

## Questionnaire on the organisation and operation of Official Gazettes in the EU

### (17) Answers by 'SDU Uitgevers', Netherlands

#### I. Organisational data

NL		<b><u>1. Identification and contact person(s)</u></b>
1.1	<b>Organisation:</b>	SDU Uitgevers b.v. SDU Publishers
		This applies only for the gazette, not for the organisation
1.3	<b>Address :</b>	Prinses Beatrixlaan 116 2595 AL DEN HAAG The Netherlands
1.5	<b>Internet :</b>	www.staatscourant.nl (of the gazette) www.sdu.nl (of the total organisation)
NL		<b><u>2. Data on the organisation and its overall tasks</u></b>
2.1	<b>Form and nature:</b>	- private company owned by the government
		Shareholder is the State of the Netherlands, represented by the Ministry of Finance.
2.2	<b>Legal basis for publishing:</b>	- general company law

2.3	<b>Year of the found.:</b>	1814	
		Applies only for the gazette. The company Sdu was privatised in 1988.	
2.4	<b>Legal basis for co-operation:</b>	- private-law contract following negotiated procedure	
		The traditional association with the government was established in 1988 – with the privatisation of Sdu- in a general agreement with the State, by which Sdu was made responsible for the publishing of Official Publications.	
2.5	<b>Main tasks of the organisation</b>		
2.5.1	<b>Publ. of laws/regulations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- laws and regulations</li> <li>- treaties and internal agreements</li> <li>- consolidated law – databases</li> <li>- consolidated law – paper publ.</li> <li>- parliamentary documents</li> <li>- court decisions</li> <li>- individual measures</li> <li>- legal notices – call for tender</li> <li>- legal notices – company data</li> <li>- public recruitment competitions</li> <li>- collective agreements</li> <li>- inform. About EU legislation</li> <li>- legal literature</li> <li>- other publications</li> </ul>	mandatory mandatory mandatory mandatory not mandatory not mandatory not mandatory mandatory not mandatory mandatory mandatory not mandatory not mandatory
2.5.2	<b>Operation of databases</b>	Opmaat (nonmandatory), Attender (nonmandatory), Wettenbank (nonmandatory), Euromaat (nonmandatory, Basiswettenbestand (mandatory), Overheid.op (mandatory)	
2.5.3	<b>Others (e.g. forms ...)</b>	Passports (mandatory)	
		This applies only for the whole company and not only for the gazette.	
2.6	<b>What language(s) is/are used</b>	Dutch	
2.7	<b>Activities of public or private companies</b>		
2.7.1	<b>Subcontracts in</b>	- CD-ROM/DVD duplication	

	<b>isolated cases for</b>	- adverting agencies - others (consultants, auditors etc.)
2.7.2	<b>Contracts for instit. Or regular work</b>	
2.8	<b>Other off. Gazettes</b>	
2.9	<b>Annual budget (global) of the organisation</b>	
		Confidential (See Annual Report, which you can ask for if you call the service desk 0703789880)
2.10	<b>Do you have in-house</b>	- printing facilities - online publishing facilities
2.11	<b>How much of the following work is subcontracted</b>	
	pre-press	5
	printing	15
	dissemination	10
2.12	<b>How is the head of the organ. Appointed</b>	By application procedure. By (supervisory) board.
2.13	<b>Number of staff of the organ.</b>	45
		This applies only for the gazette.
2.14	<b>Which services are offered by the organ.</b>	- information on documents - bookshop

## II. Details concerning the publication of legislation and of calls for tender

### (public procurement)

#### A. Publication of legislation

NL		<b><u>3. Publication procedures</u></b>
3.1	<b>Official Gazette:</b>	

3.1.1	<b>Full title of the official gazette:</b>	Nederlandse Staatscourant
		Dutch Official Gazette
3.1.2	<b>Contents:</b>	Two parts, one for news and one for official publications.
3.1.3	<b>Address (URL):</b>	www.staatscourant.nl
3.2	<b>Organisation of the exchange:</b>	- executive authority / electronic - executive authority / on paper - legislative authority / electronic - legislative authority / on paper
3.3	<b>Is electronic transmission part an integrated and seamless workflow:</b>	no
		For some parts of the official publications it's an integrated workflow.
3.4	<b>Techniques based on XML or SGML:</b>	yes
	If yes, does a program exist	in the form of DTD
		All DTD's are documented, also a grammar as XML schema exists.
3.5	<b>Binding deadlines for publishing legislation:</b>	yes
NL		<b><u>4. Details of the publication procedures for legislation</u></b>
4.1	<b>The legal basis for publication of legislation:</b>	See 2.4
4.2	<b>Year of establishment of the official gazette:</b>	1814
4.3	<b>How is publication of legislation financed:</b>	- a combination - paper - CD-ROM/DVD - online (database/web)
4.4	<b>On what</b>	- paper

