

Commission Decision of 31 October 2007 setting up an Expert Group on electronic invoicing (e-Invoicing) (2007/717/EC)

Article 4

Membership — Appointment

- 1 The Group shall be composed of up to 30 members.
- 2 The members shall be appointed by the Commission from specialists with competence in the area of e-Invoicing on the basis of applications from industry associations, public sector bodies and individuals representing the interests of all or part of public sector, enterprises and ICT, consumers, financial service providers and standardisation organisations in the field of e-Invoicing.

Applicants deemed suitable for membership but not appointed may be placed on a reserve list, which the Commission may use for the appointment of replacements.
- 3 The members shall be appointed as representatives of public authority and civil society.
- 4 The Commission shall assess applications against the following criteria:
 - a members must represent the key stakeholders (e.g. service providers, solution providers, public sector, enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as consumers), and standardisation organisations;
 - b members must have recent practical or operational expertise or experience with legal, administrative, tax-related, standardisation, commercial and/or technical challenges of e-Invoicing on a cross-border basis. In particular, members shall have relevant direct experience in business projects or matters which equip them with commercial or technical insights needed to develop solutions to the issues as set out in this Decision;
 - c members must be in a position to contribute to defining or shaping the views of their administration, parent organisation, industry association or industry, or other stakeholder group in respect of the matters covered by the mandate;
 - d members must be proficient in English at a level which allows them to contribute to discussions and preparation of reports.

Applications received from interested parties should be accompanied by material demonstrating that the proposed member meets the above conditions.

- 5 When appointing the members, the Commission shall take into account the following criteria:
 - a the required legal, commercial and technical expertise in respect of the matters covered by the mandate for the Group;
 - b the expertise covering all relevant functions within the supply and demand side of e-Invoicing.

In addition, the Commission shall aim at ensuring a broad geographical representation and a balanced gender composition on the basis of applications received.

- 6 The members shall inform the Commission in good time of any conflict of interests which might undermine their objectivity.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Decision of 31 October 2007 setting up an Expert Group on electronic invoicing (e-Invoicing) (2007/717/EC), Article 4. (See end of Document for details)

7 The names of members appointed individually are published on the Internet site of the DG or in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, Series C, or both. The names of members are collected, processed and published in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001.

8 Members shall be appointed for a twelve-month renewable term and shall remain in office until such time as they are replaced or their term of office ends.

9 Members may be replaced for the remainder of their term of office in any of the following cases:

- a where the member resigns;
- b where the member is no longer capable of contributing effectively to the Group's deliberations;
- c where the member does not comply with Article 287 of the Treaty;
- d where, contrary to paragraph 6, the member has failed to inform the Commission in good time of a conflict of interests.

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