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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 2.0.

More detailed information can be found in the user documentation which accompanies this release (see section *1.3 References* below).

1.2 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

PQD = Professional Qualifications Directive

SD = Services Directive

CA = Competent Authority

LA = Legislative Area

WF = Workflow

1.3 References

- (1) IMI Handbook - http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/imi-net/docs/user_handbook_en.pdf
- (2) User documentation specific to Version 2.0 which has been distributed to National IMI Coordinators and will be available on the IMI website once translations are available:-
 - IMI Version 2.0: Updates on Authority Data Management and Self-Registration of Competent Authorities
 - The Alert Mechanism and IMI - Guidelines and user manual.

2 ABOUT THIS RELEASE

The main purpose of version 2.0 is to introduce a new workflow (the "alert mechanism") for the Services legislative area. Generic improvements to IMI have also been made which support the concept of multiple workflows in a legislative area and allow the future expansion of IMI to further sectors.

In addition, Version 2.0 also offers a number of improvements requested by IMI users.

With the introduction of Version 2.0, the IMI system is now hosted on a dedicated server which results in improved system response times.

3 KNOWN PROBLEMS

At the time of release, a problem has been identified with the "monitoring list" (option to list requests of other authorities) which loads very slowly. The Commission is investigating this issue and a fix will be released once the problem has been identified and resolved.

4 CHANGES AND NEW FEATURES

The table below contains a list of the main changes that have been introduced in IMI Version 2.0.

| General changes | | |
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| # | Component | Description |
| 1 | Login page | On the login page for IMI Version 2, you will notice the new updated IMI logo. |
| 2 | Menu | Some changes have been made to the IMI menu structure on the home page. These changes are intuitive and should help users to find the required options as easily as possible. The menu options are now presented in a more streamlined way in order to prevent cluttering when new functionality is added to IMI in the future. |
| Alert workflow | | |
| # | Component | Description |
| 3 | Workflow | <p>A new workflow has been introduced under the Services legislative area.</p> <p>This supports the alert mechanism described in Articles 29 and 31 of the Services directive and allows Member States to exchange information about specific service activities which involve threats to the health and safety of persons or to the environment.</p> <p>Documentation explaining how to grant authorities access to the alert workflow and how to use the alert mechanism has been provided to all National IMI Coordinators.</p> |
| Search for a Competent Authority | | |
| # | Component | Description |
| 4 | CA General Search | <p>The general CA search screen has been improved to make it easier for authorities to find their appropriate counterpart in another Member State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New dropdown lists of keywords and professions have been provided for each legislative area • It is possible to search for an authority based on its role in a legislative area • It is possible to search for an authority based on its role in a workflow (for example, in the Services legislative area, search for authorities with the role of Alert coordinator) • A better explanation of how the keyword search functions has been added to the search screen. |
| Authority and user management | | |
| # | Component | Description |
| 5 | General | At the request of Member States, Version 2 of IMI introduces a separation between the administrative role (registration of authorities, invitations to register, management of authorities' access |

