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Documentation

Normative documentation

- JH - Joint Handbook for the presentation and drafting of acts subject to the Ordinary Legislative Procedure
https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/32619/joint-handbook-en-january-2018_2018_01_25_def.pdf
- JPG - Joint Practical Guide for persons involved in the drafting of European Union legislation
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/techleg/KB0213228ENN.pdf>

Informative documentation

- ISG - Interinstitutional Style Guide
<http://publications.europa.eu/code/en/en-000100>

List of document types

- amended proposal
- amended proposal for a decision
- amended proposal for a directive
- amended proposal for a regulation
- annex
- communication
- corrigendum
- Council briefing
- Council conclusions
- Council internal document
- Council position
- decision
- delegated directive
- delegated regulation
- directive
- draft opinion by the COR
- draft opinion by the EESC
- draft own-initiative opinion by the COR
- draft own-initiative opinion by the EESC
- draft resolution by the COR
- draft resolution by the EESC
- EC autonomous act
- EC communication concerning Council position
- EC opinion on EP amendments
- EC recommendation for a Council recommendation
- EC staff working document
- EP consolidated text
- EP legislative resolution
- EP text adopted
- implementing decision
- implementing directive
- implementing regulation
- international agreement
- international agreement in the form of an exchange of letters
- joint proposal for a regulation
- Legislative Financial Statement
- Legislative Financial and Digital Statement
- opinion
- opinion by the COR
- opinion by the EESC
- own-initiative opinion by the COR
- own-initiative opinion by the EESC
- proposal for a Council implementing decision
- proposal for a Council implementing regulation
- proposal for a decision
- proposal for a directive
- proposal for a recommendation

- proposal for a regulation
- proposal for an implementing directive
- recommendation
- regulation
- resolution by the COR
- resolution by the EESC
- statement of Council's reasons

List of concepts

- acting entity
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- text to be amended
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- type of document
- unnumbered paragraph
- version
- working comment

Vocabulary

A concept may contain other concepts, textual content, graphical content or a mix thereof.

If a concept is concerned by a business rule, there is a link to the rule [BR_nn].

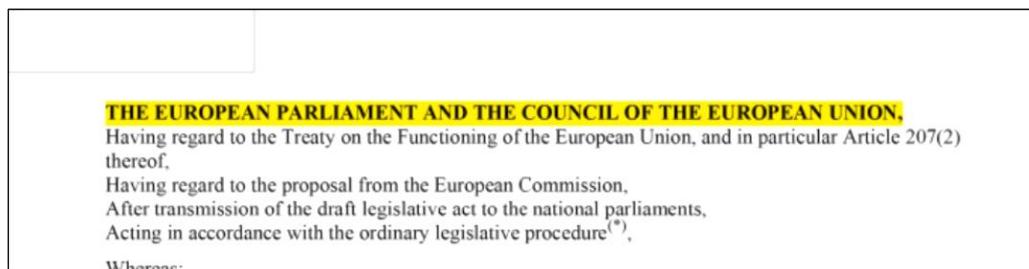
acting entity

Definition

Indicates the name of the acting entity or entities of a document.

Examples

Figure 1. Regulation 32014R1384



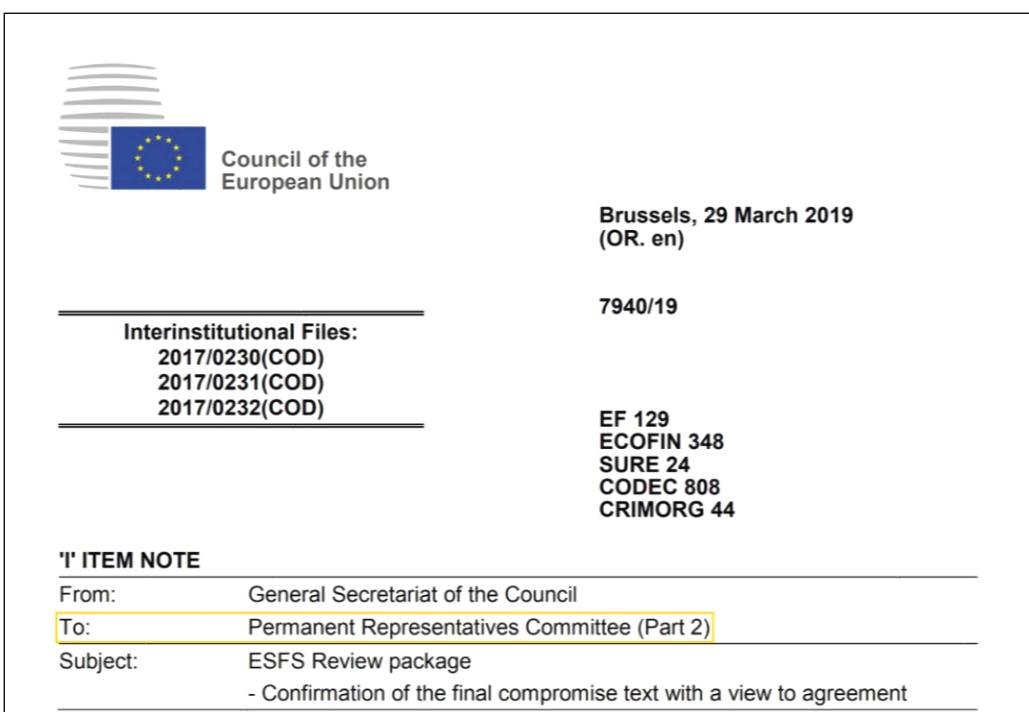
addressee

Definition

Person(s) or entity(ies) to which the document is addressed.

Examples

Figure 2. Council note (ST 7940/19)



amended document

Definition

A document subject to amendment.

Examples

Figure 3. Text adopted P9_TA(2019)0060

Amendment 1	
Proposal for a directive	
Recital 4	
<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
(4) Defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under	(4) Defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under

amended proposal

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [AMEND_PROP](#)

amended proposal for a decision

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [AMEND_PROP_DEC](#)

amended proposal for a directive

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [AMEND_PROP_DIR](#)

amended proposal for a regulation

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [AMEND_PROP_REG](#)

amendment

Definition

In EP texts adopted and documents of the COR and EESC, the complete proposed modification made up of a reference to the type of document to be amended and the destination where it is to be applied, the current text and the proposed change.

Examples

Figure 4. Text adopted P9_TA(2019)0060

Amendment 1	
<p>Proposal for a directive Recital 4</p> <p><i>Text proposed by the Commission</i></p> <p>(4) Defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under the CSDP covers military missions <i>and operations</i>, activities of battlegroups, mutual assistance, permanent structured cooperation (PESCO) projects <i>and</i></p>	<p><i>Amendment</i></p> <p>(4) Defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under the CSDP covers military missions, activities of battlegroups <i>and of other multinational formations or structures established by Member States operating</i></p>

amendment column current

Definition

In EP texts adopted and documents of the COR and EESC, in an amendment displayed in columns, the left side presenting the current text.

