

INTERNAL MARKET SCOREBOARD

July 2024

No. 54

EEA EFTA STATES

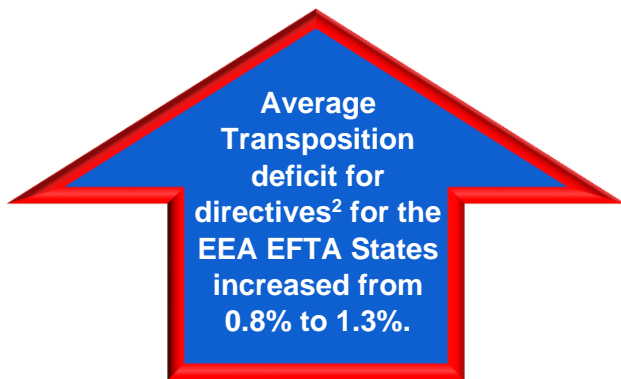
The Internal Market aims at guaranteeing the free movement of goods, capital, services, and people across the EEA. A functioning internal market stimulates competition and trade for businesses, improves efficiency, raises quality and helps cut prices for consumers. It also improves living and working conditions for all citizens and strengthens environmental standards. The purpose of monitoring the Member States' timely compliance with EEA law is to ensure the full benefits of the EEA agreement for all stakeholders.

The transposition deficit indicates how many directives and regulations the EEA EFTA States have failed to communicate as transposed on time. In line with the European Commission's Single Market Act proposed in April 2011, ESA calls on the EEA EFTA States to limit the transposition deficit to 0.5%¹

The incompleteness rate is an overall indicator of gaps in the EEA framework. Whenever one or more EEA States fail to transpose a directive or regulation on time, this leaves a gap, meaning that instead of covering all EEA States, the internal market remains fragmented. Consequently, the economic interests of all EEA States are affected even if only one EEA State does not deliver on time.

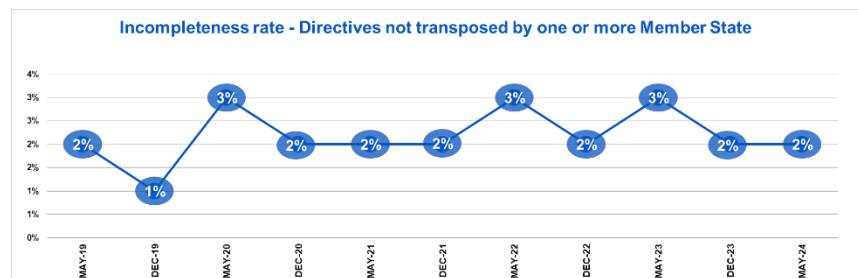
This Internal Market Scoreboard (No 54), reports on the status of the EFTA Member States only, and takes into account all transposition notifications made by 10 June 2024 for directives and regulations with a transposition deadline on or before 31 May 2024.

Transposition deficit – Directives



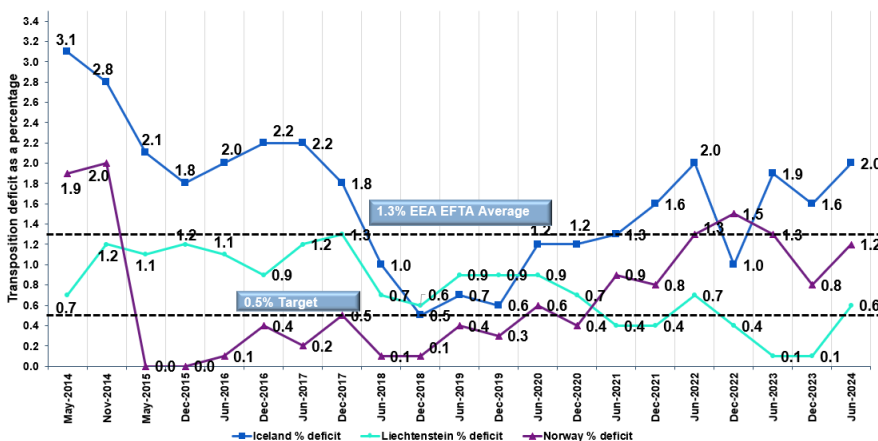
Incompleteness rate

2% = 20 Directives (previously 17)



55% of all outstanding Directives fall in the Environment, Financial Services, and Consumer Protection sectors.

