

EUR-LEX: THE EU LAW INFORMATION SERVICE

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE DATABASE

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CHAPTER 1 WHAT IS AVAILABLE ON EUR-LEX?

EUR-Lex (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>), managed by the Publications Office of the EU, allows **free access to legislation** and other public documents of the EU in 24 languages.

The documents are organised in the following 12 sections:

- Treaties.
- International agreements.
- Legislation.
- Complementary legislation.
- Preparatory acts.
- Case law.
- National Implementing Measures.
- References to national case law regarding EU law.
- Parliamentary questions.
- Consolidated documents.
- Other documents published in the Official Journal C series.
- EFTA documents.

For explanations of the types of documents that can be found under each of these 12 sections, see [EUR-Lex: Types of documents in EUR-Lex](#).

Key features on EUR-Lex include:

- **Official Journal:** the full text of all issues in PDF since 1952 in whichever sub-series and language versions that were published at the time. As of 1 July 2013, only the electronic editions of the Official Journal (e-OJ) are authentic and have legal force, except for circumstances described in Article 3 of *Regulation (EU) 216/2013 of 7 March 2013 on the electronic publication of the Official Journal*. You can verify the electronic signature and the authentic character of an e-OJ by using an application that is available on EUR-Lex. For more information, see *Chapter 9*.
- **Summaries of EU legislation:** summaries replacing the old SCADPLUS page. The EUR-Lex Helpdesk is working on the content of these pages. Over time, they intend to enlarge the scope of the summaries as much as possible. For more information, see *Chapter 7*.
- **Procedure page:** this allows you to follow legislative proposals from the moment they are published until the final laws are adopted. For more information, see *Chapter 4*.

In addition, there are a number of new interesting features available on EUR-Lex, including:

- **National Implementing Measures tab:** there is now a separate tab containing basic information about measures taken by member states to incorporate EU Directives into national law. See *Chapter 5*.
- **In force notification:** the results page now displays if a document is currently in force. See *Chapter 3*.
- **Text zoom functionality:** terms from your search will be highlighted in the results list. See *Chapter 3*.
- **Multi-lingual display for registered users:** you can preset your language options so that they display in your search results See *Chapter 11*.
- EUR-Lex has also made improvements to the search system which aims to return clearer results, such as including related corrigenda and case law summaries and also improved results when searching for a document number. See *Chapter 3*.

CHAPTER 2 EUR-LEX HOMEPAGE BASICS

The image shows a screenshot of the EUR-Lex homepage with several callout boxes pointing to specific features:

- Click here at any time to revert back to the homepage.** Points to the EUR-Lex logo.
- Hover here for drop-down options under these headings.** Points to the navigation menu (Official Journal, EU law and related documents, National law, Legislative procedures, More).
- Access to quick search option. See Chapter 3.** Points to the search bar.
- Sign in here to access personalised My EUR-Lex area. See Chapter 11.** Points to the 'Sign in' or 'Register' button.
- Quick links for the latest editions of the Official Journal. See Chapter 9.** Points to the 'Quick links' section.
- Link to old version of EUR-Lex.** Points to the 'Previous version of EUR-Lex' link.
- “Find results by” widget* offers easy access to search functions. It is composed of two tabs: Document number and CELEX number. Details and examples of different search options are discussed in Chapter 3.** Points to the 'Find results by' widget.
- “Recently published” widget* offers easy access to documents recently published in the following collections: legislation; international agreements; EU case-law; COM and JOIN documents; SWD documents; consolidated legislation and legislative procedures.** Points to the 'Recently published' widget.
- Sign up for personalised RSS feeds. See Chapter 11.** Points to the 'RSS feeds' link.

The screenshot also shows the following elements:

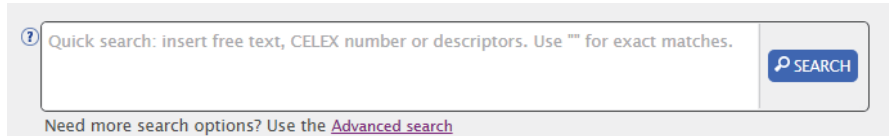
- Header: EUR-Lex Access to European Union law
- Navigation: EUROPA > EU law and publications > EUR-Lex
- Search bar: Quick search: insert free text, CELEX number or descriptors. Use "" for exact matches.
- Quick links: How to link to us, Types of documents in EUR-Lex, Summaries of EU Legislation, EU legislation on statistics, Budget, Legislative drafting guide, Previous version of EUR-Lex, Latest developments on EUR-Lex.
- Find results by: Document number, CELEX number, Year, Number, Type (All, Regulation, Directive, Decision, EU court case, COM and JOIN documents, SEC or SWD documents).
- Recently published: Recently published
- My EUR-Lex: Sign in, Register, My searches (0), My items (0), My RSS feeds (0), RSS feeds, Webservice registration, Guided Tour, Statistics, User community, We'd like to hear from you.
- Twitter: EUR-Lex @EURLex, #Fishing: New #EU list of vessels engaged in illegal, unreported & unregulated fishing #IUU - ow.ly/QdNCD pic.twitter.com/83UJG0CTPd

*The widgets can be expanded or collapsed by using the buttons visible on the right side of the toolbar. You can also drag and drop your widgets in order to change their position on the page. You can customise the number of items displayed in a widget with the button also available on the right part of the widget's title. By clicking on this button, a list will appear in order to choose how to customise the number of items displayed in the widget.

CHAPTER 3 SEARCH OPTIONS

3.1 QUICK SEARCH

The “quick” search option can be found in the central part of the homepage.



Quick search: insert free text, CELEX number or descriptors. Use "" for exact matches.

Need more search options? Use the [Advanced search](#)

The field has a predictive text function so will display suggestions as you type.

You can use “...” to search for an exact phrase, for example: “plastic carrier bags”. You can also use wildcards or wild characters:

- An asterisk (*) replaces one or more characters (for example, road* will find roadmap, roadworthiness, etc.).
- A question mark (?) replaces a single character (for example, t?x will find tax, taxation, textiles, etc.).

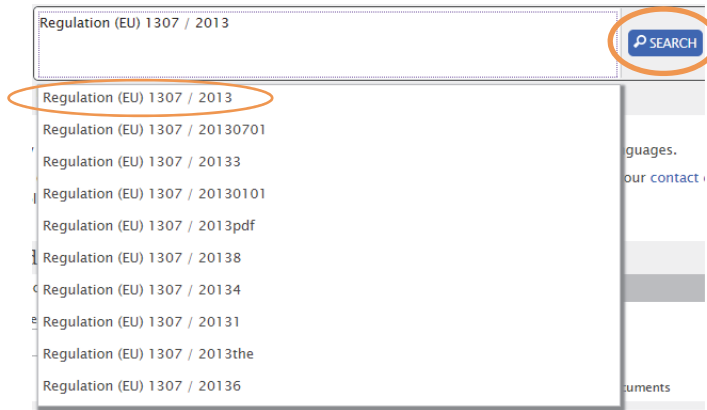
You can search by:

- The legislation number (see below *Example: searching using the legislation number*).
- Title.
- Text.
- Subject.
- Author.
- Directories of legislation and case-law.
- EUROVOC descriptors.
- Title of the legislative procedure.
- CELEX number (See *Chapter 10*).
- Code of the legislative procedure. The procedures and codes are:
 - Agreement (ACC).
 - Assent procedure (AVC).
 - Consultation of the Court of Auditors (CNC).
 - Consultation of the European Central Bank (CNB).
 - Cooperation procedure (SYN).
 - Non-legislative procedure (NLE).
 - Ordinary legislative procedure (COD).
 - Social protocol (PRT).
 - Special legislative procedure – EP consent required (APP).
 - Special legislative procedure – EP consulted (CNS).
- European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) (See *Chapter 10*).