Examples

Figure 5. Text adopted P9_TA(2019)0060

Amendment 2	
<p>Proposal for a directive Recital 8</p> <p><i>Text proposed by the Commission</i></p> <p>(8) Similarly to the exemption for NATO defence effort, the <i>exemption</i> for the defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under the CSDP should be limited in scope. <i>Only expenses incurred in respect of tasks directly linked to a defence effort should</i></p>	<p><i>Amendment</i></p> <p>(8) Similarly to the exemption <i>from VAT and excise duty</i> for NATO defence effort, the <i>exemptions</i> for the defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under the CSDP should be limited in scope. <i>The exemptions should apply only to situations where armed</i></p>

amendment column proposed

Definition

In EP texts adopted and documents of the COR and EESC, in an amendment displayed in columns, the right side presenting the proposed amendment to the current text.

Examples

Figure 6. Text adopted P9_TA(2019)0060

Amendment 2	Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
<p>Proposal for a directive Recital 8</p> <p><i>Text proposed by the Commission</i></p> <p>(8) Similarly to the exemption for NATO defence effort, the <i>exemption</i> for the defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under the CSDP should be limited in scope. <i>Only expenses incurred in respect of tasks directly linked to a defence effort should</i></p>		<p><i>Amendment</i></p> <p>(8) Similarly to the exemption <i>from VAT and excise duty</i> for NATO defence effort, the <i>exemptions</i> for the defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under the CSDP should be limited in scope. <i>The exemptions should apply only to situations where armed</i></p>

amendment column title

Definition

In EP texts adopted and documents of the COR and EESC, in an amendment displayed in columns, the title of the current column.

Examples

Figure 7. Text adopted P9_TA(2019)0060

Amendment 2	Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
<p>Proposal for a directive Recital 8</p> <p><i>Text proposed by the Commission</i></p> <p>(8) Similarly to the exemption for NATO defence effort, the <i>exemption</i> for the defence effort carried out for the</p>		<p>(8) Similarly to the exemption <i>from VAT and excise duty</i> for NATO defence effort, the <i>exemptions</i> for the defence</p>

amendment heading

Definition

In EP texts adopted, heading of an amendment. Usually contains the type of document being amended and the destination of the amendment.

Examples

Figure 8. Text adopted P9_TA(2019)0060

Amendment 1	
Proposal for a directive	
Recital 4	
<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
(4) Defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under the CSDP covers military missions <i>and</i>	(4) Defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under the CSDP covers military missions.

amendment list

Definition

In EP texts adopted and documents of the COR and EESC, list of amendments.

Examples

Figure 9. Text adopted P9_TA(2019)0060

Amendment 1	
Proposal for a directive	
Recital 4	
<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
(4) Defence effort carried out for the	(4) Defence effort carried out for the
Amendment 2	
Proposal for a directive	
Recital 8	
<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
(8) Similarly to the exemption for	(8) Similarly to the exemption <i>from</i>

amendment position

Definition

In EP texts adopted and documents of the COR and EESC, target destination of the amendment in the amended document.

Examples

Figure 10. Text adopted P9_TA(2019)0060

Amendment 1	
Proposal for a directive	
Recital 4	
<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
(4) Defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under	(4) Defence effort carried out for the implementation of a Union activity under

amendment position amending act

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabulary website – [AMEND_POS_AMEND](#)

Examples

Figure 11. Text adopted P9_TA(2020)0218

Amendment 34	
Proposal for a decision	
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point -1 (new)	
Decision No 1313/2013/EU	
Article 1 – paragraph 2	
<i>Present text</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
2. The protection to be ensured by the Union Mechanism shall cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all kinds of natural and man-made disasters, including the consequences of acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental disasters, marine pollution, and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union. In the case of the consequences of acts of terrorism or radiological disasters, the Union Mechanism may cover only preparedness and response actions.	<i>(-1) In Article 1, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:</i> <i>‘2. The protection to be ensured by the Union Mechanism shall cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all kinds of natural and man-made disasters, including the consequences of acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental disasters, marine pollution, <i>hydrogeological instability</i> and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union. In the case of the consequences of acts of terrorism or radiological disasters, the Union Mechanism may cover only preparedness and response actions.’</i>

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amendment position basic act

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website – [AMEND_POS_BAS](#)

Examples

Figure 12. Text adopted P9_TA(2020)0218

Amendment 34	
Proposal for a decision	
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point -1 (new)	
Decision No 1313/2013/EU	
Article 1 – paragraph 2	
<i>Present text</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>(-1) In Article 1, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:</i>
2. The protection to be ensured by the Union Mechanism shall cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all kinds of natural and man-made disasters, including the consequences of acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental disasters, marine pollution, and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union. In the case of the consequences of acts of terrorism or radiological disasters, the Union Mechanism may cover only preparedness and response actions.	<i>'2. The protection to be ensured by the Union Mechanism shall cover primarily people, but also the environment and property, including cultural heritage, against all kinds of natural and man-made disasters, including the consequences of acts of terrorism, technological, radiological or environmental disasters, marine pollution, <i>hydrogeological instability</i> and acute health emergencies, occurring inside or outside the Union. In the case of the consequences of acts of terrorism or radiological disasters, the Union Mechanism may cover only preparedness and response actions.'</i>

annex

[\[BR_8 BR_19\]](#)

Definition

Annexes in the strict sense are used to present material separately from the body of the enacting terms because they are voluminous or technical or both (JPG 22.1).

Examples

Figure 13. Regulation 32017R0625

<i>ANNEX II</i>
TRAINING OF STAFF OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES
<i>CHAPTER I</i>
<i>Subject matter for the training of staff performing official controls and other official activities</i>
1. Different control methods and techniques, such as inspection, verification, screening, targeted screening, sampling, and laboratory analysis, testing and diagnosis
<i>(...)</i>

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article

[[BR_1](#) [BR_2](#) [BR_3](#) [BR_13](#)]

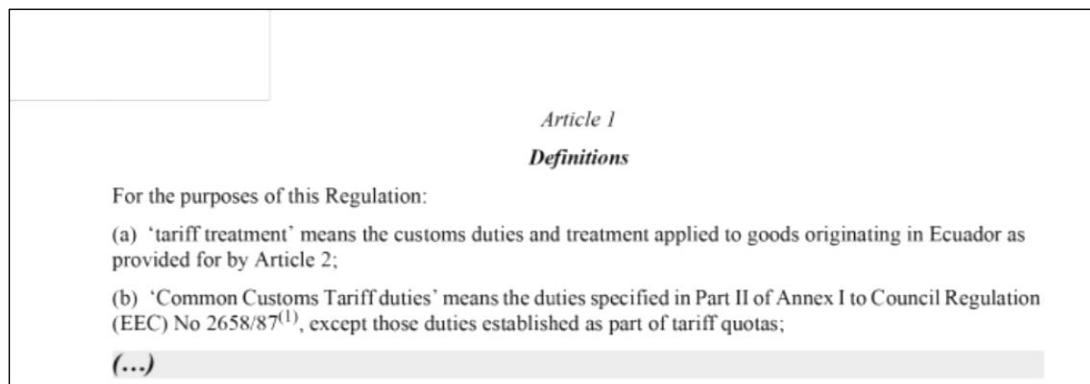
Definition

Basic unit of the enacting terms of a legal act (JPG 15.4, table).

Note: This concept is also listed in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [ART](#).

Examples

Figure 14. Regulation 32014R1384



authentic language

Definition

In certain EC autonomous acts, the element indicates the authentic language of the document.

Note: This concept stems from a bilateral collaboration (between the institution responsible for the document type concerned and the Publications Office) and has been acknowledged by the Institutions.