EFTA States' transposition deficit over the past 10 years - Directives



Total number of directives not transposed



¹ In line with the benchmark used by the European Commission (2011 Communication on the Single Market Act and Single Market at 30 Communication 2023), ESA calls on the EEA EFTA States to limit the transposition deficit to 0.5%

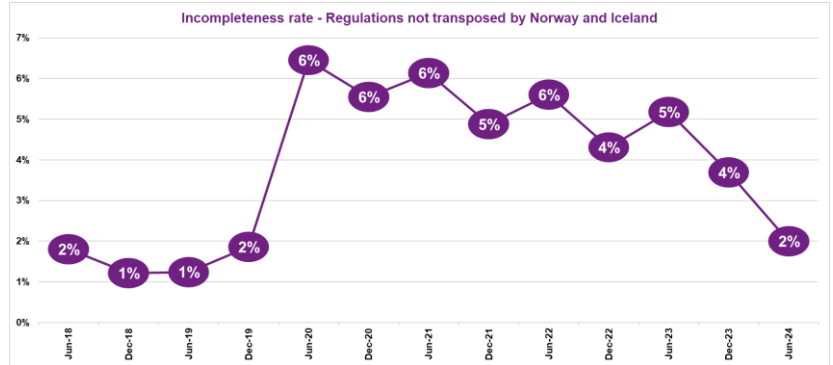
² The findings regarding the transposition deficits of the EFTA States take into account the 809 internal market relevant directives that were incorporated into the EEA Agreement and were in force on 31 May 2024

Transposition deficit – Regulations³

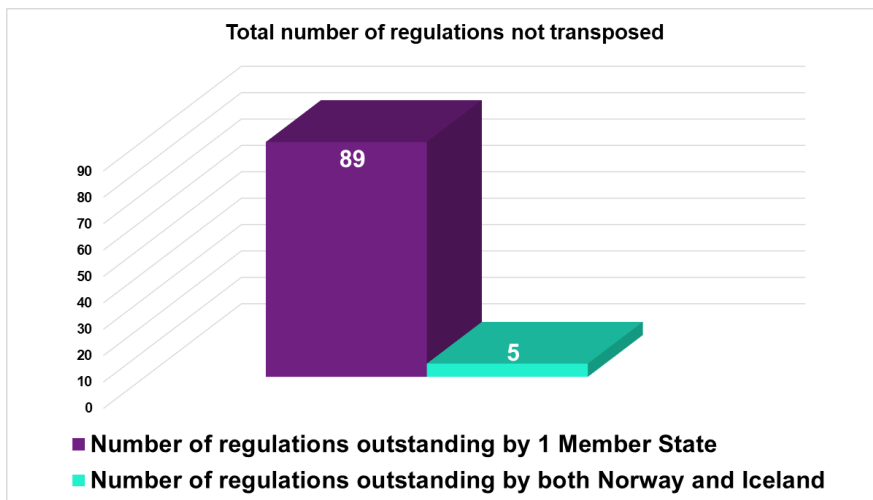
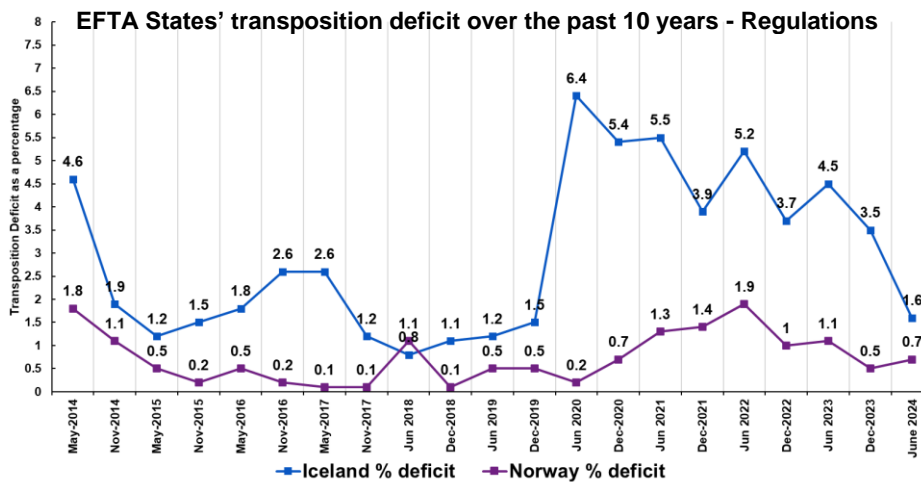
Average Transposition deficit (Norway & Iceland only) for regulations⁴ for the EEA EFTA States decreased to 1.2%