Example: searching using the legislation number

We will search for Regulation (EU) 1307/2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy.

Start typing the number of the Directive, Decision or, in this case, Regulation, with spaces in between into the quick search field: Regulation (EU) 1307 / 2013. This will give you the most comprehensive list of results from EUR-Lex.



Select the correct option if it appears in the predictive list or click on the magnifying glass icon to run the search.

With the quick search option, the results will show all documents which include Regulation (EU) 1307/2013 somewhere in their title. Therefore, you may need to filter your results to find the correct document using the tools in the “Refine query” section on the left-hand side of the results page. You can also change what is displayed in the search results by clicking “change displayed metadata”.

Below the document there is added information to show whether an act is in force. The terms used in your search will also be highlighted.

Refine query

- By domain
 - EU law and related documents (153)
 - Official Journal (86)
- By subdomain
 - All (149)
 - Preparatory acts (83)
 - Legislation (54)
 - EU case law (9)
 - Parliamentary questions (4)
- By year of document
 - 2015 (11)
 - 2014 (66)
 - 2013 (25)
 - 2012 (11)
 - 2011 (12)
- By type of procedure
 - Ordinary legislative procedure (COD) (25)
 - Non-legislative procedure (NLD) (7)
 - Special legislative procedure - EP consulted (CNS) (2)
 - Codecision procedure (COD) (2)
 - Consultation procedure (CNS) (2)
- By author
 - European Commission (123)
 - European Parliament (42)
 - Council of the European Union (14)

Search criteria
 Search for: Regulation (EU) 1307 / 2013, Search language: English

Sort by: Default, Descending

Results 1 – 10 of 185. [Export selection/Export all](#) [Change displayed metadata](#) [Clear selection](#)

32013R1307: Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009
OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608-670 (BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, GA, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV)
 Direct text access: [PDF](#) [HTML](#) Author: European Parliament, Council of the European Union
 Date of document: 17/12/2013
 In force
 Form: Regulation
 Latest consolidated version: 02013R1307-20150101

32013R1306: Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008
OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549-607 (BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, GA, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV)
 Direct text access: [PDF](#) [HTML](#) Author: European Parliament, Council of the European Union
 Date of document: 17/12/2013
 In force
 Form: Regulation
 Latest consolidated version: 02013R1306-20140101

32013R1305: Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural

Example: searching for legislation using an acronym

We will search for Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment, known as the WEEE Directive.

In the Quick search box, type “WEEE”. The use of “...” will enable you to search for the exact phrase.

For this example, under “By type of act” on the left-hand side “Refine query” options select “Directive”. The top result gives you Directive 2012/19/EU.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- You have selected:** Directive x
- By domain:** Official Journal (13), EU law and related documents (13)
- By subdomain:** All (13), Legislation (13)
- By year of document:** 2013 (1), 2012 (1), 2011 (1), 2009 (1), 2008 (4), See more...
- By type of procedure:** Codicision procedure (COD) (12), Ordinary legislative procedure (COD) (1)
- By author:** European Parliament (13), Council of the European Union (13)
- Search criteria:** Search for: "WEEE", Search language: English, Form: Directive
- Sort by:** Default, Descending
- Results:** 1 - 10 of 13
- Top result:** 32012L0019: Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) Text with EEA relevance. This document has been published in a special edition(s) (HR). Direct text access: [PDF icon] [HTML icon]. Author: European Parliament, Council of the European Union. Date of document: 04/07/2012. In force. Form: Directive. Latest consolidated version: 02012L0019-20120724.
- Second result:** 32009L0125: Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products (Text with EEA relevance). OJ/L 285, 31.10.2009, p. 10-35 (BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV). This document has been published in a special edition(s) (HR). Direct text access: [PDF icon] [HTML icon]. Author: European Parliament, Council of the European Union. Date of document: 21/10/2009. In force. Form: Directive.

3.2 FIND RESULTS BY (WIDGET SEARCH)

The “Find results by” (Widget) search can be found in the centre of the homepage and is an intermediary search level between the quick search and the advanced search.

It is composed of two tabs: Document number and CELEX number.

Example: finding a COM document with the document number

The document number search is straightforward to use if you know the year and number of the document.

Simply complete the year and number fields, select the COM document radio button, then click the search button.

The screenshot shows the “Find results by” widget search interface with the following elements:

- Find results by:** Document number (selected), CELEX number
- Year:** 2011
- Number:** 625
- Type:** All, Regulation, EU court case, **COM and JOIN documents** (selected), Directive, Decision, SEC or SWD documents
- Search button:** [Search icon]

This will return the following results:

Refine query Share

You have selected:
All documents x

▼ **By subdomain**
All (3)
Preparatory acts (3)

Search criteria
Domain: All documents, Number: 0625, Year: 2011, Type of act: COM and JOIN documents, Search language: English

Edit search Save to My searches Create in My RSS feeds
 Save to My items

Sort by: Default Descending

Results 1 – 3 of 3 [Export selection/Export all](#) [Change displayed metadata](#) [Clear selection](#) 1

- 52011PC0625R(02): Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy**
/* COM/2011/0625 final/3 – 2011/0280 (COD) */
Direct text access: Author: European Commission
Form: Proposal for a regulation Date of document: 12/10/2011
- 52011PC0625R(01): Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy**
/* COM/2011/0625 final/2 – 2011/0280 (COD) */
Direct text access: Author: European Commission
Form: Proposal for a regulation Date of document: 12/10/2011
- 52011PC0625: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy**
/* COM/2011/0625 final – 2011/0280 (COD) */

Example: finding a case using the CELEX number

You can also search if you do not have the document reference number, but know the CELEX number. As an example, we will search for the *Van Gend en Loos* case. Its CELEX number is 61962CJ0026.

Find results by

Document number CELEX number

CELEX number 61962CJ0026 >

The results will return the case judgment only.

Refine query ? Share

You have selected:
All documents x

▼ **By subdomain**
All (1)
EU case law (1)

Search criteria ▼

Domain: All documents, CELEX number: 61962CJ0026*, Search language: English

Edit search Save to My searches Create in My RSS feeds
 Save to My items

Sort by: **Default** ▼ **Descending** ▼

Results 1 – 1 of 1 [Export selection/Export all](#) [Change displayed metadata](#) [Clear selection](#) 1

61962CJ0026: Judgment of the Court of 5 February 1963.
NV Algemene Transport- en Expeditie Onderneming van Gend & Loos v Netherlands Inland Revenue Administration.
Reference for a preliminary ruling: Tariefcommissie – Netherlands.
Case 26-62.
English special edition 1963 00001
ECLI identifier: ECLI:EU:C:1963:1
Direct text access: Author: Court of Justice
Form: Judgment Date of document: 05/02/1963

Results 1 – 1 of 1 [Export selection/Export all](#) [Change displayed metadata](#) [Clear selection](#) 1

3.3 ADVANCED SEARCH

The “Advanced” search can be found on the top right corner or the middle of the homepage.