Examples

Figure 15. Commission Implementing Decision



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cell

Definition

Individual unit, within a table, used for displaying data.

chapter

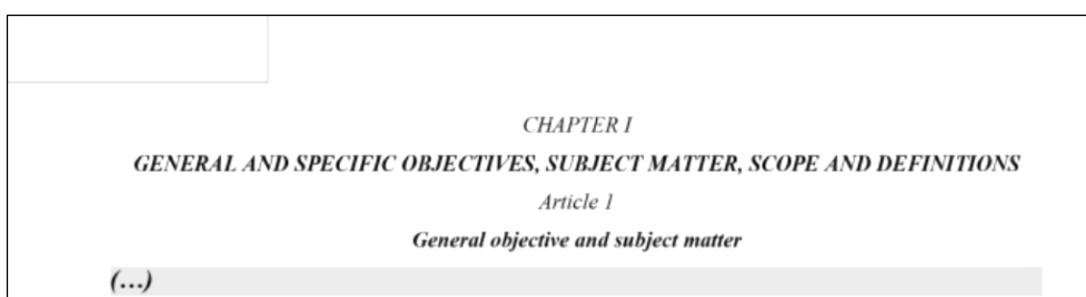
[[BR_7](#)]

Definition

Indicates a level of higher subdivisions of an act (JPG 15.4).

Examples

Figure 16. Decision 32013D1313



citation

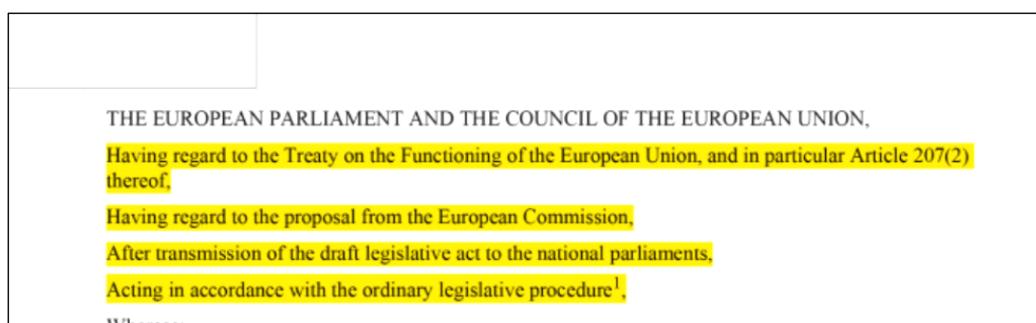
[[BR_12](#)]

Definition

Sets out the legal basis of an act or a main step in the procedure leading to its adoption (JPG 9).

Examples

Figure 17. Regulation 32014R1384



closing part

[[BR_9](#)]

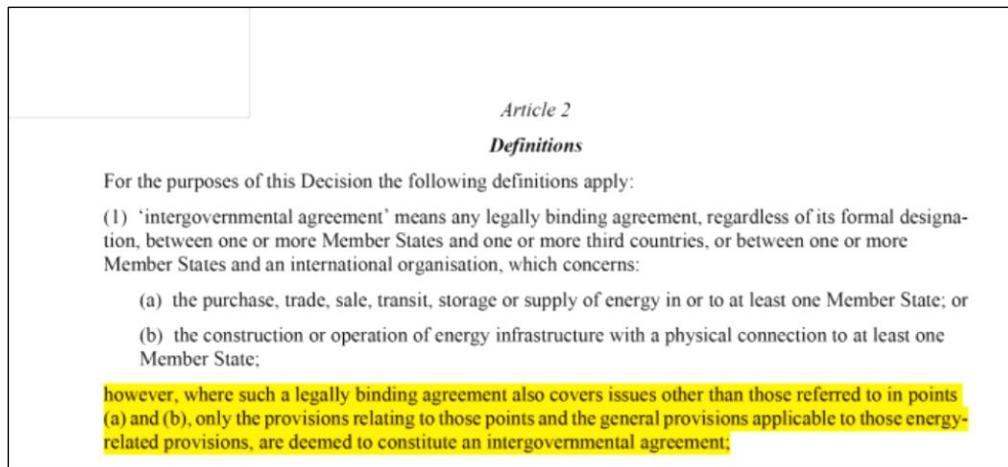
Definition

In a sentence including an enumeration of points or indents, the part following that enumeration.

Note: This concept is also listed in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website – [WRP](#).

Examples

Figure 18. Decision 32017D0684



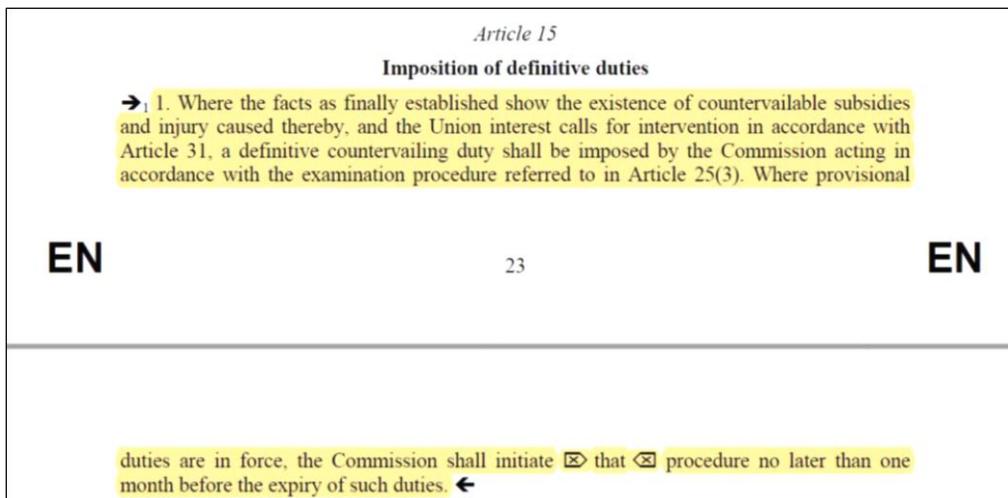
codification fragment

Definition

Codified fragment of a provision within a proposal for a codification.

