REGULATORY SERVICES

MONITORING POSTAL REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS WORLDWIDE

WHY?
Postal operators have to manage complex laws and regulations applied to the postal sector that are relevant to existing and new services. They are faced with national and transnational regulatory obligations and requirements.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
IPC’s Regulatory services provide members with a full overview of legal, regulatory, and political developments within Europe, Asia Pacific and Americas, affecting postal operators’ existing or potential new business. IPC produces an annual IPC Postal Regulatory Database and maintains the IPC Regulatory Portal. In addition, IPC provides posts with a number of publications and in-depth articles focusing on regulatory issues as well as weekly and monthly Regulatory Flashes. The IPC Regulatory department provides regulatory experts with a platform to exchange best practices and keep up to date with the latest regulatory developments.

BENEFITS
- IPC’s Regulatory services can provide help for posts with the interaction with national regulatory authorities by providing a comparison of regulatory frameworks and obligations throughout different markets.
- Online access to up to date information and benchmarks on regulatory topics such as the Universal Service Obligation, VAT policy, licensing, and price regulation.
- Regular news updates on the latest regulatory and legal developments worldwide via the IPC weekly and monthly Regulatory Flashes.

AN OVERVIEW OF IPC’S REGULATORY SERVICES
IPC’s regulatory services are an in-depth insight into the regulatory activities within the postal sector. Through these services, customers are able to gain access to a number of unique publications, analysis, and postal news.

IPC Postal Regulatory Database
IPC Postal Regulatory Database provides up-to-date, relevant information and descriptions of the postal regulatory environment in 49 countries. It is available as a hard copy or can be consulted in full online, via the IPC website and the Regulatory Portal.
**IPC Regulatory Portal**

The IPC Regulatory Portal is a web application that provides an entry point to a set of regulatory and legal resources. It allows for the easy comparison of the regulatory environment in 27 countries worldwide. The IPC Regulatory Portal is beneficial for postal operators functioning in national markets outside their home territory and for regulatory information at large.

The Portal is divided into eight modules that provide members with information at a very detailed level on the most relevant issues, such as the Universal Service Obligation (USO), price regulation, VAT policy, licensing, postal network and downstream access, among others.

- The first of its modules is **“Regulatory Topics”**, which offers a general overview of each of these issues in an easy-to-read format.
- **“Country Pages”**, provides members with a detailed overview of domestic regulations around important topics.
- The **“EU Issue Tracker”** module includes a selection of EU legislative documents along with communications, opinion papers, statistics, studies and reports on the EU cross-border e-commerce market.
- The **“Regulators’ Tracker”** module provides information and documents from the National Regulatory Authorities (NRA’s) in 27 countries and also the European Regulators Group for Postal Services (ERGP).
- The **“Regulatory Library”** includes more than 500 reports, including impact studies, academic papers, articles and the postal acts.
- The **“Topic Pages”** module allows navigation of regulatory topics starting from the topic and not the country mode. Country-specific information is also linked to relevant documents uploaded on the Portal under Country Pages and Topic Pages.
- The **“Match Maker”** allows comparisons of selected country profiles based on selected topics and rules.
- The **“Regulatory Database”** module includes the electronic version of all the IPC Regulatory Database publications from 2004 onwards.

**IPC Regulatory Flashes**

An important part of IPC’s Regulatory services are the weekly and monthly IPC Regulatory Flashes. The Regulatory Flashes provide readers with a selection of news, reports and other publications coming from Postal operators, regulators, governmental authorities, etc. regarding postal regulations in Europe, Asia, Pacific and Americas.

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