[Advanced search](#)

ted documents National law Legislative procedures More

? Share

Please help us improve the EUR-Lex website by filling out our short survey on [how you use it. The survey is only available in English.](#)

Quick search: insert free text, CELEX number or descriptors. Use "" for exact matches.

Need more search options? Use the [Advanced search](#)

My EUR-Lex

or

- My searches (0)
- My items (0)
- My RSS feeds (0)

Example: searching for Advocate General Opinions

Did the Advocate General deliver any Opinions relating to labelling from November 2012 to November 2014?

To search for related Opinions, complete the fields below.

Note: you can further filter your results by selecting the options available at the top of the search form (each collection will have its own preset filters at the top), and adding one or more subject areas, in the subject matter field near the bottom of the search form.

Limit to documents published in Court Reports Search also in case law summaries Search Clear

Collection: EU case law

EU CASE LAW

Text search

Search Find results containing: labelling In title In text

OR Add results containing: In title In text

+ OR conditions

NOT Remove results containing: In title In text

+ NOT conditions

Search hints:

- *Implementing regulation = Implementing AND regulation*
- *"" exact phrase search*
- ** replace 0 to n characters*
- *? replace a single character*

Document reference

Year: Number:

Type

- All
- Judgment
- Order
- Advocate General's opinion
- Third-party proceedings
- Opinion
- Attachment order
- Judicial information

Author of the document

Court

- All
- Court of Justice
- General Court
- Civil Service Tribunal

Search by ECLI

European Case Law Identifier:

Search by Celex number

CELEX number:

Search by date

Type of date: All dates

Specific date

Date range -

Valid formats:

- *YYYY*
- *mm/yyyy*
- *dd/mm/yyyy*

▼ Procedure

Name of the Advocate General: Name of Judge Rapporteur:

Type of procedure: Results:

▼ Parties

Applicant: Defendant:

All: All:

Institutions: Institutions:

Member states: Member states:

Other: Other:

▼ Theme

EuroVoc thesaurus: Subject matter:

Include sub-levels of selected narrow terms

Directory of case-law: classification scheme: Directory of case-law: code:

Show cases from both classification schemes.

The following results will be returned:

Home Official Journal EU law and related documents National law Legislative procedures More

Refine query

You have selected:
 EU law and related documents x
 EU case law x

▼ By author

- Court of Justice (14)
- Court of Justice of the European Union (12)

▼ By year of document

- 2015 (5)
- 2014 (12)
- 2013 (8)
- Other (1)

▼ By type of procedure

- Reference for a preliminary ruling (18)
- Action for annulment (4)
- Appeal – unfounded (3)
- Action for annulment – unfounded (3)
- Appeal – successful (2)

▼ By subject matter

- Approximation of laws (11)
- Consumer protection (6)
- Intellectual, industrial and commercial property (4)
- area of freedom, security and justice (3)
- Environment (3)

Search criteria

Domain: EU law and related documents, Subdomain: EU case law, Document type: Advocate General's opinion, Date: All dates, From: 18/11/2012, To: 18/11/2014, Results containing: labelling in title and text, Search language: English

Edit search Save to My searches Create in My RSS feeds

Save to My items

Sort by:

Results 1 – 10 of 26 [Export selection](#) [Export all](#) [Change displayed metadata](#) [Clear selection](#) 1 2 3

62014CC0095: Opinion of Advocate General Sharpston delivered on 23 April 2015.
Unione Nazionale Industria Conciaria (UNIC) and Unione Nazionale dei Consumatori di Prodotti in Pelle, Materie Concianti, Accessori e Componenti (Uni.co.pel) v FS Retail and Others.
 Reference for a preliminary ruling: Tribunale di Milano – Italy.
 Reference for a preliminary ruling – Free movement of goods – Articles 34, 35 and 36 TFEU – Measures having equivalent effect – Directive 94/11/EC – Articles 3 and 5 – Exhaustive harmonisation – Bar on impeding the placing on the market of footwear which complies with the labelling requirements of Directive 94/11 – National legislation requiring the country of origin to be shown on the labelling of products manufactured abroad which use the Italian term ‘pelle’ – Products in free circulation.
 Case C–95/14.
 ECLI identifier: ECLI:EU:C:2015:270
 Direct text access: [PDF](#)
 Author: Court of Justice
 Date of document: 23/04/2015
 Form: Advocate General's Opinion

62013CC0137: Opinion of Advocate General Sharpston delivered on 8 May 2014.
Herbaria Kräuterparadies GmbH v Freistaat Bayern.
 Reference for a preliminary ruling: Bayerisches Verwaltungsgericht München – Germany.
 Request for a preliminary ruling – Agriculture – Common agricultural policy – Organic production and labelling of certain products – Regulation (EC) No 853/2008 – Article 27(1)(b) – Use of certain products and

As with all above examples, you can filter the results as required using the “Refine query” with the drop down menu options.

CHAPTER 4 TRACKING DEVELOPMENTS

Using EUR-Lex, you can follow legislative proposals from the moment they are published until the final laws (Directives, Regulations or Decisions) are adopted. You can also display related documents and information about the various steps in the ongoing procedure.

Example: tracking the development of a proposal using the EUR-Lex procedure page

Use the “Find results by” search to find the COM document using its reference number. For this example, we will use the proposal for a Directive on package travel and assisted travel arrangements (COM (2013) 512).

Find results by

Document number **CELEX number**

Year: 2013 Number: 512

Type

All

Regulation

EU court case

Directive

Decision

COM and JOIN documents (?)

SEC or SWD documents

The search will return the following results (the proposal and a corrigendum):

Search criteria

Domain: All documents, Number: 0512, Year: 2013, Type of act: COM and JOIN documents, Search language: English

Edit search Save to My searches Create in My RSS feeds

Save to My items

Sort by: Default Descending

Results 1 – 2 of 2 [Export selection/Export all](#) [Change displayed metadata](#) [Clear selection](#) 1

52013PC0512R(01): Vorschlag für eine RICHTLINIE DES EUROPÄISCHEN PARLAMENTS UND DES RATES über Pauschal- und Bausteinreisen, zur Änderung der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 2006/2004 und der Richtlinie 2011/83/EU sowie zur Aufhebung der Richtlinie 90/314/EWG des Rates
/* COM/2013/0512 final/2 – 2013/ () */
Form: Proposal for a directive Author: European Commission
Date of document: 09/07/2013

52013PC0512: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on package travel and assisted travel arrangements, amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004, Directive 2011/83/EU and repealing Council Directive 90/314/EEC
/* COM/2013/0512 final – 2013/0246 (COD) */
Direct text access: [HTML](#) [DOC](#) Author: European Commission
Date of document: 09/07/2013

In force
Form: Proposal for a directive

Results 1 – 2 of 2 [Export selection/Export all](#) [Change displayed metadata](#) [Clear selection](#) 1

Once you select the correct option from your results list, you will be taken to the page showing the text of the document in question in all available languages and formats:

The screenshot shows the document page for 52013PC0512. The 'Text' tab is selected. The 'Languages and formats available' section lists 24 languages (BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, GA, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV) and three formats: HTML, DOC, and PDF. The 'Multilingual display' section shows Language 1 set to English (en). The 'Text' section displays the document title and reference information.