Examples

Figure 19. Proposal for a regulation 52014PC0660



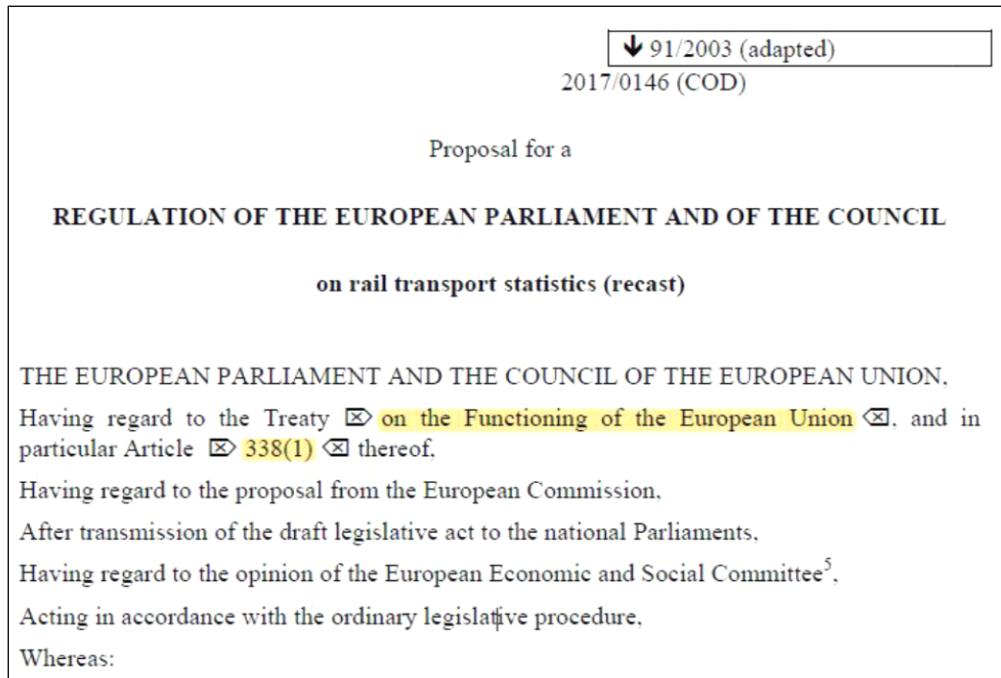
codification-recast formal adaptation

Definition

Change, in a proposal for a recast or codification, which is necessary for legal consistency but does not touch the substance of the act.

Examples

Figure 20. Proposal for a regulation 52017PC0353



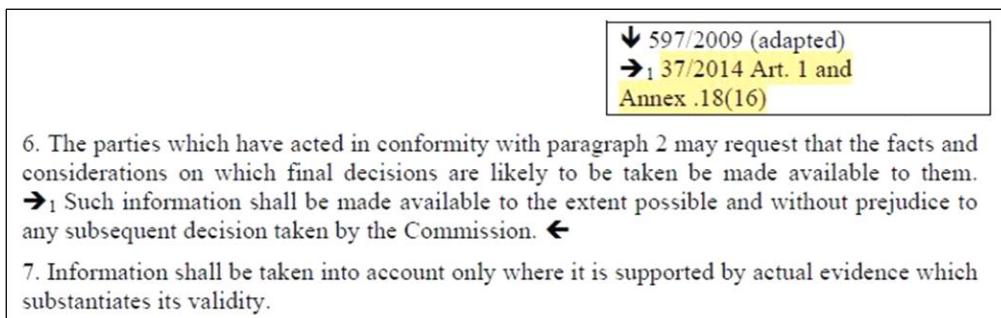
codification-recast fragment source

Definition

Indication of the origin of a fragment of a provision within a proposal for a recast or codification.

Examples

Figure 21. Proposal for a regulation 52014PC0660



codification-recast minor change

Definition

Change, in a proposal for a recast or codification, which is necessary to correct a minor issue such as a spelling or grammatical error.

Examples

Figure 22. Proposal for a Council directive 52021PC0733

 94/80/EC recital 15 (adapted)

(20) Whereas this risk of polarization concerns in particular a Member State Member States in which the proportion of non-national Union citizens of the Union of voting age exceeds 20% of the total number of Union citizens of the Union of voting age who reside there; whereas it is important, therefore, that this Member State should be able to lay down, in compliance with Article 8b of the Treaty 22(1) TFEU , specific provisions concerning the composition of lists of candidates.

codification-recast source

Definition

Indication of the origin of a provision or continuous sequence of provisions within a proposal for a recast or codification.

Examples

Figure 23. Proposal for a regulation 52014PC0660

 597/2009 (adapted)
2014/0305 (COD)

Proposal for a

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on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Union (codification)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union , and in particular Article 207(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national Parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee⁵,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,

Whereas:

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codification-recast text

Definition

Codified provision or continuous sequence of codified provisions within a proposal for a recast or codification.

Examples

Figure 24. Proposal for a regulation 52014PC0660

<p style="text-align: right;">▼ 597/2009 recital 1 (adapted)</p>	
(1) Council Regulation (EC) No □ 597/2009 ⁶ □ has been substantially amended ⁷ . In the interests of clarity and rationality, □ that □ Regulation should be codified.	
<p style="text-align: right;">▼ 597/2009 recital 3 (adapted)</p>	
(2) Annex 1A to the Agreement establishing the □ World Trade Organisation □ ('the WTO Agreement') contains, inter alia, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ('the GATT 1994'), an Agreement on Agriculture ('the Agreement on Agriculture'), an Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the □ General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade □ 1994 and an Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures ('the Subsidies Agreement').	
<p style="text-align: right;">▼ 597/2009 recital 5 (adapted)</p>	
(3) In order to ensure a □ proper □ and transparent □ application □ of the rules provided for in □ the Subsidies Agreement □, the language □ of that agreement should be reflected □ in □ Union □ legislation to the best extent possible.	

column

Definition

Represents, in a table, a set of related data vertically.

Examples

Figure 25. Regulation 32014R0223

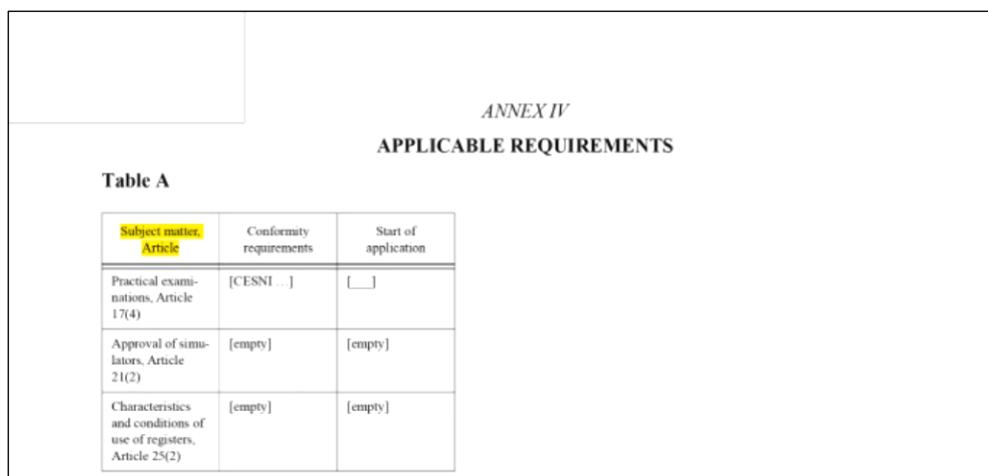
<i>ANNEX II</i>		
Annual breakdown of commitment appropriation for 2014 to 2020 (in 2011 prices)		
2014	EUR	485 097 840
2015	EUR	485 097 840
2016	EUR	485 097 840
2017	EUR	485 097 840
2018	EUR	485 097 840
2019	EUR	485 097 840
2020	EUR	485 097 840
Total	EUR	3 395 684 880

column header**Definition**

Table cell used to indicate the subject of a column.

Examples

Figure 26. Annex IV to Directive 32017L2397



Subject matter, Article	Conformity requirements	Start of application
Practical examinations, Article 17(4)	[CESNI ...]	[__]
Approval of simulators, Article 21(2)	[empty]	[empty]
Characteristics and conditions of use of registers, Article 25(2)	[empty]	[empty]

communication**Definition**

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabulary website - [COMMUNIC](#)

correcting instruction

[[BR_25](#)]

Definition

An instruction to present an internal or interinstitutional corrigendum.

