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Re: Comments on the 2017 Compliance Package (SMIT, Single Digital Gateway and SOLVIT)

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

As you know, BusinessEurope has always supported actions to make the single market work better. An important part is ensuring high quality implementation, correct application and strong enforcement of agreed EU legislation. We support concrete proposals that facilitate free movement and can help companies to operate across borders.

In this context, the Commission's Compliance Package presented in May this year contains a number of important proposals. While we believe the package is timely and a step in the right direction, BusinessEurope strongly opposes the introduction of the Single Market Information Tool (SMIT) procedure. We oppose additional obligations on companies to provide highly sensitive business information without a clear justification or explanation how and for which precise objectives the Commission intends to use this information, and under the threat of sanctions.

We do welcome the proposal for a Single Digital Gateway to establish a single online portal that offers accurate information, online procedures and problem-solving tools to support companies to operate across borders. BusinessEurope also welcomes a reinforcement of SOLVIT. To promote the use of this tool by companies, it is crucial that it is clear what companies can expect from SOLVIT in terms of substantive outcomes and recommendations when they suspect their single market rights have been breached.

At annex to this letter, you will find BusinessEurope's detailed views on the Compliance Package. We look forward to working closely together with you and the other members of the IMCO Committee on these important issues.

Yours sincerely,

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