If you need to know which stage the proposal has reached in the legislative process, you should choose the “Procedure” tab.

This procedure page will provide details including:

- A **colour-coded timeline** of the legislative process showing all stages within the Commission, Council and European Parliament.
- Which **legislative procedure** the proposal falls under (e.g. ordinary legislative procedure, consultation procedure, consent procedure etc.).
- The **legal basis** of the proposal.
- The **lead person and service** for the proposal, which is particularly useful if you want to contact someone within the Institutions with a query.
- Any **related documents** directly linked with the proposal (e.g. Staff Working Documents, which are usually Impact Assessments).
- The **CELEX number** of the proposal which can be useful for search purposes across all the Institutional websites and databases.
- A **stage-by-stage view** of the proposal with related document links (for example to European Parliament Resolution texts or Official Journal publications) presented in chronological order.
- At the bottom of the page, you will find a link, if available, to the relevant page of the **European Parliament Legislative Observatory** (Oeil), which is the European Parliament’s tracking database.

Procedure 2013/0246/COD

COM (2013) 512: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on package travel and assisted travel arrangements, amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004, Directive 2011/85/EU and repealing Council Directive 90/314/EEC

European Commission Economic and Social Committee European Parliament Council of the European Union

2014 2015

Legal basis: Commission: TFUE/art 114
 Procedure: Commission: Ordinary legislative procedure (COD)
 Type of file: Commission: Proposal for a Directive
 EuroVoc thesaurus: hotel industry; consumer information; vehicle rental
 Directory code: 15.20.20.00 Environment, consumers and health protection / Consumers / Consumer information, education and representation

09/07/2013 : Supplement
 Documents: SWD/2013/263/FINAL CSST/2013/12257/ADD 1
 CELEX number of the main document: 52013SC0263

09/07/2013 : Supplement
 Documents: SWD/2013/264/FINAL CSST/2013/12257/ADD 2
 CELEX number of the main document: 52013SC0264

09/07/2013 : Supplement
 Documents: SWD/2013/266/FINAL CSST/2013/12257/ADD 3
 CELEX number of the main document: 52013SC0266

09/07/2013 : Adoption by Commission
 Leading person: Viviane REDING
 Leading service: Directorate-General for Justice
 Decision mode: Written procedure
 Addressee for formal act: European Parliament ; Council of the European Union

Addressee for mandatory consultation: Committee of the Regions ; European Economic and Social Committee
 Legal basis: TFUE/art 114
 Procedure: Ordinary legislative procedure (COD)
 Type of file: Proposal for a Directive
 Documents: COM/2013/512/FINAL CSST/2013/12257 IP/2013/663
 CELEX number of the main document: 52013PC0512

09/07/2013 : Transmission to Parliament
 09/07/2013 : Transmission to Council

11/12/2013 : European Economic and Social Committee opinion
 Decision mode: Unanimity
 Rapporteur: Anna Maria DARMANIN
 Documents: COM/2013/5087 JO C/2014/170/73
 CELEX number of the main document: 52013AES087

12/03/2014 : EP opinion on 1st reading
 Decision: Approval with amendments
 Rapporteur: Hans-Peter MAYER
 Documents: A7/2014/124 TA/2014/222/P7

10/06/2014 : Commission position on EP amendments on 1st reading
 Decision: Partial agreement

04/12/2014 : Discussions within the Council or its preparatory bodies
 Documents: CS-PRES/2014/16505 CSST/2014/16515

28/05/2015 : Council agreement
 Documents: CS-PRES/2015/9385 CSST/2015/9352/ADD 1 IP/2015/5063

Activities of the institutions
 European Parliament - Legislative observatory

Colour-coded timeline showing stages of the procedure across all three Institutions

Information on procedure type, leading person/ department/ CELEX numbers and related documents

Headings showing different stages of legislative procedure, colour-coded to match the timeline at the top of the page

Links to relevant Official Journal publications

Link to the European Parliament Legislative Observatory tracking page, if available

CHAPTER 5 NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING MEASURES (NIMS)

Using EUR-Lex, you can find basic information about measures taken by member states to incorporate an EU Directive into national law.

Alternatively, you can search on N-Lex, an interface of national legislation databases. By using a standardised search form (in any official EU language) you can find national legislation in every EU country, directly in the original national databases. For more information, see [EUR-Lex: About N-Lex](#).

Below, you will find examples of two searches for NIMs using EUR-Lex.

Please note that for the time being, EUR-Lex only displays the bibliographic notice of NIMs. To find the actual text of a NIM, you can search for it using the bibliographic notice on the national law database of the relevant country, if known, or alternatively, type the bibliographic notice in an online search engine.

Example: finding out whether a Directive has been implemented into national law

To find out whether Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency has been implemented into national law, first click on the tab "By document number" and type in the number of the Directive. Select Directive under "Type". Click the search button.

Find results by

Document number CELEX number

Year: 2012 Number: 27 Type: Directive All Regulation EU court case COM and JOIN documents Decision SEC or SWD documents

The following results will be returned:

Search criteria

Domain: All documents, Number: 0027, Year: 2012, Type of act: Directive, Search language: English

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[Save to My items](#)

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32012L0027: Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC Text with EEA relevance
*OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 1-56 (BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV)
This document has been published in a special edition(s) (HR)*
Direct text access: [PDF](#) [HTML](#) Author: European Parliament, Council of the European Union
Date of document: 25/10/2012

32012L0027R(02): This document does not exist in your search language.
OJ L 71, 12.3.2014, p. 24-24 (BG)
Form: Directive Author: European Parliament, Council of the European Union
Date of document: 12/03/2014

32012L0027R(01): Rectificatif à la directive 2012/27/UE du Parlement européen et du Conseil du 25 octobre 2012 relative à l'efficacité énergétique, modifiant les directives 2009/125/CE et 2010/30/UE et abrogeant les directives 2004/8/CE et 2006/32/CE (JO L 315 du 14.11.2012)
OJ L 113, 25.4.2013, p. 24-24 (BG, CS, DE, ET, EL, FR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI)
Form: Directive Author: European Parliament, Council of the European Union
Date of document: 25/04/2013

After you click on the Directive link, select the “NIM” tab on the horizontal menu. This will show you an expandable list/table of NIMs that have been communicated by the member states.

Document 32012L0027 > [Save to My items](#) [Bookmark this item](#) [Download notice](#)

About this document | Text | Procedure | Linked documents | All | **NIM** | Collapse all | Expand all

Title and reference

Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC Text with EEA relevance

*OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 1–56 (BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV)
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Languages, formats and link to OJ

	BG	ES	CS	DA	DE	ET	EL	EN	FR	GA	HR	IT	LV	LT	HU	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SK	SL	FI	SV
HTML																								
PDF																								
Official Journal																								

Multilingual display

Language 1 Language 2 Language 3

The table will show you the member states, the transposition deadline and the number of NIMs. The number of NIMs for Germany for example is 26.