Example

Figure 27. Text adopted P9_TA(2023)0454(COR01)

CORRIGENDUM

to the position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 12 December 2023 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2024/... of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and amending Regulations (EU) No 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, (EU) 2018/1724 and (EU) 2019/1020

P9_TA(2023)0454
(COM(2023)0160 – C9-0061/2023 – 2023/0079(COD))

In accordance with Rule 241 of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure, the above position is corrected as follows:

REGULATION (EU) 2024/...
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correlation table

[[BR_28](#)]

Definition

Where acts are recast, codified, amended or repealed and articles are renumbered in the process, table setting out the changes and annexed to the act.

Example

Figure 28. Text adopted P9_TA(2022)0109

<u>ANNEX V</u>	
CORRELATION TABLE	
Directive 2008/106/EC	This Directive
Article 1, introductory wording	Article 2, introductory wording
Article 1, points 1 to 26	Article 2, points 1 to 26
Article 1, point 28	Article 2, point 27
Article 1, point 29	Article 2, point 28
Article 1, point 30	Article 2, point 29

corrigendum

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [CORRIGENDUM](#)

Council briefing

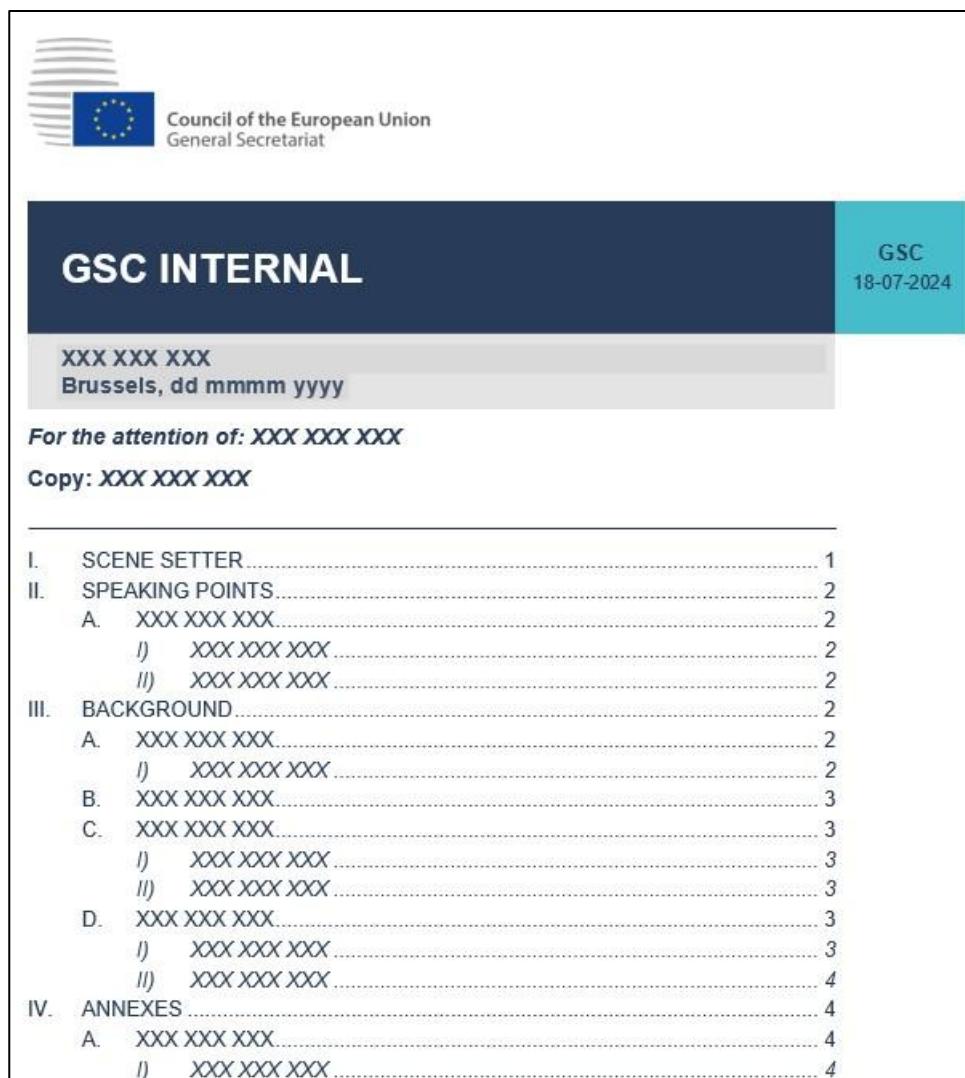
[[BR_27](#)]

Definition

Council internal document containing a compilation of information for the president/chair of a meeting held in the context of the work of the Council and its preparatory bodies, or of the European Council. It may contain talking points for the president/chair of the meeting.

Examples

Figure 29. Council briefing



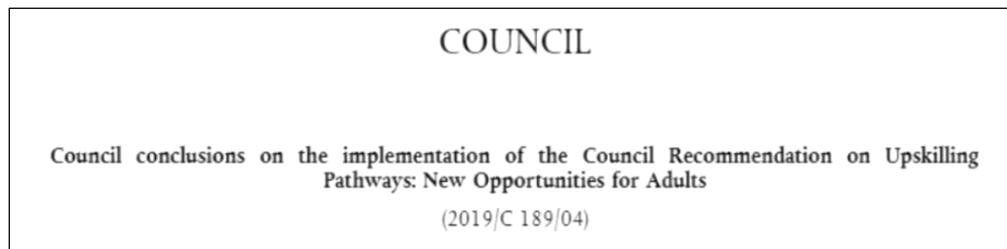
Council conclusions

Definition

Document containing conclusions reached by the European Council or by the Council in one of its different configurations.

Examples

Figure 30. Council conclusions 52019XG0605(01) (as published in the OJ, with an annex)



Council internal document

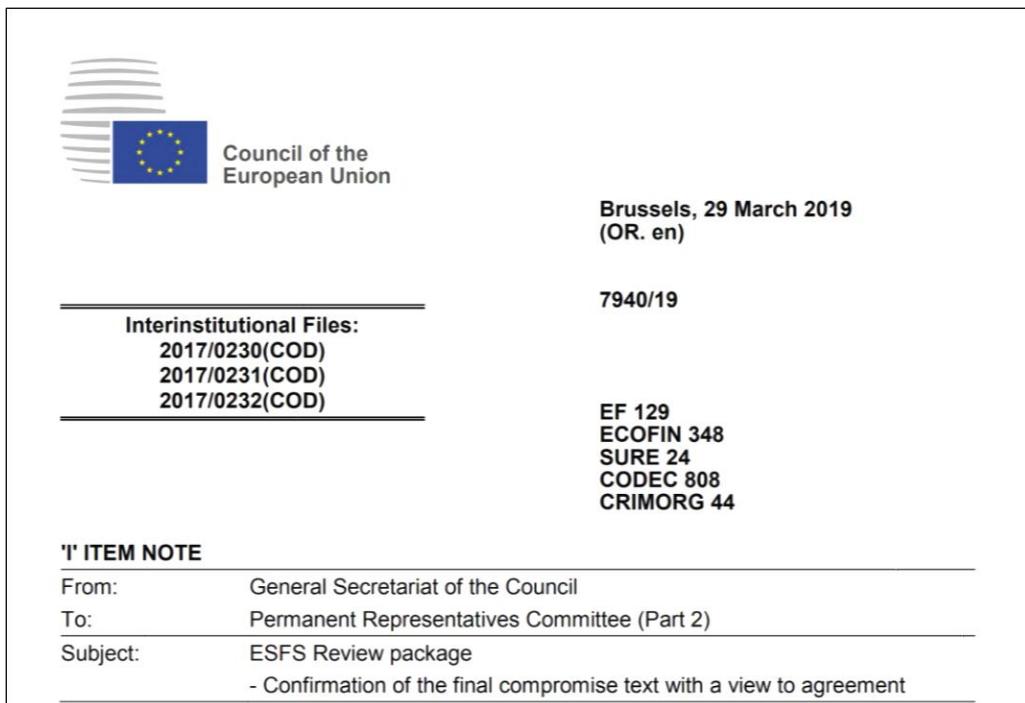
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Definition

Documents produced to support Council decision making process.

