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IMPLEMENTATION OF SINGLE MARKET MEASURES: THE UK'S RECORD

The Commission has just produced an updated checklist of Member States' implementation records. This puts the UK in an even better light than the earlier, inaccurate data the Commission published in September. And our actual record is even better than the Commission gives us credit for.

The Commission's analysis is based on a list of 88 measures. On this basis the main scores are as follows:

	<u>Implemented</u>	<u>Not Implemented</u>	<u>(Not Applicable)</u>
Denmark	73	10	5
UK	69	11	8
France	67	16	5
FRG	67	17	4

Italy, by contrast, has 32 not implemented plus 23 Court of Justice decisions not implemented (we have none).

THE UK'S OWN ANALYSIS

DTI have confirmed that our actual record is much better. Their analysis is based on a list of 77 measures. (The rest are either not binding or not requiring separate national implementation).

Of these, the Commission accepts that we have implemented 65.

As for the remaining 12, 4 have in fact been implemented but not recorded by the Commission. Another 5 will be implemented by the end of this month (ie no delay to agreed timetables).

That leaves 3 on which we are slightly behind schedule. These are on:

- Liquid Fertilisers :)
- Household Appliances Noise :) implementation will be in January
- Intra EC-trade in fresh meat : most provisions implemented already.
The remainder will be implemented in 1990 with 2 similar directives which require amendment to the same UK legislation.

Conclusion

On the basis of the DTI's list of 77 relevant measures, the UK is 2nd equal with France, with only Denmark ahead. This revised evidence enables you to argue with even greater confidence about the UK's excellent Single Market record.

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