

Jytte Ølgaard

Ms. Ølgaard is a lawyer by profession and graduated from law school at the University of Copenhagen, in 1971.

She joined the Ministry of Business and Industry in 1971 and has worked there for more than 25 years – with a leave of absence for two years from 1979 to 1981 when she was employed as a credit analyst in the international division of an American bank, Mercantile Bank, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Ms. Ølgaard has been engaged in a number of different policy areas such as the Export Credit Council, stock exchange legislation, insurance law, book keeping regulation, tourism, a number of sectorial business areas like qualifying requirements for certified accountants, stock exchange brokers, hotel and restaurants, interpreters and requirements for performing business in general and administration *i.e.* budget and human resources development.

Over the years, she has been the chairperson of a number of committees whose tasks have been to prepare legislation for Parliament. In these committees there are representatives from the major business organisations and from other ministries with related interests. Since Denmark joined the EEC in 1973 she has participated in meetings in Brussels preparing Directives and other kind of EU-regulation both in the Council and the Commission, and was the chairperson for a Council Committee preparing EU legislation for stock exchange prospectives during the Danish presidency in the 80's.

Since 1991 Ms. Ølgaard has been engaged in consumer policy matters, and as of September 1995 she joined the Danish National Consumer Agency.

Ms. Ølgaard has been vice-chairperson for the Tourism Committee within the OECD and since 1996, the chairperson for the Committee on Consumer Policy.

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