Examples

Figure 31. Council note (ST 7940/19)



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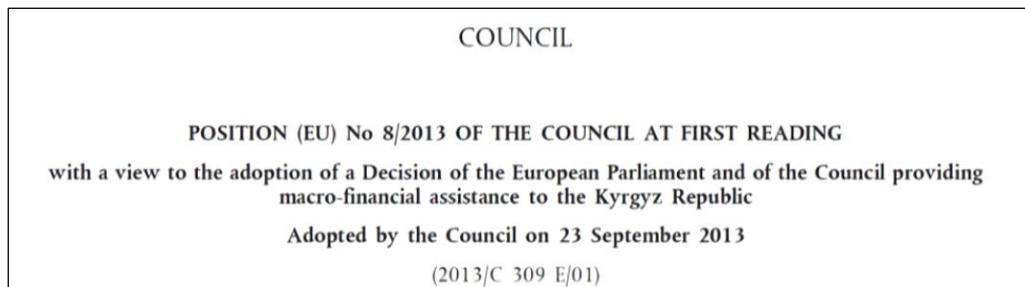
Council position

Definition

Council's position at first reading in the framework of the ordinary legislative procedure (Article 294(5) and (6) TFEU).

Examples

Figure 32. Council position 52013AG0008



date

Definition

Identifies a specific day in time.

Examples

Figure 33. Regulation 32014R1384



decision

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [DEC](#)

delegated directive

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [DIR_DEL](#)

delegated regulation

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [REG_DEL](#)

deletion

Definition

Text deleted from an existing text, either independently, or while replacing a part of a text.

Examples

Figure 34. Council note (ST 12955/17)

2. For the purposes of point (b) of paragraph 1 **this Regulation**, the definition of 'interpersonal communications service' referred to in point (b) of paragraph 1 shall include services which enable interpersonal and interactive communication merely as a **minor** ancillary feature that is intrinsically linked to another service.

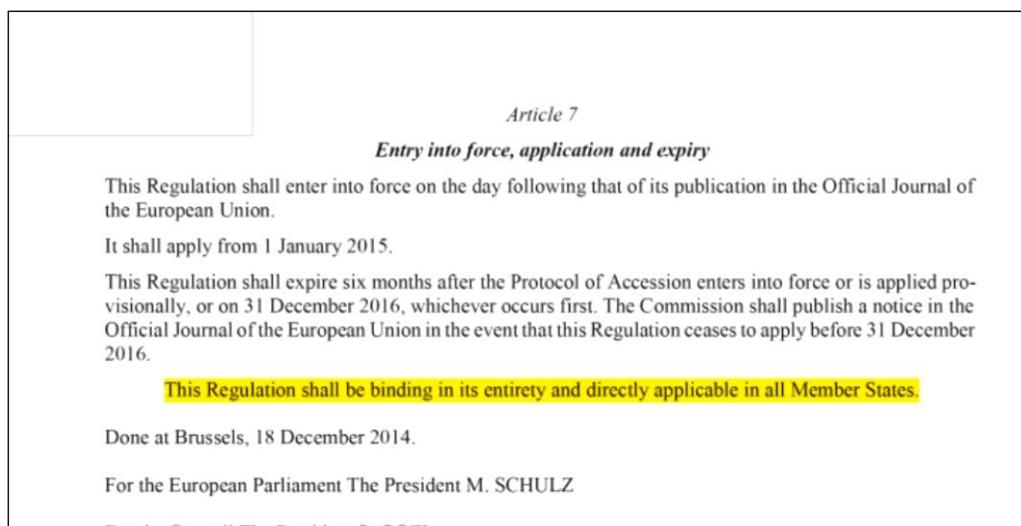
direct applicability

Definition

Corresponds, in regulations, to the special formula used after the final article as regards the binding and directly applicable nature.

Examples

Figure 35. Regulation 32014R1384



directive

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [DIR](#)

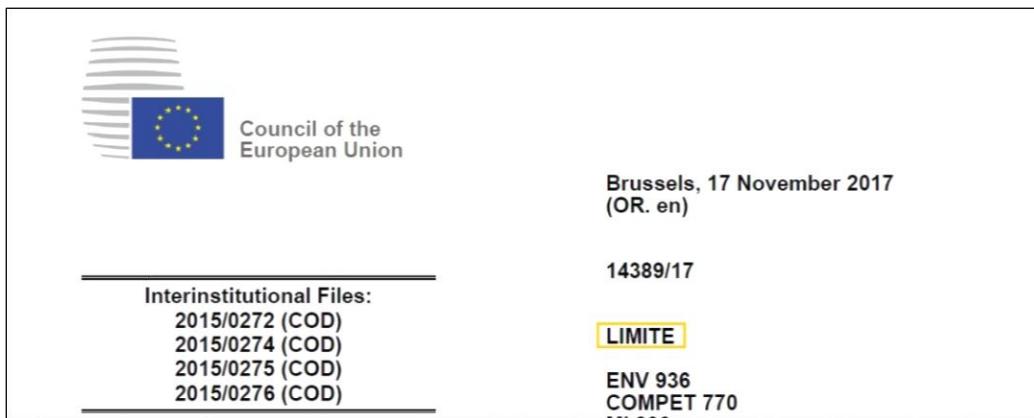
distribution

Definition

Marking indicating the extent of distribution of a document.

Examples

Figure 36. Council note ST 14389 2017 INIT (excluding annexes)



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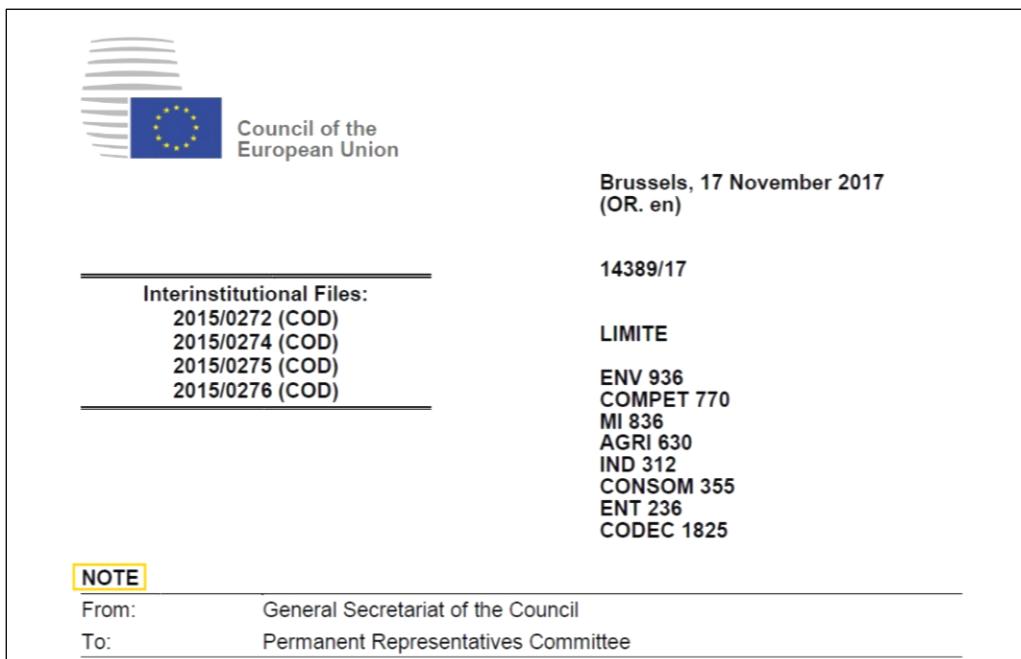
document category

Definition

Element used to categorise a document.

