



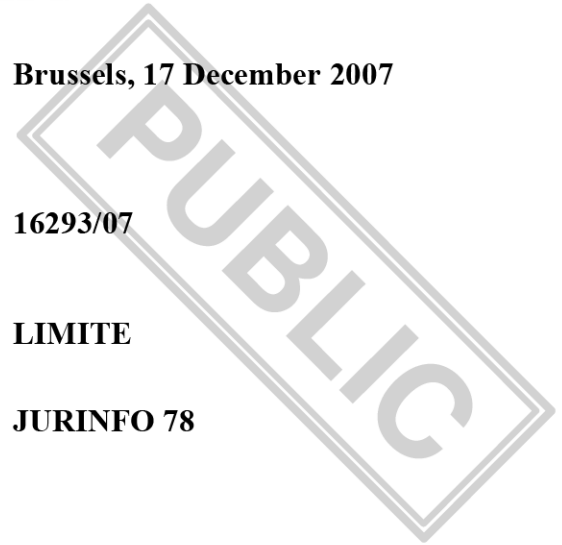
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NOTE

from:	the Secretariat General of the Commission and the Publications Office
to:	Working Party on Legal Data Processing
Subject:	National implementation measures

EUR-Lex Sector 7 displays the information on national implementation measures sent daily to the Publications Office by the Secretariat General of the Commission (SG). The internal database of the SG - whose information is provided directly by the Member States - allows for better information than the present offer on EUR-Lex. In addition, in its communication with the title “A Europe of results – Applying community law” (Doc COM (2007) 502 final, 5 September 2007), related to the implementation of Community law within Member States, the Commission stated that one of the areas of improvement is enhancing dialogue and transparency, which includes better information for the public. The better information for the public should be provided by EUR-Lex.

Currently, a team of the Publications Office, together with the SG, is concluding a first step which shows on EUR-Lex a more complete information on national implementation measures as available in the internal database of the SG of the Commission. In addition to the fields already shown, i.e. Member State, sequence number per measure for a directive and free text title of the national act, new fields have been added as transposition date for each country, type of legal act, number of legal act in the national system, publication references, date of entry into force.

Since 2004, Member States also provide the SG of the Commission with PDF files of the measures taken to implement community law.

As from midst 2008, the Publications would load the PDF files provided by Member States and made them available through EUR-Lex by links at the level of the information offered in sector 7. This solution will not cover all measures in the system, but only the ones which have been notified since 2004 with PDF files delivered by Member States. This solution will also allow for suitable additional access only to directives with the implementation measures which could be seen as a more dedicated access, and could be easily hyperlinked by other information systems, on the level of the EU or on national levels...

It should nevertheless be stressed that the information on national implementation measures provided by Member States is a photograph of the situation on the day each one of the Member States delivers its notification to the SG of the Commission and does not give any follow-up of the national legislation after the date of notification. But a measure which completes or replaces a former measure would normally be notified by the Member State and appear in the internal database of the SG as well as in the daily extraction for EUR-Lex. This availability of PDFs does not replace the longer term solution which is still to be seen as providing considerable added value. It consists in giving access to the documents themselves as soon as the national systems of dissemination of legislation will include identification by URN (uniform resource name) and as soon as the internal database of the SG processes this identification in a more controlled field.

Two more elements will have to be considered : which solutions to apply to national measures of Member States with more than one official language and to correlation tables.