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| | | <p>to legislative areas and workflows, etc.) and the "content-related" role of an IMI coordinator (intervening in requests, dealing with referrals, etc). This is achieved by defining roles for each authority at the level of both the legislative area (administrative) and the individual workflow (content-related).</p> <p>For example, it is now possible for an authority to have a role of "Request coordinator" in the information request workflow without the power to register other authorities (role in legislative area = Competent authority).</p> <p>Please refer to the user guidelines "Version 2.0 Updates on Authority Data Management and Self-Registration of Competent Authorities" for more information on this area.</p> |
| 6 | CA Registration | IMI Version 2 introduces the role of Legislative area IMI coordinator (LIMIC). This is an IMI coordinator with overall responsibility for one legislative area which has the ability to register DIMICs in the same legislative area. It can also (in addition to the NIMIC and SDIMIC) register Alert Coordinators. |
| 7 | CA Registration | When registering a new authority, a coordinator will be asked to choose which workflow(s) the authority should have access to and which role the authority will have in each selected workflow. |
| 8 | CA Registration/Validation Authority Management | <p>As a result of the separation of administration and content-related responsibilities, it will no longer be automatically assumed that the IMI coordinator who is registering or validating registration of an authority in IMI is the same coordinator who will be linked to the information exchanges of that authority.</p> <p>This means that when directly registering an authority, or when validating self-registration by an authority, or when granting access to a new legislative area workflow:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the authority is assigned a role of "authority (requests)" in the information request workflow, it will be necessary to specifically choose at least one linked "request coordinator" before access to the workflow can be granted. • If the authority has a role of "alert authority" in the alert workflow, it will be necessary to specifically choose at least one linked "alert coordinator" before access to the workflow can be granted. |
| 9 | Self-registration | <p>Some changes have been made in version 2 to the process of inviting an authority to self-register in IMI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative area and workflow will no longer be selected by default (for both imported and individual invitations) • Legislative areas and workflow(s) may be selected through the bulk change facility (with the exception of the Alert workflow) or by individual editing (including the Alert workflow) • Multiple re-submitting of invitations, multiple deleting and the application of bulk changes to rejected invitations will now be possible |
| 10 | User management | For IMI coordinators, a new user role of " data administrator " has been introduced. This allows a user to manage data about other (coordinated) authorities and includes the right to invite authorities |

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| | | <p>to register in IMI. In future, "local data administrator" rights will only allow a user to manage data about its own authority.</p> <p><u>All users in coordinators who previously had "local data administrator" rights have automatically been given "data administrator" rights.</u> This change has been introduced to allow a separation of responsibilities and the possibility to restrict those users who can manage data about other authorities.</p> <p>For the information request workflow, a new "request viewer" role has been introduced which allows a user to view and print the requests of its authority without being allowed to send or respond to information requests.</p> <p>For the new alert workflow, the roles of "alert viewer", "alert handler" and "alert disseminator" have been introduced.</p> |
| 11 | Authority management | An authority which has previously been suspended may now be reactivated by its validating coordinator. |
| 12 | Authority management | As was previously the case for an authority's access to a legislative area, a full set of statuses has been introduced for an authority's access to a workflow and facilities for coordinators to manage workflow access have been provided (adding, requesting, suspending, removing, reactivating access to a workflow). Authorities can also request access to new workflows or request reactivation of workflows which were previously suspended. |
| 13 | Authority management | IMI version 2 allows a coordinator to change the role of a coordinated authority at the level of the legislative area or the workflow , depending on the authority's status. |
| 14 | Authority management | For data administrators (IMI coordinators), information about the local data administrator(s) in a coordinated authority has been added to the screen providing general information about the authority. The user's status will also be shown (has the user activated its registration by logging in to IMI?) |
| 15 | Authority management | IMI coordinators have a dedicated interface for managing other authorities and validation of requests for registration and access to new legislative areas and workflows. Additional search criteria on this screen allow coordinators to search by the status of the authority or by the status of a particular access to a legislative area or workflow. |
| 16 | Authority management | <p><u>Email facility for IMI coordinators</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With version 2, coordinators may send the same email to as many authorities as they wish. The limitation on the maximum number of addressees has been removed. The system will send the email separately to each selected recipient, instead of sending a single email to multiple recipients. • Additional free text may be added by a coordinator when sending the preformatted email requesting the update of an authority's data. |

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| Request management (coordinators) | | |
| 17 | Request lists | <p>A new criterion has been added to the Urgency list for IMI coordinators: 'Show requests in status 'Request open - information provided' for more than X days'.</p> <p>This will allow IMI coordinators to ensure that authorities they coordinate are encouraged to accept replies received and to close the requests in a timely manner in order to comply with data protection legislation.</p> |
| Other technical improvements | | |
| 18 | System performance | <p>The IMI system is now hosted on a dedicated server which has resulted in improved system response times.</p> |