Examples

Figure 37. Council position ST 11703/1/13 REV1



draft opinion by the COR

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [OPIN_DRAFT_COR](#)

draft opinion by the EESC

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [OPIN_DRAFT_EESC](#)

draft own-initiative opinion by the COR

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [OWNINI_OPIN_DRAFT_COR](#)

draft own-initiative opinion by the EESC

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [OWNINI_OPIN_DRAFT_EESC](#)

draft resolution by the COR

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [RES_DRAFT_COR](#)

draft resolution by the EESC

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [RES_DRAFT_EESC](#)

EC autonomous act

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [ACT_AUTO_COM](#)

EC communication concerning Council position

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Definition

Document from the European Commission providing its position on the Council of the European Union's position in the course of the Ordinary Legislative Procedure.

Examples

Figure 38. EC communication concerning Council position 52015PC0354



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EC opinion on EP amendments

Definition

Document from the European Commission providing its position on the European Parliament's amendment(s) in the course of the Ordinary Legislative Procedure.

Examples

Figure 39. EC opinion on EP amendments 52011PC0179



EC recommendation for a Council recommendation

Definition

Version of a recommendation as recommended by the Commission for the consideration of its adoption by the Council.

EC staff working document

[[BR_23](#) [BR_27](#)]

Definition

Informative document, transmitted by the Commission to one or more European Union institutions, that does not require approval by the College of Commissioners.

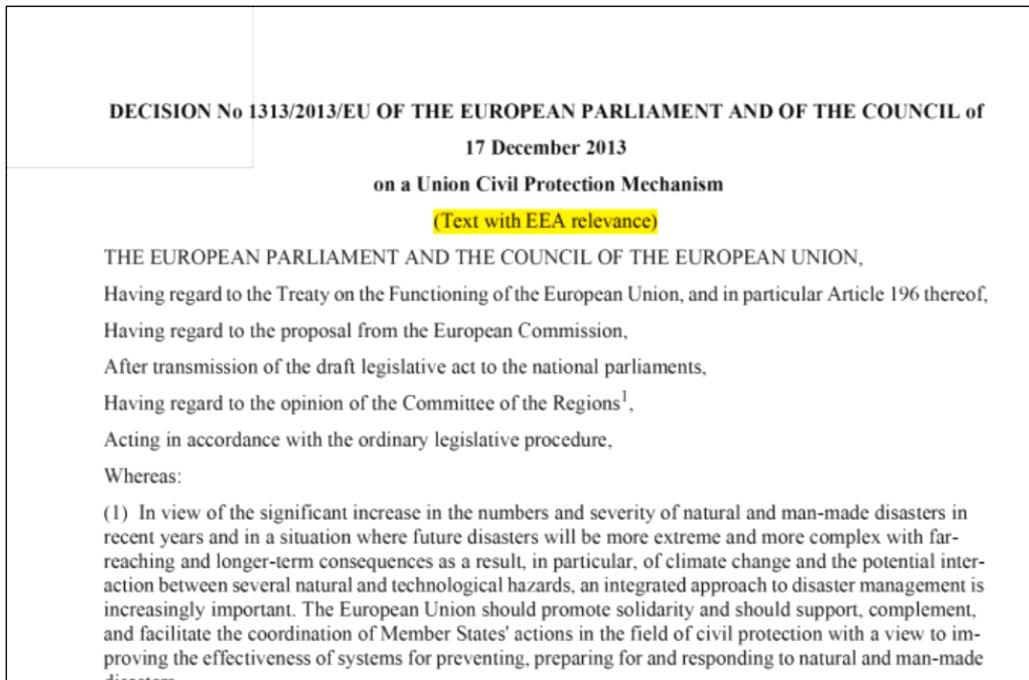
EEA relevance

Definition

Indicates that the subject-matter of an act is governed by the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA) (JH A, p.1).

Examples

Figure 40. Decision 32013D1313



embedded document

Definition

Document originating from another body than the acting entity, reproduced fully or partially with its specific layout.

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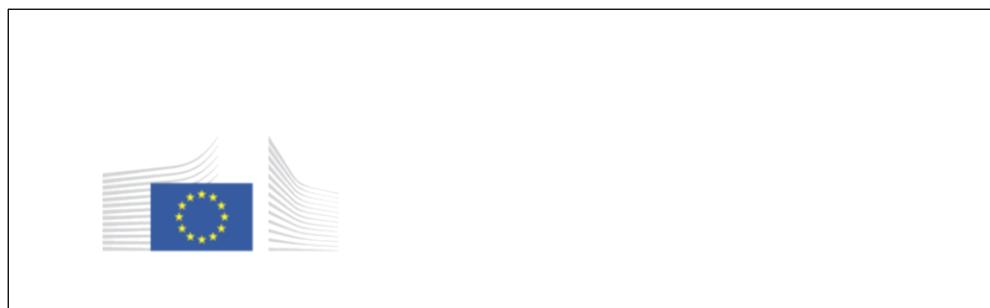
emblem

Definition

Graphical element identifying an entity.

Examples

Figure 41. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



enacting formula

Definition

Indicates the text between recitals and enacting terms.

Examples

Figure 42. Regulation 32014R1384



enacting terms

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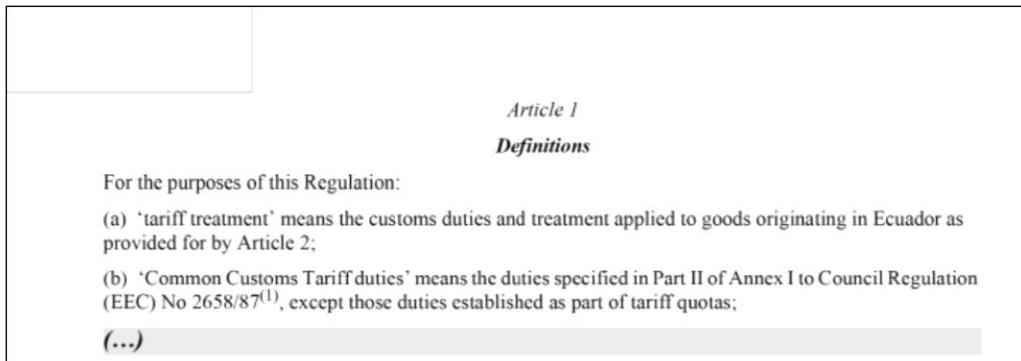
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Definition

Operative part of the act.

