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Information request:

<https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/web/observatory/news/-/action/view/3611581>

The EUIPO tell me they began a survey on so-called 'Orphan Works' and in April this year sent the UKIPO notification of it. They tell me you would then have sent out notifications to all UK stakeholders.

Please would you provide a list of the stakeholders you notified together with the dates of each notification.

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The EUIPO contacted the UK IPO on 18 April 2017 as one of the Competent National Authorities under Directive 2012/28/EU on certain permitted uses of orphan works. This email contained a link to a survey being carried out by the EUIPO Observatory on the orphan works database set up under the same Directive. The email asked the UK IPO to provide a response to the survey as the Competent National Authority, to distribute the survey in the UK to "beneficiary organisations" (under the Directive) and other bodies with an interest in orphan works.

The UK IPO sent the survey out to beneficiary organisations on 24 April 2017 and the other stakeholders listed in the second column below on 27 April. They were not prevented from forwarding the information about the survey further:

Registered beneficiary organisations	Other stakeholders who have previously had contact with the UK IPO on orphan works matters
Northern Ireland Screen	Archives and Records Association
Museum of the Order of St John	Libraries and Archives Copyright Alliance
Imperial War Museums (Film section)	Wellcome Trust
Imperial War Museums (Documents section)	<i>Individual</i> (see below)
National Library of Wales	The National Archives
Derbyshire Record Office	Universities UK
Coventry University	Association of Authors' Agents
British Library	Imperial War Museums
British Film Institute	BBC
King's College Cambridge	British Universities Film and Video Council
	Museum of Wales
	National Museums Directors' Council

As indicated in the table, one individual received notification of the survey as part of the email contact on 27 April. Their details have not been included in response to this request on the basis of section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the exemption for personal data of a third party.

The EUIPO may hold data on which – if any – UK organisations or individuals responded to the orphan works survey.