Incompleteness rate

2% = 94 Regulations



73% of outstanding Regulations not transposed by both Iceland and Norway fall in the Financial Services, Goods TBT and Transport sectors



³ Pursuant to its monistic legal tradition, regulations become part of Liechtenstein's internal legal order once they have been incorporated into the EEA Agreement through an EEA Joint Committee decision and are published. Iceland and Norway are, on the other hand, obliged to adopt legal measures in order to make regulations "as such" part of their internal legal orders.

⁴ On 31 May 2023, 4339 internal market relevant regulations incorporated into the EEA Agreement were in force.

Iceland



Transposition Deficit - Directives



•2% (up from 1.6%)

Overdue Directives



•16 (last Scoreboard: 13) - four are more than 2 years overdue / 7 outstanding since last Scoreboard

Problematic Sectors

•>30% fall within the Environment sector

Average Delay



•11.7 months (last Scoreboard: 13.1 months)

Transposition Deficit - Regulations



•1.6% (down from 3.5%)

Overdue Regulations



•68 (last Scoreboard: 148)

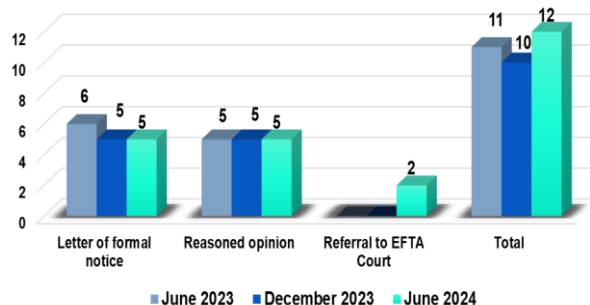
Sectors

•44% fall in the Financial Services sector with 25% in Goods TBT.