	<b>medium(a) is legislation legally binding:</b>		
4.5	<b>Problems, if legislation is (in future) legally binding in electr. form:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- questionable in terms of democracy</li> <li>- threat to legal certainty</li> <li>- technical difficulties (images, tables, etc.)</li> <li>- costs</li> </ul>	
4.6	<b>On what media and from when onwards is legislation offered to end-users:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- on paper from 1814</li> <li>- on microfilm from 1980</li> <li>- on CD-ROM/DVD from 1990</li> <li>- via online (database/web) from 1995</li> </ul>	
4.7	<b>Availability of the online edition of legislation:</b>		
4.7.1	<b>In which format and from when onwards is legislation offered to end-users:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PDF from 1995</li> <li>- HTML from 1998</li> <li>- XML from</li> </ul>	
4.7.2	<b>Can the online edition be downloaded?:</b>	yes	
		On agreed conditions.	
4.8	<b>On what financial terms is legislation offered to end-users:</b>	- free of charge	- online (database/web)
		- at cost	- paper - online (database/web)
		- at a profit	- paper - CD-ROM/DVD - online (database/web)
4.9	<b>Electr. formats, legislation is offered to the private sector for further processing and commercial use:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in a 'neutral' format</li> <li>- PDF</li> <li>- HTML</li> <li>- XML</li> </ul>	

4.10	<b>Is legislation available to all private sector companies under the same conditions:</b>	yes	
4.11	<b>What price is charged to the private sector for the electr. version of leg. for further processing and comm. use:</b>	- free of charge	- PDF - HTML
		- copying and shipping costs	- in a 'neutral' format - PDF
		- at costs	- XML
		- at a profit	- in a 'neutral' format - PDF - HTML - XML
		- other	- other
4.12	<b>Copyright status of legislation in your country:</b>	- no copyright protection claimed for the information itself (content)	
4.13	<b>Copyright status of the official gazette lay-out/format in your country:</b>	- other	
		Only for news and total concept.	
4.14	<b>The owner of the content of legislation, if published by a private company:</b>	- the competent State body	

## B. Calls for tender (public procurement)

NL		<b><u>5. Details of the publication procedures for calls for tender</u></b>
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5.0	<b>Competent organisation(s):</b>		
5.1	<b>Organisation of the exchange of information on what medium(a) is legislation legally binding:</b>	- electronic - on paper	
5.2	<b>Binding deadlines for publishing this information:</b>	yes	
5.3	<b>The legal basis for publication of public tenders:</b>	VAR	
		General Tender Legislations	
5.4	<b>How is publication of calls for tender financed:</b>	- solely from sales revenue	- paper - online (database/web)
5.5	<b>On what medium(a) is the information on public tenders deemed authentic:</b>	- paper - online (database/web)	
5.6	<b>On what media is the information on publ. tenders offered to end-users:</b>	- paper - via online (database/web)	
5.7	<b>On what financial terms is the information on public tenders offered to end-users:</b>	- free of charge	- online (database/web)
		- at a profit	- paper - online (database/web)

5.8	<b>Electr. Formats of the public tenders, which are offered to the private sector for further processing and commercial use:</b>	- PDF - in the form of a database output	
5.9	<b>What price is charged to the private sector for the electr. Version of the public tenders for further processing and omm.. Use:</b>	- free of charge	- PDF - HTML
		- at a profit	- HTML
5.10	<b>Copyright status of this information in your country:</b>	- copyright protection not claimed for the information itself (content)	
5.11	<b>Copyright status of the official gazette lay-out/format for this information in your country:</b>	- no copyright protection for the lay-out/format	
		Except for news.	
5.12	<b>The owner of the content of calls for tender, if published by a private company:</b>	- the competent State body – the competent State body	

### III. Future developments and strategies

NL		<b><u>6. Anticipated changes and other plans or discussed issues</u></b>
6.1	<b>Changes in your country in short (1-2 years) or medium term (3-5 years):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Free delivery on information of the trade in 2005.</li><li>- Electronic publications are deemed authentic.</li><li>- Business models are changing from authentic legislation to value added information.</li></ul>
6.2	<b>Other plans or discussed issues:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Transformation of publisher of official publications to value added legal information.</li><li>- Transformation from paper to online database publishing.</li><li>- New partnerships and acquisition in trade publishing.</li></ul>

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