About this document | Text | Procedure | Linked documents | All | **NIM** | Collapse all | Expand all

Title and reference

National Implementing Measures (NIM) communicated by the Member States concerning:

Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC Text with EEA relevance

*OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 1–56 (BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV)
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The member states bear sole responsibility for all information on this site provided by them on the transposition of EU law into national law. This does not, however, prejudice the results of the verification by the Commission of the completeness and correctness of the transposition of EU law into national law as formally notified to it by the member states.

NIM by Member State

	Transposition deadline	Number of NIM
<input type="checkbox"/> Belgium	05/06/2014	122
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria	05/06/2014	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Czech Republic	05/06/2014	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Denmark	05/06/2014	22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Germany	05/06/2014	26
<input type="checkbox"/> Estonia	05/06/2014	11
<input type="checkbox"/> Ireland	05/06/2014	13
<input type="checkbox"/> Greece		0
<input type="checkbox"/> Spain	05/06/2014	16
<input type="checkbox"/> France	05/06/2014	21
<input type="checkbox"/> Croatia	05/06/2014	17
<input type="checkbox"/> Italy	05/06/2014	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyprus	05/06/2014	26
<input type="checkbox"/> Latvia	05/06/2014	31
<input type="checkbox"/> Lithuania	05/06/2014	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Luxembourg	05/06/2014	9

To expand the section, click on the blue cross. You will see the bibliographic references for that member state.

<input type="checkbox"/> Denmark	05/06/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Germany	05/06/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> 26

Gesetz für die Erhaltung, die Modernisierung und den Ausbau der Kraft-Wärme-Kopplung (Kraft-Wärme-Kopplungsgesetz)
 Official Journal: *Bundesgesetzblatt Teil 1 (BGB 1)*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2013-08-07; Page: 03154-03167

Beschluss in dem Verwaltungsverfahren wegen der Festlegung zu Verfahren zur Ausschreibung von Regelenergie in Gestalt der Sekundärregelung, insbesondere zu Mindestangebotsgrößen, Ausschreibungszeiträumen und Ausschreibungszeitschreiben, zum technisch notwendigen Anteil nach § 6 Abs. 2 StromNZV und zu den einheitlichen Bedingungen, die Anbieter von Regelenergie erfüllen müssen, sowie zu den zu veröffentlichenden Daten nach § 27 Abs. 2 StromNZV
 Official Journal: *Verwaltungsmassnahmen*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2011-04-12; Page: 00001-00065

Gesetz über die Elektrizitäts- und Gasversorgung (Energiewirtschaftsgesetz – EnWG)
 Official Journal: *Bundesgesetzblatt Teil 1 (BGB 1)*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2013-10-04; Page: 03746-03858

Gesetz über Energiedienstleistungen und andere Energieeffizienzmaßnahmen (EDL-G)
 Official Journal: *Bundesgesetzblatt Teil 1 (BGB 1)*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2010-11-04; Page: 01483-01489

Mitteilung der Bundesregierung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland an die Europäische Kommission gemäß Artikel 7 der Richtlinie des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 25. Oktober 2012 zur Energieeffizienz (2012/12/EU)
 Official Journal: *Verwaltungsmassnahmen*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2014-06-05; Page: 00001-00053

Gutachten zur Wirtschaftlichkeit von Systemen zur Erfassung und Abrechnung des Wärmeverbrauchs
 Official Journal: *Verwaltungsmassnahmen*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2014-01-31; Page: 00001-00092

Verordnung über Rahmenbedingungen für den Messstellenbetrieb und die Messung im Bereich der leitungsgebundenen Elektrizitäts- und Gasversorgung (Messzugangsverordnung – MessZV)
 Official Journal: *Bundesgesetzblatt Teil 1 (BGB 1)*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2013-07-25; Page: 02722-02728

Beschluss in dem Verwaltungsverfahren wegen der Festlegung zu Verfahren zur Ausschreibung von Regelenergie in Gestalt der Primärregelung, insbesondere zu Mindestangebotsgrößen, Ausschreibungszeiträumen und Ausschreibungszeitschreiben, zum technisch notwendigen Anteil nach § 6 Abs. 2 StromNZV und zu den einheitlichen Bedingungen, die Anbieter von Regelenergie erfüllen müssen, sowie zu den veröffentlichenden Daten nach § 27 Abs. 2 StromNZV
 Official Journal: *Verwaltungsmassnahmen*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2011-04-12; Page: 00001-00051

Verordnung über Vereinbarungen zu abschaltbaren Lasten vom 28.12.2012
 Official Journal: *Bundesgesetzblatt Teil 1 (BGB 1)*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2012-12-28; Page: 02998-03005

Verordnung über die Anreizregulierung der Energieversorgungsnetze (Anreizregulierungsverordnung – ARegV)
 Official Journal: *Bundesgesetzblatt Teil 1 (BGB 1)*; OJ number: 1; Publication date: 2013-08-14; Page: 03250-03272

EU member states must notify the Commission when they implement an EU Directive. The bibliographic references you find on EUR-Lex in the example above are the implementing measures for Directive 2012/27/EU communicated to the Commission by Germany.

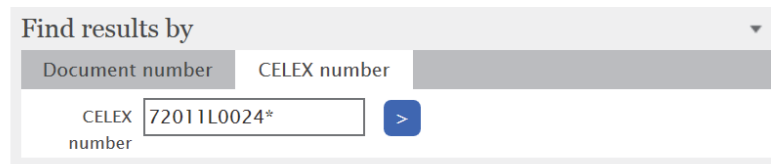
However, if you do not find the references for a particular member state on EUR-Lex, this does not necessarily mean that the member state has not implemented the Directive. It could mean that the EU member state has implemented the Directive, but has failed to notify the Commission. In this case, the best option is to contact the [Permanent Representation](#) of that specific member state.

Example: finding NIMs using the CELEX number

The “Find results by” and “quick” searches can be used to find NIMs with the NIM CELEX number of the Directive.

For example:

The CELEX number of Directive 2011/24/EU is 32011L0024. To find the NIMs for this Directive, replace the first digit (that refers to sector 3 Legislation) with the number 7 (that refers to the NIM sector). Then add an asterisk at the end. The reference becomes: 72011L0024*.



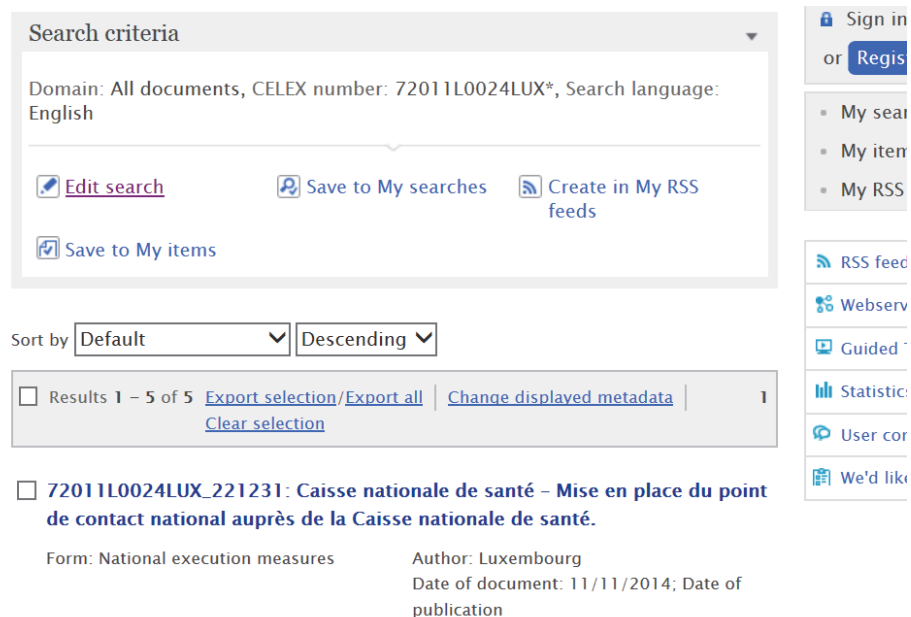
Find results by

Document number CELEX number

CELEX number 72011L0024* >

In the search results, you can filter by country and year on the left hand side of the page.