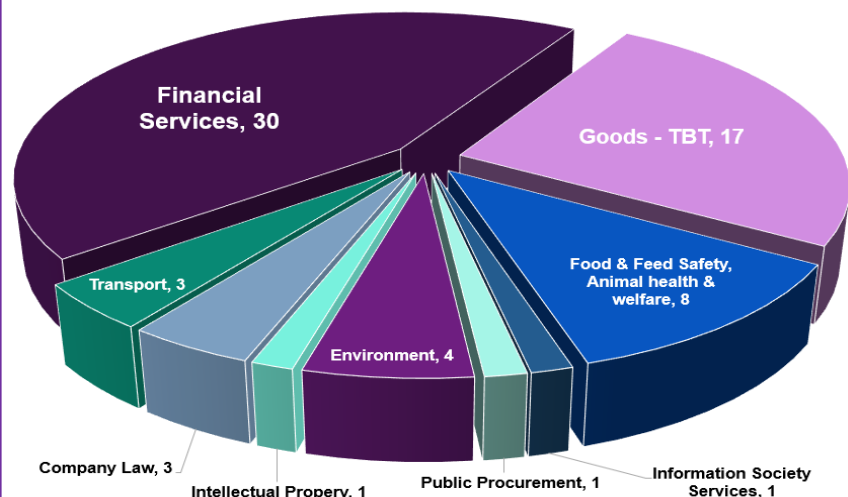
Iceland - 16 outstanding directives



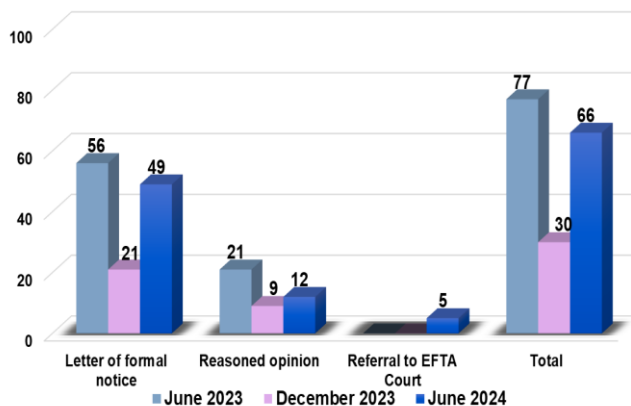
Iceland
Number of infringement cases due to non-transposition of directives



Iceland - 68 outstanding regulations



Iceland
Number of infringement cases due to non-transposition of regulations



Liechtenstein



Transposition Deficit - Directives



•0.6% (up from 0.1%)

Overdue Directives



•5 (last Scoreboard: 1) - none more than 2 years overdue / one outstanding from the last Scoreboard

Problematic Sectors

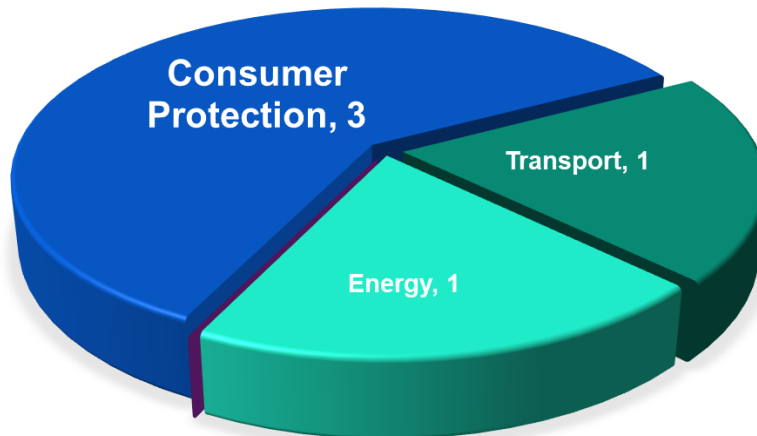
•60% fall within the Consumer Protection sector

Average Delay



•3 months (last Scoreboard: 1 month)

Liechtenstein - 5 outstanding directives



Liechtenstein
Number of infringement cases due to non-transposition of directives



Norway



Transposition Deficit - Directives



• 1.3% (up from 0.8%)

Overdue Directives



• 10 (last Scoreboard: 6) - two more than 2 years overdue / 2 outstanding since last Scoreboard

Problematic Sectors

• 30% fall within the Environment sector with a further 20% in the Consumer Protection sector

Average Delay



• 9.2 months (last Scoreboard: 21.2 months)

Transposition Deficit - Regulations⁴



• 0.7% (up from 0.5%)

