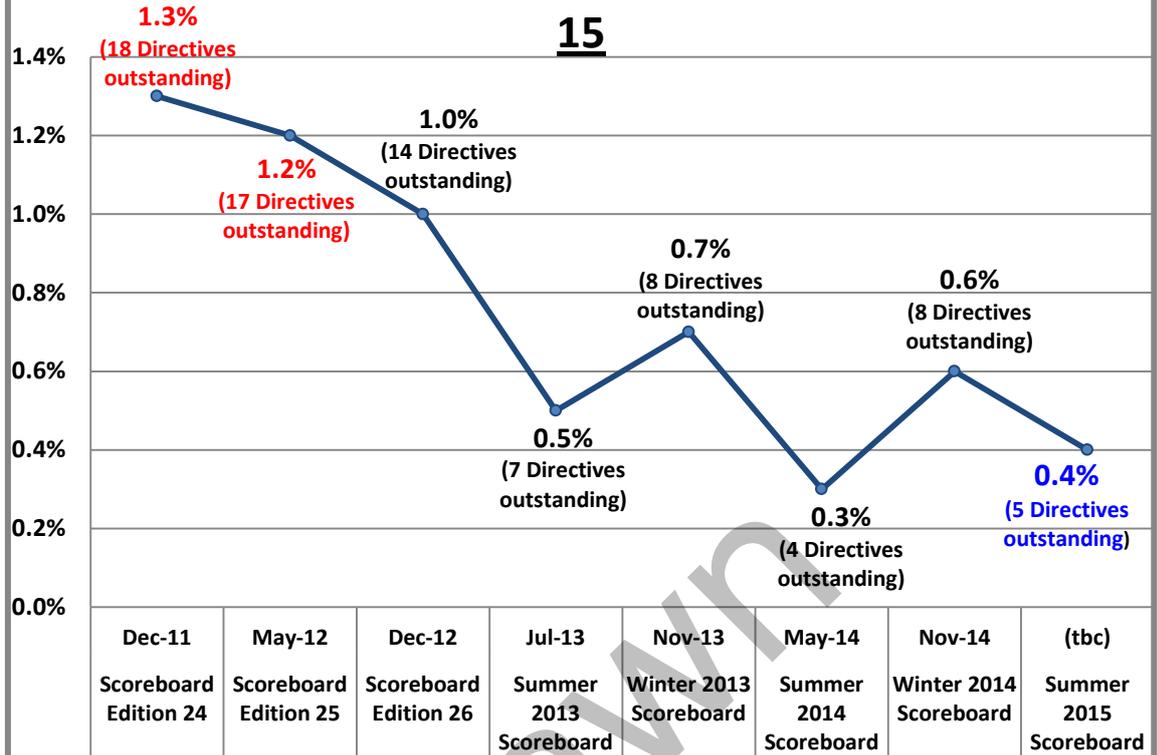
The Commission recently published the online report for the latest Scoreboard (Winter 2014) at: [Transposition](#). The separate 7-page detailed report on the UK's performance can also be found at: [UK Transposition](#)

This report shows that the UK's performance has fallen slightly in the areas of Transposition and Infringements compared to the previous Summer 2014 Scoreboard.

Work on the Summer 2015 Scoreboard has recently been completed and, although the Commission has yet to publish that report, it has confirmed informally that the UK has achieved a transposition deficit score of 0.4% with just 5 Directives outstanding, and was placed joint 5th with four other Member States. The Commission has also confirmed that the Summer 2015 Scoreboard will not be published until after the Summer.

The following graph shows the UK's performance over the last 5 years, including in the Summer 2015 Scoreboard. As you can see, overall, the UK's performance continues to show steady improvement.

UK Transposition Deficit Scores Dec 11 - May



Our next Newsletter will be issued in Autumn 2015. If you would like to suggest or contribute an article, please contact Lisa Rogers at: lisa.rogers@bis.gsi.gov.uk.

We would also welcome feedback on any of the items mentioned in this newsletter.

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