

REGULATIONS



Monitoring postal regulatory developments worldwide



IPC Postal Regulatory Database

Why?

Postal operators have to operate in a framework of complex laws and regulations which are applied to the postal sector that are relevant to both existing and new services. IPC's Regulatory department supports the postal industry's understanding developments of the transnational regulatory obligations and requirements.

How does it work?

IPC's Regulatory Services provide members with a full overview of regulatory, legal, and political developments affecting postal operators' existing or potential business within Europe, Asia Pacific and Americas.

IPC produces an annual Postal Regulatory Database and maintains the 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 News Flashes. The IPC Regulatory department provides experts with a platform to exchange best practises and keep up to date with the latest 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 applied in 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, participants are able to gain access to a number of relevant publications, analysis and news. The IPC Regulatory Service includes the following features:

IPC Postal Regulatory Database

IPC Postal Regulatory Database provides up-to-date, detailed information and descriptions of the postal regulatory framework in 58 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 allows for an easy comparison of postal regulations in 27 countries worldwide, EU regulations affecting postal services, and analyses via a number of reports. The tool is especially beneficial for postal operators with presences in national markets outside their home territory.

The Portal is divided into eight modules that provide members with detailed information 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 around Europe, Asia Pacific and Americas.

More information

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