

***European Press Release 26.07.2000**

Commission clears joint venture between ABB, BILFINGER and MVV ENERGIE

<http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/>

Consumer Issues**Regulatory Impact Assessment 17.07.2000**

The Consumer Credit (Advertisements and Content of Quotations) (Amendment) Regulations 2000

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Energy***Press Release 26.07.2000**

DETR – UK Businessman To Chair G8 Renewable Energy Taskforce
<http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf>

Website News 21.07.2000

DETR information: Recruitment and Appointments: Nuclear Specialist – Radioactive Material Transport Division. See:

<http://www.detr.gov.uk/recruit/nuclear/special.htm>

Enterprise***Press Release 26.07.2000**

DTI – Comprehensive Package For UK Science & Innovation Launched

<http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf>

Finance & Banking**Website News 25.07.2000**

The Inland Revenue has added its Approved UK Custodian and UK Intermediaries List. This updated list will be of interest to those (mostly securities dealers) who pay or receive manufactured overseas dividends. See:

<http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/auki/index.htm>

Property**Website News 21.07.2000**

A new consultation paper – Housing and Land: Proposed New Procedures – is available on the Lord Chancellor's Department website. See:

<http://www.open.gov.uk/lcd/consult/civ-just/handlfr.htm>

Taxation***European Press Release 26.07.2000**

Commission takes Spain to Court of Justice over failure to recover illegal tax credits to public shipyards

<http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/>

Website News 24.07.2000

The Inland Revenue has added the following:

Pension Sharing on Divorce: New legislation comes into effect from 1 December 2000 which allows couples the option to share their pension assets as part of a divorce settlement.

Electronic Business – Forthcoming Events: More details of forthcoming conferences and seminars covering e-business/e-commerce at which the Inland Revenue will have keynote speakers and Exhibitions where we will have an Electronic Business stand. See:

<http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/>

Website News 20.07.2000

The Inland Revenue has added Statutory Instruments: SI 1823 The Social Security (Contributions) (Republic of Korea) Order 2000. See:

<http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/si/index.htm>

Trade**Website News 20.07.2000**

The Office of Fair Trading has:

told the Law Society to clean up its act over concerns about its failure to deal effectively with mounting complaints against solicitors.

received a notification for a decision under the Competition Act 1998 from The General Insurance Standards Council.

is inviting comments on proposed mergers between the British Land Company Plc & Liberty International plc and Powergen Plc & Electricity Supply Board of Ireland of Corby Power Ltd.

published valuable new on-line advice for people arranging a funeral. See:

<http://www.oft.gov.uk/>

Utilities**Regulatory Impact Assessment 20.07.2000**

The Pipe-line Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2000

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000

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Regulatory Impact Assessment 11.07.2000

The Gas (Third Party Access and Accounts) Regulations 2000

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Social Policy**Charities*****Press Release 26.07.2000**

DfEE – Government & Voluntary Organisations Closer Together

<http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf>

Education***Press Release 26.07.2000**

DfEE – Inspections To Raise Standards In 16–19 Education

<http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf>

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OFSTED – Co-Ordinated & Strategic Planning Needed For 16–19yr Olds

<http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf>

***European Press Release 26.07.2000**

Training and education are the keys to meeting the new economic challenges

<http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/>

***European Press Release 26.07.2000**

Commission approves 7-year education, training and employment package for Austria

<http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/>

Families & Children***Press Release 26.07.2000**

DfEE – Activities For 16 Year Olds – 32 Pilots For Summer 2000

<http://213.38.88.195/coi/coipress.nsf>

Website News 25.07.2000

The National Audit Office has published the Comptroller and Auditor General's Report on Accounts: Child Support Agency Client Fund Account 1999–2000. See:

<http://www.nao.gov.uk/whatsnew.htm>