



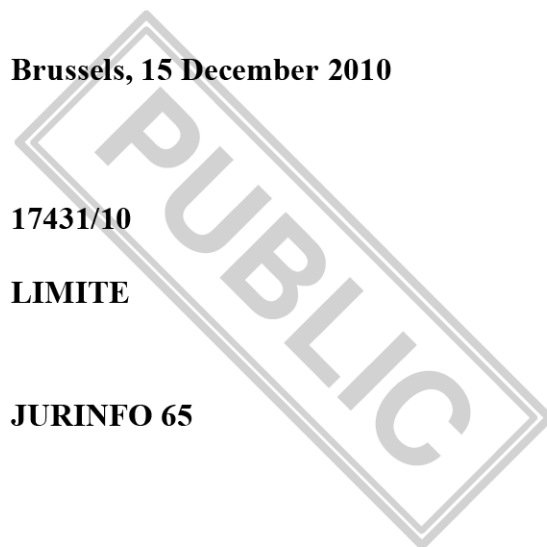
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NOTE

from: Publications Office of the European Union
to: Working Party on e-Law (e-Law)
Subject: EUR-Lex - Ongoing work and projects

1. Enhancement of the documentary repository

a) European Court Reports

The load chain for HTML and text index (which will make it possible to fill the existing gaps) is currently being installed. All case-law published until December 2008 will be available on EUR-Lex by the first quarter 2011 at the latest.

b) National implementing measures

Discussions are ongoing with the Secretariat General in order to decide upon the sending format of the files with a view to setting up a reception chain at the Publications Office by the end of the first quarter 2011. As a reminder, the Publications Office has decided to import documents from the NIF database of the Secretariat General instead of setting links towards the texts. The pdf files of these documents will thus be stored at the Publications Office.

c) Citizens' summaries

The work aiming at receiving, storing and displaying citizens' summaries on EUR-Lex is ongoing in cooperation with Commission services (DG communication, DGT and Secretariat General). The reception chain is currently being installed at the Publications Office. Citizens' summaries should be available on EUR-Lex by the end of the first quarter of 2011.

d) Parliamentary questions

Notices of 19156 (out of a total of 22000) written parliamentary questions whose titles have solely been published in the OJ since 2004 have been generated and loaded. The notices include a link to the relevant OJs. A project aiming at completing the notices by adding the respective texts in the available languages is ongoing and should be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2011.

e) Renumbering of sector 6 documents

Celex numbers of sector 6 documents (case law) will be renumbered by the Court of Justice. They will encompass two type letters instead of one. That renumbering will have an impact on the data processing to be carried out by the Publications Office. Further to the drafting of an impact assessment by the Publications Office, a meeting will be organised with the Court of Justice so as to decide upon the steps to be taken in order to integrate these modifications.

f) Access to national case-law relating to Community Law (Sector 8)

Internal adjustments allowing for the technical reception of the relevant documents have already been made at the Publications Office. The interface which will be offered to the end user still needs to be adapted. The access to sector 8 documents should be put in production in the first quarter of 2011.

2) Searching and indexing

a) Searching by name of a party

Work is being done with a view to improving the search by name of a party. It should be completed by the first quarter of 2011.

b) New classification plan for Community case-law

The Court of justice has informed the Publications Office of its intention to set up and use a new classification plan for Community case Law. All case law produced as of the 1st of January 2010 will follow this new classification plan. Discussions between the Court of Justice and the Publications Office are ongoing with a view to finding the best possible way to take the new classification plan into account.

c) New expert search features

The following expert search features should be available on EUR-Lex by the first quarter of 2011:

- The search will be possible in Bulgarian and in Romanian;
- The search will be possible by EuroVoc descriptor (and not only by EuroVoc code);
- The graphical interface will be improved;
- The roles of the links between documents will be searchable.