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Release Notes

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the *Release Notes* document is to communicate the most relevant new features and changes in the current release of the IMI System - Version 1.6.

1.2 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

PQD = Professional Qualifications Directive

SD = Services Directive

CA = Competent Authority

LA = Legislative Area

1.3 References

IMI Handbook - http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/imi-net/docs/user_handbook_en.pdf

2 ABOUT THIS RELEASE

Version 1.6 was released in order to fully support the exchange of information between authorities with access to the legislative area "Services" within IMI. It contains a number of predefined and pretranslated question sets that can be used for the legislative area "Services".

These question sets were created through the use of a new tool – the so-called Question Set Generator – that is available to the European Commission in order to create/ amend question sets for legislative areas in IMI. This tool has been released within Version 1.6 and it will significantly facilitate the management of IMI question sets by the Commission.

In addition, Version 1.6 also offers a number of improvements and fixes to technical problems identified by IMI users.

3 CHANGES AND NEW FEATURES

The table below contains a list of the main changes that have been introduced in IMI Version 1.6.

Management of authorities and users		
#	Component	Description
1	User / CA administration	<p>A new mandatory field has been introduced whereby an authority is asked to enter a free-text description of the authority. The user is asked to specify the language used when entering the free text. The text is then translated by the Commission services and made available in the system in all official EU languages.</p> <p>Whenever this field is modified, the user needs to indicate whether or not a new translation is required. If the modification is only the correction of a spelling mistake, no new translation is required. If it is a substantial change to the text, a new translation is needed. This is indicated through filling in a tick box situated underneath the text field.</p>

2	User / CA administration	Facility to indicate any modifications to the informal title of an authority that require new translations. The user chooses whether the modification requires translation by filling in a tick box situated underneath the informal title field.
3	User / CA administration	The area of competence tab heading has been made available in an improved format. It is updated by the authority itself after registration. The economic and policy areas are now presented through a tree structure that can be navigated. It includes facilities to expand/collapse all, select/unselect all. It is also possible to undertake a keyword search through both lists. Only exact matches are displayed through a yellow highlight.

Improvements to the request management functionality

#	Component	Description
	Request management	Availability of new question sets for the legislative area "Services" . During the pilot phase (until 28 December 2009), a distinction is made between real-life cases and hypothetical fictional cases.
5	Request management	Possibility to forward a request to a CA within the same Member State even if that CA is flagged not to accept incoming requests. This CA will be visible to other Member States in the general CA search only. It will not be visible during the creation of a request. Once a request has been forwarded to a CA with this flag setting, the CA can directly respond to the request of another Member State. It can also send requests.

Other changes and fixes to technical problems encountered

#	Component	Description
1	Request management	In Version 1.5, IMI users encountered problems when attempting to create request reports using Internet Explorer 6 (and any version of IE below). This problem has now been fixed.
2	General	Wrong navigation from the "Exit" button during request management back to the home page in Version 1.5. This is now fixed and the "Exit" button brings the user back to the request list.
3	Request management (Coordinators only)	Search criteria default values in the Urgency list have been changed. By default, the urgency list shows all requests where a response is due in less than 5 days and all requests that are awaiting acceptance for more than 10 days. This default value can be changed by the user.
10	Data protection	Privacy disclaimer on the "Change password" screen when activating registration for the first time.
11	General	Below the menu bar, the system provides the user with an overview of the chosen activity path . This makes it easier for the user to understand what action is being taken.