If you are interested in only measures from a specific member state, add the three letter country code and an asterisk at the end. For example, the NIMs for Luxembourg would be found using: 72011L0024LUX*



Search criteria

Domain: All documents, CELEX number: 72011L0024LUX*, Search language: English

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Sort by: Default Descending

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72011L0024LUX_221231: Caisse nationale de santé – Mise en place du point de contact national auprès de la Caisse nationale de santé.

Form: National execution measures Author: Luxembourg
Date of document: 11/11/2014; Date of publication

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CHAPTER 6 CONSOLIDATED LEGISLATION

You can find the consolidated versions of legal acts in EUR-Lex. Consolidation is the integration of the successive amendments and corrigenda in a legal act. Practically speaking, it means that several legal texts published in different issues of the Official Journal are combined in one easy-to-read document. Consolidated texts do not have legal value; they are intended for use as documentation tools. For legal purposes you will need to refer to the texts published in the Official Journal.

The EU Publications Office consolidates EU Regulations, Directives and Decisions. However, it does not consolidate legal acts which will be in force for only a short time.

On average, consolidated versions are available on EUR-Lex within 2-3 weeks after the entry into force of an amendment published in the Official Journal.

An entry “Consolidated legislation” can be found under the horizontal menu EU law and related documents. From there, you can:

- Access the advanced search page for consolidated legislation.
- Consult the Directory of EU consolidated legislation.
- Browse the recently published.

The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the EUR-Lex logo and the text "Access to European Union law". To the right, there is a search bar labeled "Quick search" and a language selector set to "English (en)". Below the navigation bar, there is a horizontal menu with several options: "Home", "Official Journal", "EU law and related documents", "National law", "Legislative procedures", and "More". The "EU law and related documents" option is highlighted with a red circle. Below this menu, there is a sidebar with a list of categories: "Treaties", "Legislation", "Consolidated legislation", "EFTA documents", "Preparatory acts", "EU case law", "Parliamentary questions", and "International agreements". The "Consolidated legislation" category is also highlighted with a red circle. In the main content area, there is a search bar and a "Share" button. On the right side, there is a "My EUR-Lex" section with options for "Sign in", "Register", "My searches (0)", "My items (0)", and "My RSS feeds (0)". There is also a "We'd like to hear from you" section with options for "RSS feeds", "Webservice registration", "Guided Tour", "Statistics", and "We'd like to hear from you".

Read more: [“About Consolidation” on EUR-Lex](#)

CHAPTER 7 EUROPA LEGISLATION SUMMARIES

You can easily view related summaries of legislation on EUR-Lex, if available. A [glossary](#) is available to explain the concepts and terms used in the summaries.

Once you have carried out your search for a piece of EU legislation and selected a search result, you can select the “Summary of legislation” tab on the horizontal menu bar.

The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex interface for a specific document. At the top, there is a horizontal menu bar with several tabs: 'About this document', 'Text', 'Summary of legislation' (circled in orange), 'Procedure', 'Linked documents', and 'All'. Below the menu bar, the document title is 'European system for registration of carriers of radioactive materials (Proposal)'. There are several expandable sections: 'Languages and formats available' (listing various languages and HTML format), 'Multilingual display' (with dropdown menus for Language 1, 2, and 3, and a 'Display' button), 'Dates', 'Classifications', 'Summarized and linked documents', and 'Miscellaneous information'. The 'Text' section is expanded, showing the title 'European system for registration of carriers of radioactive materials (Proposal)' and a brief description: 'This Proposal for a Regulation aims at replacing national reporting and authorisation procedures relating to carriers of radioactive materials by a unique registration system. The implementation of the Regulation should enable procedures to be simplified and administrative burden to be reduced, whilst maintaining a high level of radiation protection.' Below this, there are sections for 'PROPOSAL' and 'SUMMARY'.

If your selected search result does not have this tab, you can look at the [Summaries of EU Legislation](#) page under the horizontal menu “More”, to see if any information is available as not all acts have their related summary linked at this stage:

The screenshot shows the 'Summaries of EU Legislation' page. At the top, there is a horizontal menu bar with several tabs: 'Home', 'Official Journal', 'EU law and related documents', 'National law', 'Legislative procedures', and 'More' (circled in orange). Below the menu bar, there is a left sidebar with a list of links: 'Directories', 'Institutions and bodies', 'Summaries of EU Legislation' (circled in orange), and 'EuroVoc'. The main content area has a search bar with the text 'Search in summaries of EU legislation' and a search icon. Below the search bar, there are two links: 'Advanced search in summaries' and 'Recently published'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Summaries by topic' with six icons representing different topics: Agriculture, Audiovisual and media, Budget, Competition, Consumers, and Culture.

CHAPTER 8 LINKING TO INDIVIDUAL EU TREATY ARTICLES

Legal updates and other materials produced by Practical Law often refer to specific Articles of the *Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union* (TFEU).

EUR-Lex offers the possibility to link to individual Articles of the TFEU, provided that the Articles have been indexed by EUR-Lex as separate documents.

In order to do this, you need to specify the number of the Article you require in the CELEX URL of the TFEU, see: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT>

For example, to find Article 200 of the TFEU, you have to add 200 after the letter E as follows: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:12012E200>

The only constraint is that such notices for single Articles only give access to the HTML version of the text, not the PDF (which does not exist for the single Article). However, a link to the complete Treaty is always present, via the Official Journal in which it was published.

The link to the Official Journal containing the complete Treaty is found via the “Linked documents” horizontal tab.

The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the EUR-Lex logo and the text 'Access to European Union law'. A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Quick search: insert free text, CELEX number or descriptors. Use "" for exact matches.' Below the search bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'EUROPA > EU law and publications > EUR-Lex > EUR-Lex - 12012E290 - EN'. A horizontal menu contains several tabs: 'Home', 'Official Journal', 'EU law and related documents', 'National law', 'Legislative procedures', and 'More'. The 'EU law and related documents' tab is active. Below the menu, there are options to 'Save to My items' and 'Bookmark this item'. A horizontal tab bar is visible, with 'Linked documents' highlighted in a red circle. Below this, a section titled 'Relationship between documents' contains a list of links: 'Select all documents based on this document', 'Select all legislative procedures based on this document', 'Select all documents mentioning this document', and 'Display the Official Journal containing the document'. On the right side, there is a 'My EUR-Lex' sidebar with options for 'Sign in', 'Register', 'My searches (0)', 'My items (0)', and 'My RSS feeds (0)'. At the bottom, there are four columns of links: 'Other sites managed by the Publications Office' (including EU Bookshop, EU Open Data Portal, Ted, Whoiswho, CORDIS, N-Lex, and EU law and publications), 'Direct access' (including Official Journal, EU law and related documents, National law, and Preparatory acts), 'Practical information' (including FAQ, Help, Contact, and EuroVoc), and 'My EUR-Lex' (including Preferences, My searches, My items, and My RSS feeds).

