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IMI System - Version 1.5

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 1.5.

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

IMI Version 1.5 contains a number of new features as well as enhancements to existing functionality. Many of the improvements have been made in response to change requests received during the Professional Qualifications pilot project.

Version 1.5 contains the changes necessary to support the introduction of a new IMI legislative area – Services.

3 CHANGES AND NEW FEATURES

The table below contains a list of the main functionality that has been introduced in IMI Version 1.5.

Improved Language Assistance		
#	Component	Description
1	Translation	Facility to generate online translations of free text (general comments, question/answer related comments) and attached files for certain language pairs.
2	Translation	Facility to generate, save and update translations of free texts (general comments, question/answer related comments) and attached files for certain language pairs.
3	Request management	During request creation, a new message informs the user of the languages understood by the Responding CA and advises trying to use a common language for free text communication.
4	General	A " Machine translation " disclaimer has been added on the home page and on the Translation page to inform users about the limitations of machine translation.

Management of Multiple Legislative Areas within IMI System (PQD and SD) – CA registration and CA Search

#	Component	Description
5	User / CA administration	In order to manage multiple legislative areas , an IMI Coordinator can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ register CA for more than one legislative area ▪ register CA with different roles in different legislative areas ▪ define different privileges for authority users in different legislative areas; ▪ grant or remove a CA's access to a legislative area.
6	User / CA administration	A new criteria (<i>Only show authorities I'm already coordinating</i>) has been added to the selection screen to allow an IMI Coordinator to grant access to <u>any</u> CA to a legislative area he coordinates. By unticking this box, the Coordinator will be able to grant access to CAs he does not already coordinate.
7	User / CA administration	Settings for different legislative areas are displayed and managed separately in different tab headings.
8	User / CA administration	In CA registration, new tab headings will show all the steps in the registration process from the beginning.
9	User / CA administration	The legislative area settings of the authorities are managed on two subpages under the tab: Settings for Professional Qualifications / Services. The first one includes the general information related to the legislative area, such as the keywords, while the second one contains the settings for the management of information requests (flags)
10	User / CA administration	Initially, the system offered only one list of keywords to describe an authority's area of competence . In Version 1.5, this list has been split into two sets: professions and keywords. Both lists are mandatory. They are accessible under the tab " <i>Settings for Legislative Area (e.g. Professional Qualifications)/ General Information</i> ". When the CA (or its Coordinator) next updates its data, the system will check if at least one entry has been selected from these lists or not. If not, the system will ask the user to define the authority's area of competence via the above page.
11	CA search	<i>Legislative area</i> has been added as a search criterion. The <i>Keyword</i> search is now incorporated in the <i>Free text</i> search field and is no longer a separate data field.
12	CA search	When searching for an authority, the overview screen now also displays the authority type and role for each different legislative area.

New functionality to assist IMI Coordinators

#	Component	Description
13	Request management	A Coordinator's Urgency List has been created containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CA requests where a response is overdue ▪ CA requests where a response is due in less than X days (default value can be changed by the user) ▪ CA requests awaiting acceptance for more than Y days (default value can be changed by the user)

14	E-mail	Facility available for Coordinators to send a standard predefined email to one or more Competent Authorities. It is also possible to add personalized free text to the email before sending.
Improvements to the request management functionality		
#	Component	Description
15	Request management	Facility to generate and print a report of a request . The report types are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report for the data subject. ▪ Data subject consent form (to be signed by the data subject). ▪ Full report with or without personal data. ▪ Customized report;
16	Request management	When creating a new request, details about the selected Responding Authority's areas of competence and the legislative areas it has access to are displayed as expandable sections. .
17	Request management	Responding CA can propose a new due date when accepting a request.
18	Request management	It is now possible to update certain non critical data in relation to the request subject. The Requesting Authority can update this data at any time before closure of the request. The following are considered non critical data : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ country ▪ federal state ▪ region ▪ town ▪ postcode ▪ street ▪ number ▪ email address
19	Request management	When general comments are added to a request they will be saved together with the name of the author and the date when the comment is added..
20	Request management	General comments can be edited while the request remains in Draft status (i.e. before sending a request to another authority).
21	Request management	All questions in the requests get numbered when they are sent to the Responding Authority. When asking for additional information, unsatisfactory replies can now be identified by the related question number. This will make it easier for the Responding Authority to identify which replies were considered unsatisfactory.
Changes related to Data Protection		
#	Component	Description
22	Data protection	Personal data is automatically deleted 6 months after closure of a request. If the data subject asks for erasure of his personal data before this, either of the CAs involved can request erasure of the personal data contained in the request..

23	Request management	<p>A new search criterion - <i>Include depersonalized requests</i> - has been added all relevant request lists. The default value is NO, with the result that depersonalized requests will not be included in the request lists</p> <p>The value can be changed to YES in order to include requests where the personal data has been erased.</p> <p>(The search criteria of the lists can be displayed by clicking on the "+" sign next to the "search within the list label.)</p>
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Other changes to improve the system's usability

#	Component	Description
24	General	A label has been added on the login page which will inform users if IMI is unavailable .
25	E-mail	An automatic e-mail is sent to a CA that has been added as a Linked Authority by another CA.
26	Request management	When creating a request, the calendar for the data subject's date of birth has been defaulted to the 1 st January 1970.
27	Request management	<p>A new intelligent search facility allows the user to filter a long dropdown list of data values to reduce the number of entries by matching against a value entered in the search field. For example, the list of third countries contains more than 100 entries.</p> <p>The filtering of such a list starts when the user enters the first character of a word. Only those entries which match the serie of characters entered by the user remain in the list.</p>
28	Request management	The icon indicating requests which are overdue or approaching the deadline has been removed for closed requests.
29	Request management	The Send date will now be displayed in the green request header in all screens where the header is shown (including request lists).