

Editorial

Review of 1993

1993 has been a year of difficulty for many in the light of the recession and adaptation to the necessary legislative changes brought about by the Internal Market, new international agreements and the change to a market economy in many European countries. In the *European Business Law Review* we have done our best to offer our readers a flavour of these events.

We have had articles on various matters of domestic law as they affect business from Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Other major articles have focused on international agreements (such as the European Free Trade Association, the European Economic Area, the Brussels and Lugano Conventions); institutions (such as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development); and matters of European Community Law (such as the jurisdiction of national courts under Article 90(2) EEC, the future of EC competition policy, decentralizing the application

of EC competition rules and joint ventures under the Merger Regulation and Article 85, EC harmonisation of national rules on financial services, the Unfair Contract Terms Directive, and sports marketing in the EC). I think that readers will agree that this is a varied and interesting list.

In the information section **Eurobrief** we have attempted to cover an extraordinary variety of materials from the Institutions of the European Community, EFTA, the International Monetary Fund, OECD and other domestic sources. Perhaps we have been too ambitious and insufficiently organised in this coverage and, as you see below, we have plans to improve the flow of information for 1994.

Plans for 1994

The January issue will contain a list of the important EC Directives issued in 1993 and we shall produce a check list in each of the following issues. Readers will appreciate that the term "business" is very wide and there will be areas which are of interest to some

and not to others, but we hope that such a list will be of use to many. In addition, there will be summaries of major pieces of EC legislation as it is published.

We are planning to have increased coverage of national laws as they affect businesses. This will appear in a section following the major articles. We shall, of course, publish articles on important topics in each issue as usual.

It would be most helpful if interested readers would let us know what they want in the journal. Is there anything more which would be helpful? And, of course, we welcome submission of articles for publication on any area of European business law. Where possible, such submissions should be typed and double spaced for ease of sub-editing. Articles on IBM compatible discs are also welcome.

It would encourage the Editors to receive comments on our plans and it would be nice to be able to start a "Letters to the Editor" column in 1994!

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