

**Subject: Public consultation of the information submitted by Iceland under the Services Directive**

## **Introduction**

The information provided below refers to legal provisions adopted or modified pursuant to the implementation of the Services Directive as well as to legal provisions which Member States have indicated as being applicable to service providers in the areas covered by the directive. The information has been provided by Iceland in the context of the implementation of the Services Directive and of the mutual evaluation process. It does not represent a legal analysis or a position of the EFTA Surveillance Authority in respect of compliance with EU law in general or with the Services Directive in particular.

Below a summary of the legislation that was notified by Norway is provided. For references to the relevant legislative acts in specific sectors, please contact the Authority at [services@eftasurv.int](mailto:services@eftasurv.int).

In Iceland, requirements covered by the Services Directive are laid down in legislation adopted at national level. In some cases decisions under such legislation are taken on the local and regional levels. Such decision include the authorisation of building managers, home child care services, private kindergartens and car services.

## **Main changes to Iceland legislation**

The Act aimed at implementing the Services Directive is currently pending before the Icelandic Parliament. It is expected that it can be passed in the autumn of 2010.

In order to comply with the provisions of the Services Directive, Iceland abolished authorisation schemes relating to travel agencies, tour operators, car salesmen, car rentals, recognised bookkeepers and rental agencies. Furthermore, time limits on the authorisation for electricians were removed.

## **Examples of authorisation schemes imposed on service providers established in Iceland**

In Iceland authorisation schemes exist for persons or undertakings wishing to sell and serve food and/or alcohol and accommodation. Furthermore authorisations must be sought in order to organise temporary events; establish and operate camping and trailer sites; service cars; provide driving school services; operate booking services and information centres; provide tour operator services and operate travel agencies; offer home child care services and private kindergartens; and offer car rental or sale of used cars services.

Furthermore, a license must be obtained in order to offer services relating to construction and design.

**Examples of other types of requirements imposed on service providers established in Iceland**

Private kindergartens have to assume a recognised legal form in order to be authorised.

Driving schools must have licensed driving instructors.

Only persons of certain professions can be appointed building managers and testing designers.

Only persons of certain professions can be granted a planning license and a design license.

In order to offer home child care services, a person must be educated in the field of child care.

Explosion managers, pest control operators and car salesmen must have received special training in their respective fields.

In order for an undertaking to organise a firework show, a minimum of two employees is required.

**Examples of requirements on multidisciplinary activities of the regulated professions or in the area of certification, accreditation, technical monitoring and testing services**

No requirements were reported.

**Examples of requirements which apply to service providers established in other Member States and providing services in Iceland**

Authorisation must be granted in order to sell and serve food or alcohol; organise temporary events; operate booking services and information centres; offer tour operator services; and operate travel agencies.