[DE] Citizen Services Portal Bill and " *Deutschland-Mail* "

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On 4 February 2009, the Federal Government adopted the Bill on the regulation of citizen services portals, tabled by the Federal Interior Ministry (BMI), thereby creating the basis for so-called " *Deutschland Mail* " *("De-Mail")* .

From 2010, *De-Mail* should make Internet communication more reliable and secure, since it will be offered by accredited, State-checked industry providers and will enable important documents such as contracts and applications to be sent to the authorities in encrypted form. Every German citizen is entitled to the free *De-Mail* addresses. Anyone who sends a message via this portal can obtain a confirmation of transmission which has the force of law. This is equivalent to sending something by recorded delivery and will also be free of charge.

The *De-Mail* pilot phase starts in summer 2009.

Gesetzentwurf der Bundesregierung

http://www.bmi.bund.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/327724/publicationFile/16676/Entwurf_Buergerportalgesetz.pdf

Federal Government Bill

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