Overdue Regulations

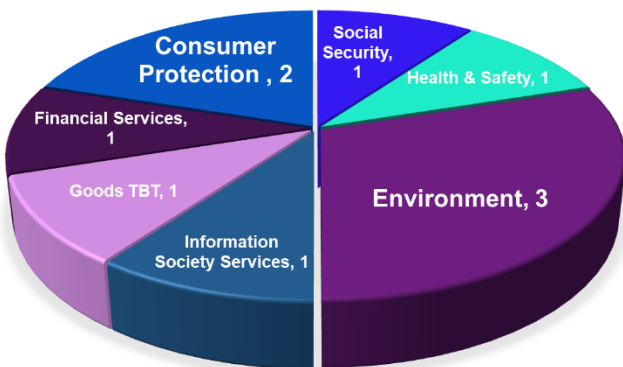


• 31 (last Scoreboard: 23)

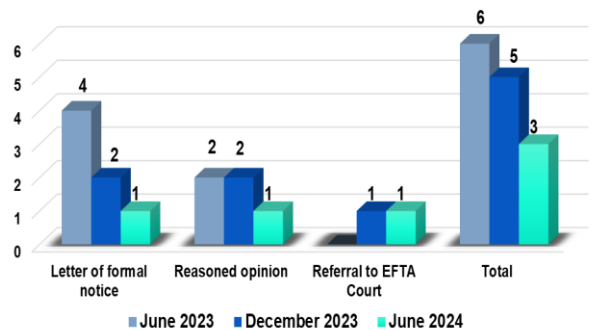
Sectors

• 45% fall in the Transport sector

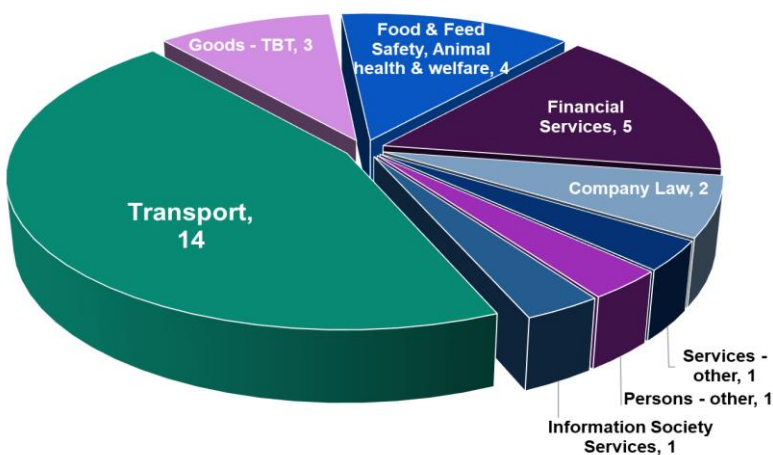
Norway - 10 outstanding directives



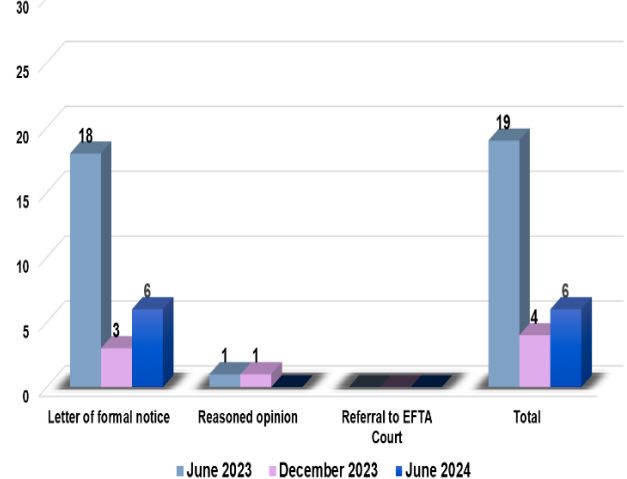
Norway Number of infringement cases due to non-transposition of directives



Norway - 31 outstanding regulations



Norway Number of infringement cases due to non-transposition of regulations



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