If you come across an Article that is not available individually, you should report it to the [EUR-Lex Helpdesk](#) and they will investigate the problem.

CHAPTER 9 OFFICIAL JOURNAL

You can access the Official Journal from the links on the homepage.

Clicking here will take you to the most recent L and C series of the Official Journal.

Clicking here will allow you to search within the Official Journal. See below.

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- Summaries of EU Legislation
- EU legislation on statistics
- Budget
- Legislative drafting guide
- Previous version EUR-Lex
- Latest developments on EUR-Lex

If you choose to select the Official Journal tab, you can search through all existing Official Journals as follows:

Home **Official Journal** EU law and related documents National law Legislative procedures More

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Special edition

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Direct access to the Official Journal

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Search for an Official Journal, if you know the number.

Filter and click through old editions of the Official Journal using the year and month filters.

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15/11/2014	L330	C407 C408
14/11/2014	L329	C404 C405 C406
13/11/2014	L328	C400 C401 C402 C403
12/11/2014	L327	C397 C398 C399

Click through the most recent OJ publications presented in date order.

Uploading of the Official Journal on EUR-Lex

Acts are first made accessible on EUR-Lex as part of an Official Journal. It is useful to know that the Official Journal is published in two separate flows:

- Firstly, a PDF is made available. In 95% of the cases, the Official Journal is available in PDF format via the EUR-Lex website by 10:00 each day.
- In 95% of cases, a XHTML version is available 30 minutes after the PDF version. The XHTML becomes available for most of the remaining cases on the same date as the PDF.

After publication in the Official Journal, acts become available as separate documents which can be searched for on EUR-Lex. On average, 90% of the separate acts are accessible via the website by 10:30 in PDF format and by 12:30 in XHTML format. If an act is not accessible as a separate document, you can read it in the Official Journal in which it was published.

The reason for the delay in the uploading of the Official Journal texts in XHTML format is because everything that is authentic has to go through a manual signature procedure at the EU Publications Office and that takes time.

The unique CELEX number is available three or four days after publication.

Example: checking the authenticity of an Official Journal publication

Using the methods above, select a text published in the Official Journal.

Open and save the PDF version of the document and the Official Journal signature. NOTE: Ensure both are opened and saved in the same language.

The screenshot displays the EUR-Lex interface for a document. At the top, there are tabs for 'About this document', 'Text', 'Linked documents', and 'All'. The 'Text' tab is selected. Below the tabs, the document title and reference are shown: 'Commission Regulation (EU) No 1234/2014 of 18 November 2014 amending Annexes III B, V and VIII to Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of waste (Text with EEA relevance)'. Below the title, the document number and date are listed: 'OJ L 332, 19.11.2014, p. 15-17'. The interface also shows a section for 'Languages, formats and link to OJ' with a grid of icons for different languages and formats. The languages listed are BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, GA, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV. The formats listed are HTML, PDF, and Official Journal. The 'Official Journal' icon for the EN language is circled in orange. A note at the bottom states: 'To see if this document has been published in an e-OJ with legal value, click on the icon above (For OJs published before 1st July 2013, only the paper version has legal value).'


Click on the link for [Check Lex](#). Then upload the two documents where required:

The screenshot shows the CheckLex website. At the top left is the European Union flag and the text "CheckLex Official Journal of the European Union Online verification of the certified electronic edition". To the right is a "Useful links" dropdown menu. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: "UROPA > CheckLex > Welcome". The main heading is "Welcome". The text explains that CheckLex enables verification of the electronic signature and authentic character of the electronic edition of the Official Journal of the European Union. It states that if verification succeeds, it gives a guarantee that the electronic edition is authentic and has not been changed since the date of its signature. It also mentions that effective 1 July 2013, the electronic edition of the OJ (e-OJ) is authentic and produces legal effects, pursuant to Regulation 216/2013 on electronic publication of the Official Journal. The e-OJ bears an advanced electronic signature to ensure its authenticity, integrity and inalterability, in accordance with Directive 1999/93/EC. Paper versions will no longer have any legal value, except for cases where - due to an unforeseen and exceptional disruption of the Publications Office's IT systems - the e-OJ cannot be published. The page also includes a link to "Official Journal - print editions with legal effect".

1. Select a document for verification

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2. Start the verification

 This helps to ensure that a person, not an automated program, is submitting the verification request.
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Type the letters you see in the image above:
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You will then be given a response:

Verification Result

The document is authentic.
[Show Signature Details](#)

If verification succeeds, it gives you a guarantee that the electronic edition is authentic and it has not been changed since the date of its signature.

Since 1 July 2013, only the electronic edition of the OJ (e-OJ) is authentic and produces legal effect except under circumstances described in Article 3 of *Council Regulation (EU) 216/2013 of 7 March 2013 on the electronic publication of the Official Journal*.

CHAPTER 10 DOCUMENT NUMBERING AND IDENTIFIERS

Numbering of EU legal acts in OJ L series

Since 1 January 2015, the numbering of EU legal acts has changed. A new method has been defined to attribute numbers to documents published in the L (Legislation) series of the Official Journal. According to this new method, EU legal acts will bear unique, sequential numbers.

The EU Publications Office has published an explanatory note: [Harmonising the numbering of EU Legal Acts](#).

Document identifiers used in the EUR-Lex database

CELEX

CELEX is the documentation system for EU documents produced by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (EUR-OP). CELEX numbers are the unique reference numbers assigned to EU documents. CELEX numbers are made up of the following component parts:

Sector (1 number) + Year (4 numbers) + Document Type (1 or 2 letters) + Document Number (3-4 numbers).

Read more:

[EUR-Lex: Frequently asked questions: 10. What are Celex numbers composed of?](#)

[EUR-Lex: How CELEX numbers are composed](#)

Example: finding a case using the CELEX number, see *Chapter 3*.

Example: finding NIMs using the CELEX number, see *Chapter 5*.

European Case Law Identifier (ECLI)

ECLI is a 5-part identifier for a legal document, designed to make European case law databases more usable. Following a Recommendation of the Council in April 2011, the Court of Justice of the EU has assigned an ECLI to all Decisions delivered by the EU courts since 1954 and to the Opinions and Views of the Advocates General. The 5-parts are:

1. Abbreviation "ECLI".
2. Country code (2 characters).
3. Court code (1-7 characters).
4. Year of the decision (4 digits).
5. Unique identifying number (max. 25 characters, dots allowed).

