PSI Implementation in the UK
Successes and Challenges

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Current UK Position

- Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations S.I. 2005 No. 1515
- Guide to Best Practice and related advice/case studies

www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm
Successes

- Central PSI organisation for UK
- Click-Use online licensing
- Information Fair Trader Scheme
- Advisory Panel on PSI
- Complaints and mediation
- PSI research activity
Click-Use Licences
Information Fair Trader Scheme

**Full IFTS Accreditation**
- full onsite verification of information traders

**IFTS Online Assessment**
- flexible online assessment process
  - [www.opsi.gov.uk/ifts/index.htm](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/ifts/index.htm)
- guidance on how to comply with the Regulations
Expertise and specialist advice
Focus for producers and users of PSI
Annual reports
Independent PSI voice
Review role in complaints
PSI Solutions from research

- information = knowledge
- layering and automatic tools
- searching
- connecting
Challenges

- Different PSI trading models across public sector
- Debate over “public task” definition
- No “obligation” in Directive
- Resources for OPSI
- Awareness and impact
New Initiatives for 2008

- PSI discussion forum
- PSI web channel for re-use requests
- Links to national audit bodies
- Increased collaboration with UK Office of Fair Trading
New Initiatives for 2008 (continued)

- Spot audits
- Focus on government reviews
- Economic study on charging
Government Reviews

- The commercial use of public information (CUPI)
  http://www.epsiplus.net/reports/the_oft_cupi_report

- The Power of Information Review (POIR)

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Citizens’ information needs

encouraging

Information re-use and exploitation

enabling

Easy to create, easy to find, easy to use public sector information