

Consultation - EU Directive on the re-use of Public Sector Information

On 1 July 2005, the Regulations implementing the EU Directive on the Re-use of Public Sector Information in the UK come into force. It will require public bodies to make changes to the way they allow information they hold to be re-used. This may mean publicly listing all documents held and providing standard online licensing forms. Also, the refusal of requests to re-use information will only be allowed under specific exemptions.

Information handlers such as webmasters, record managers and statistical officers will all be affected by these changes. Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO), soon to be known as the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) will be running a consultation period from 22 December 2004 to 18 March 2005. If you have a view on these important changes please respond. The consultation document is available at www.hmso.gov.uk/psi/eudpsi-consultations.htm along with further information on the Directive.