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Explanatory meeting Postal services (Part 2)

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Parcel delivery services - regulatory framework

- **Regulation** (EU) 2018/644 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 **on cross-border parcel delivery services**
- Commission **Implementing Regulation** (EU) 2018/1263 of 20 September 2018 establishing the forms for the submission of information by parcel delivery service providers pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/644
- Communication from the **Commission** on **guidelines** to national regulatory authorities on the transparency and assessment of cross-border tariffs pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/644 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1263

3 key objectives of the Parcel Regulation

- Increase **regulatory oversight**;

- Make cross-border tariffs (more) **transparent**;

- **Assessment** of certain tariffs (aiming to identify unreasonably high tariffs);

Structure of the Parcel Regulation

- General provisions: Scope and Objectives
- Definitions
- Level of harmonisation
- Regulatory oversight: Provision of information; Transparency of cross-border tariffs; Assessment; Information to Consumers
- Final provisions: Penalties; Confidentiality; Application; Review; Committee procedure.

Key principles of the Parcel Regulation

- Complements existing EU Postal Acquis (Directive 97/67/EC amended by Directive 2002/39/EC and Directive 2008/6/EC)
- Parcel delivery service providers submit information to NRAs (exceptions exist=> Article 4(6-7);
- NRAs collect information, identify and assess unreasonably high tariffs;

Definitions (Article 2)

In addition to definitions in Article 2 (Directive 97/67/EC), following are defined:

- 'parcel'
- 'parcel delivery services'
- 'parcel delivery service provider'
- 'subcontractor'

Regulatory oversight (Articles 4-7)

Art.4: Provision of information

Art.5: Transparency of cross-border tariffs

Art.6: Assessment of cross-border single piece parcel tariffs

Art.7: Information to consumers

Final provisions (Articles 8-13)

Art.8: Penalties

Art.9: Confidentiality

Art.10: Application

Art.11: Review

Art.12: Committee procedure

Art.13: Entry into force

Annex (postal items concerned)

(a) a 500 g (domestic and intra Union) **standard letter**;
(b) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) standard letter;
(c) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) standard letter;
(d) a 500 g (domestic and intra Union) **registered letter**;
(e) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) registered letter;
(f) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) registered letter;
(g) a 500 g (domestic and intra Union) **track and trace letter**;
(h) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) track and trace letter;
(i) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) track and trace letter;
(j) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) **standard parcel**;
(k) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) standard parcel;
(l) a 5 kg (domestic and intra Union) standard parcel;
(m) a 1 kg (domestic and intra Union) **track and trace parcel**;
(n) a 2 kg (domestic and intra Union) track and trace parcel;
(o) a 5 kg (domestic and intra Union) track and trace parcel.

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Implementation of the Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services in 2019

- 20/09/2018: Adoption of Implementing Regulation (Article 4)
- mid-December 2018: Adoption of Guidance (on Articles 4, 5 & 6)
- by 31 January 2019: tariff information provided to NRAs
- by 28 February: NRAs submit tariff information to Commission
- by 31 March: publication of tariffs on Commission's website
- by 30 June: tariff assessments by NRAs provided to Commission
- by 30 June: provision of statistical information to NRAs
- by 30 July: Commission publishes tariff assessments
- by 22 November: Commission notified of penalties

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1263 of 20 September 2018

- legal requirement (Article 4(4) of Regulation EU 2018/644)

- establishing the **forms** for the submission of information by parcel delivery service providers pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/644 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Communication from the Commission on guidelines to national regulatory authorities on the transparency and assessment of cross-border tariffs pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/644 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1263

- legal requirement (Article 6(4) Regulation EU 2018/644)
- inputs from ERGP
- expected adoption by Commission in mid-December 2018

Regulatory framework on EU cross-border parcel delivery services

Questions & Answers

For more info:

https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/postal-services_en