

Early Warning System - Case 13

High technology company

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This case involves the transfer of the country of registration of licences for the free use of cloud-based services (e-mail, storage, etc.). The enterprise informed users in several European countries that it would transfer the location of their licences to another EU country. Eurostat was notified about this in November 2018.

There were no apparent financial flows or movements of intellectual property assets identified in the transfer, which was purely for legal jurisdiction reasons for licencing purposes, and no changes in economic ownership were found.