For example, the ECLI of the Judgment of the Court of Justice of 8 April 2014 in C-288/12 *European Commission v Hungary* is the following: ECLI:EU:C:2014:237

It is broken down as follows:

- "EU" indicates that it is a decision delivered by an EU Court or Tribunal (for decisions of national courts, the code corresponding to the relevant member state appears in the place of 'EU').
- "C" indicates that this decision was delivered by the Court of Justice. Decisions delivered by the General Court are indicated by the letter "T" and those of the Civil Service Tribunal by "F".
- "2014" indicates that the decision was delivered during 2014.
- "237" indicates that it is the 237th ECLI attributed in respect of that year.

The Advanced Search offers the option to search for Decisions via the ECLI, with the latest being from July 2014. Since May 2015, it is possible to search for ECLI via the quick search. For more information about the quick search, see *Chapter 3*.

Read more:

[Council conclusions inviting the introduction of the ECLI and a minimum set of uniform metadata for case law were published in the OJ C 127 on 29 April 2011](#)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/help/faq/intro.html#help11>

The European Legislation Identifier (ELI)

The ELI references EU and national legislation. It uses structured, consistent and stable machine-readable URLs. The Publications Office plans to provide ELI for the widest range of legislation published in the Official Journal L series and also for NIMs.

ELI is constructed as follows:

`http://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/{type of document}/{year of adoption}/{number of document}`

Example:

The ELI for Council Regulation (EU) 216/2013 of 7 March 2013 on the electronic publication of the Official Journal of the European Union is:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/216>

Read more:

[Council conclusions inviting the introduction of the European Legislation Identifier \(ELI\) were published in the OJ C 325 on 26 October 2012](#)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/help/faq/intro.html#help12>

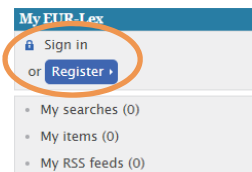
CHAPTER 11 MY EUR-LEX: YOUR PERSONAL SPACE

You do not need to have a “My EUR-Lex” account to use and search the site. However, if you do set up your own account, you can:

- Save documents and searches.
- Create customised RSS feeds based on your searches.
- Set your preferences for the website, for example search, export, print, and languages.
- Ask questions on EU law to members of the EUR-Lex community as well as being able to answer other users’ questions.
- Use the “see also” widget which only displays on the homepage if you are signed in to My EUR-Lex. This will display content which may be of interest to you based on your search history.

Signing up for My EUR-Lex

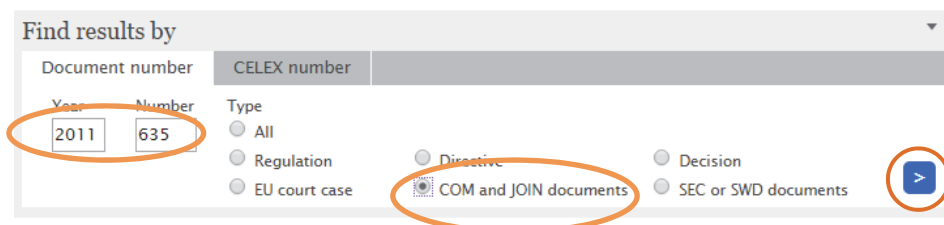
To sign up for My EUR-Lex and to log into your account and manage your settings, use the Register option at the top right of the homepage:



On first use, you will need to register for the European Commission authentication service (ECAS). By filling out the form, you will receive an ECAS account, allowing you to connect to all systems requiring an ECAS authentication. You will then be sent an email containing a link to set a password. Once you have done this, you will be taken to the My EUR-Lex section of the website and can start setting your preferences.

Saving to “My searches”

Conduct a search using any of the search methods available. (For this example, the Document number search has returned the proposal on the Common European Sales Law. See *Chapter 3*).



When your search results appear, you can select the tick box option and perform several tasks:

The screenshot shows the My EUR-Lex search results interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Official Journal, EU law and related documents, National law, Legislative procedures, and More. A 'Share' button is circled in orange. Below the navigation, there's a 'Refine query' section on the left and a 'Search criteria' box in the center. The search criteria include: Domain: All documents, Type of document: COM document, Number: 0635, Year: 2011, Exclude corrigenda: True, Search language: English. Below the search criteria, there are buttons for 'Edit search', 'Edit in expert search', 'Save to My searches' (circled in orange), 'Create in My RSS feeds', and 'Save to My items'. A 'Sort by' dropdown is set to 'Relevancy' and 'Descending'. Below that, there's a 'Results 1 - 1 of 1' summary with links for 'Export selection/Export all', 'Change displayed metadata', and 'Clear selection'. The main search result is for '2011PC0635: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a Common European Sales Law'. It includes a 'Direct text access' section with PDF and DOC icons, and metadata: Author: European Commission, Date of document: 11/10/2011, Form: Proposal for a regulation. On the right side, there's a 'My EUR-Lex' user menu with options like 'Sign out', 'Signed in as nwoodfje', 'Preferences', 'My searches (0)', 'My items (0)', and 'My RSS feeds (0)'. A callout box on the right says: 'You can only perform these tasks if you are signed in to My EUR-Lex. Otherwise, you will be asked to sign in or register.' A callout box on the left says: 'Select items you would like to save.' with an arrow pointing to the 'Save to My searches' button.

Whichever action you choose, you will then see a pop up box asking you to name your search and add a comment, if necessary.

The screenshot shows a pop-up dialog box titled 'Specify a name and a comment for your search'. It has two input fields: 'Name' with the text 'Common European Sales Law' and 'Comment (optional)' with the text 'CESL legislation'. There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom. The background shows the same search results page as the previous screenshot, but it's dimmed.

Once this has been saved, your personal space on the right-hand side of the screen will start to populate depending on what you have chosen to do.

This is a close-up of the 'My EUR-Lex' user menu. It shows the following options: 'Sign out', 'Signed in as nwoodfje', 'Preferences', 'My searches (1)' (circled in orange), 'My items (0)', and 'My RSS feeds (0)'. The 'My searches (1)' option indicates that one search has been successfully saved.

You can then view all of your saved items and feeds and choose to search again or edit your settings.

Creating an RSS feed

Carry out all of the steps above and when the results are returned, select the “create in my RSS feed” option.

Your results will then be saved in your “My RSS feeds”.

If you then select the item in your list, you will be able to choose to subscribe to the related RSS feed offered by EUR-Lex:

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
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Language preferences in search

Click on preferences, then search preferences to see your search profiles. You might need to create a new one by clicking “Add new”. Then, select your desired search profile.

Tick the box next to the “Activate link for multilingual display” and select your three languages.

Once your settings have been saved, a multilingual display link will appear in your search results, where you can immediately click and go to the texts displayed in three languages.

CHAPTER 12 FURTHER READING AND USEFUL LINKS

Useful Pages

The [Help](#) and [FAQ](#) pages provide detailed guidance on all aspects of the service.

The EUR-Lex helpdesk

For the latest versions of publications and specific questions, you can e-mail the helpdesk at: EURLEX-HELPDESK@publications.europa.eu

Alternative ways to contact EUR-Lex

You can fill in the contact form on the website [here](#).

You can also ask a question via the User Community on MY EUR-LEX if you are a registered user.

Videos

[EUR-Lex - What's in it for you?](#)

You can view the following online guided tours [here](#):

- Quick Search Form.
- Advanced Search Form.
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