RE: Transposition of 2019 Open Data and Re-use of Public Sector Information

Ref: Transposition of the 2019 Open Data and Re-use of Public Sector Information Directive (EU 2019/1024).

Dear Colin,

Thank you for your letter dated 24 June 2021 regarding the Draft Regulations transposing Directive 2019/1024/EU on Open Data and Re-Use of Public Sector Information (PSI). I welcome the opportunity to express Ordnance Survey Ireland's (OSI) observations on the impacts of the Open Data Directive.

OSI Observations:

· As a 'data' organisation OSI can see the benefits that derive from the re-use of public sector data, particularly the high-value dataset that OSI creates and maintains in the geospatial, earth observation / environment and mobility categories.
· Our experience highlights the value of authoritative state data that is trusted, current and made available in ways that enables easier re-use.
· OSI is required to generate revenue to cover a substantial part of its operating costs relating to the performance of its public task.
· OSI expects that many of the datasets it creates and maintains will be released free of charge under the Open Data Directive.
· In the majority of instances, OSI expects that it will need to avail of the two year derogation to adjust its funding model, which we expect will replace any 'lost' revenue with exchequer funding so that the OSI public task can continue.
· OSI highlights the potential for distortion in some competitive markets after this period. Particularly if OSI earth observation and environment data is released freely, specifically OSI ortho-imagery (ortho-rectified aerial imagery) and elevation data for which there are competitive alternatives.

I am aware that my representatives are in contact with the Open Data Unit in your department as we speak, with the aim of described these financial impacts by the end of this week.

Yours sincerely,
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To Secretaries General/Heads of Office.

Please see the attached correspondence and associated attachments from Colin Menton, Assistant Secretary, Government Reform Unit in relation to the transposition of the 2019 Open Data and Re-use of Public Sector Information Directive (EU 2019/1024). The draft Regulations attached have not been signed off by the OPC. Please return any observations to this email address by cob **Tuesday 6 July** .

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Regards,
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