Examples

Figure 43. Regulation 32014R1384



EP consolidated text

Definition

Consolidated version of European Parliament's position after first or second reading in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure.

Examples

Figure 44. Text adopted P8_TA(2017)0110



EP legislative resolution

[[BR_12](#) [BR_13](#)]

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Definition

European Parliament's position on a given draft legislative act.

Examples

Figure 45. Text adopted P8_TA(2017)0425

European Parliament legislative resolution of 14 November 2017 on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and repealing Council Directive 96/50/EC and Council Directive 91/672/EEC (COM(2016)0082 — C8-0061/2016 — 2016/0050(COD))
(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)
(2018/C 356/22)

The European Parliament,
— having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2016)0082),

EP legislature

Definition

Indicates the European Parliament legislative term.

Examples

Figure 46. Text adopted P8_TA(2017)0425

European Parliament
2014-2019



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P8_TA(2017)0425
Recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation *I**

EP text adopted

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Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website – [ADOPT_TEXT](#)

explanatory memorandum

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [EXPL_MEMORANDUM](#)

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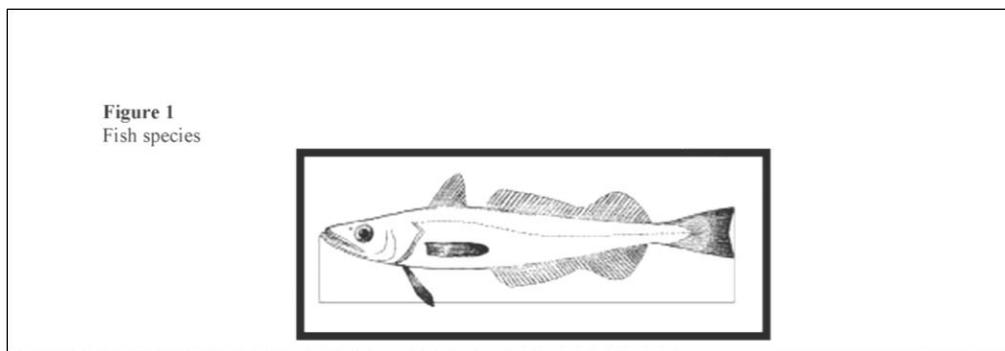
figure

Definition

Indicates an image supplemented by related text.

Examples

Figure 47. Annex IV to Regulation 32019R1241



global amending instruction

Definition

Instruction to apply the corresponding amendment in a systematic manner throughout the text.

Examples

Figure 48. Text adopted P9_TA(2024)0300

Amendment 1	Amendment
Proposal for a decision Title 1 <i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	 <i>Amendment</i>
Proposal for a DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2014/62/EU as regards certain reporting requirements	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2014/62/EU as regards certain reporting requirements <i>(Amendment applies throughout (with the exception of footnotes): replace the words 'Decision' throughout the Commission's proposal by the word 'Directive'.)</i>

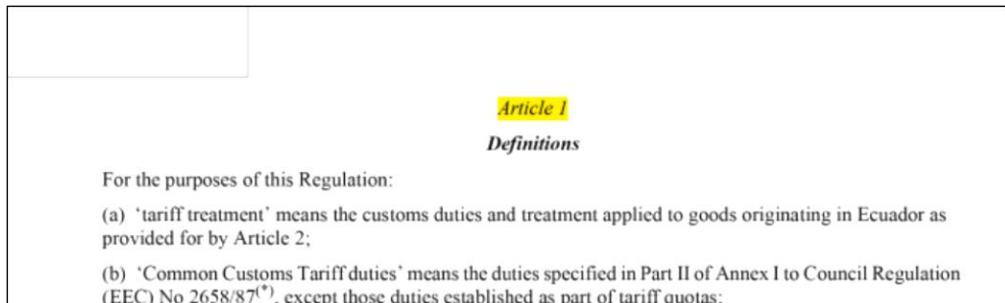
heading

Definition

Numbering, accompanied by a term, if any.

Examples

Figure 49. Regulation 32014R1384



image

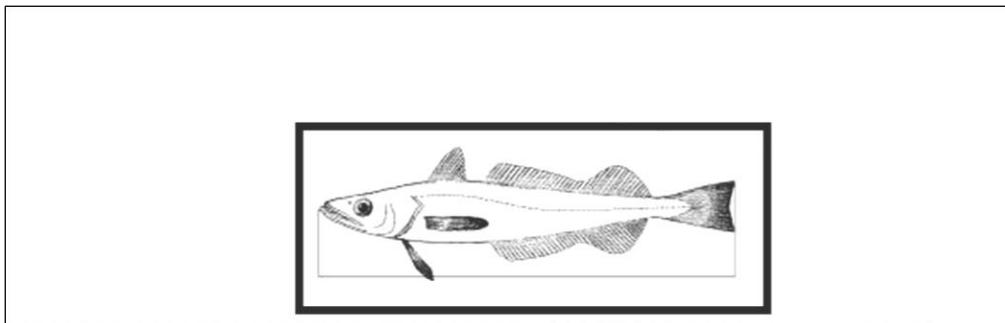
Definition

Graphical element depicting an object which may contain alphanumeric data.

Note: Alphanumeric data contained in an image should always be editable.

Examples

Figure 50. Regulation 32019R1241



implementing decision

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabulary website - [DEC_IMPL](#)

implementing directive

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabulary website - [DIR_IMPL](#)

implementing regulation

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [REG_IMPL](#)

indent

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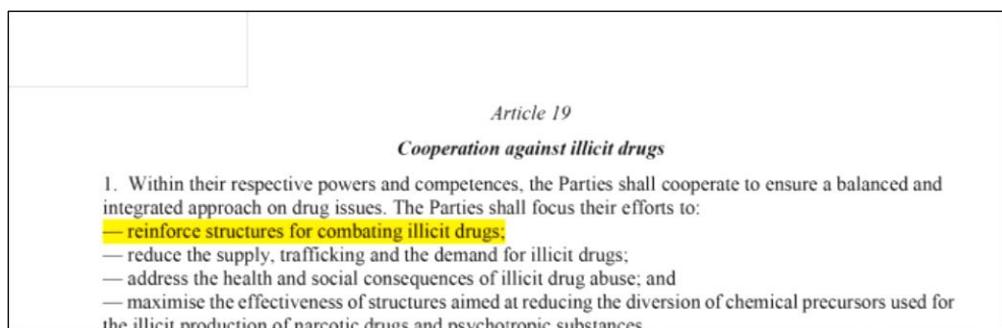
Definition

Indicates each element of an enumeration preceded by a dash.

Note: This concept is also listed in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [IDT](#)

Examples

Figure 51. Regulation 32013R1380



insertion

Definition

Text inserted or added to an existing text, either independently, or while replacing a part of a text.

Examples

Figure 52. Council note (ST 12955/17)

2. For the purposes of point (b) of paragraph 1 **this Regulation**, the definition of 'interpersonal communications service' referred to in point (b) of paragraph 1 shall include services which enable interpersonal and interactive communication merely as a **minor** ancillary feature that is intrinsically linked to another service.

interinstitutional negotiations table

Definition

A table used to support interinstitutional negotiations under the ordinary legislative procedure displaying different positions in each of its columns.

international agreement

[[BR_10](#) [BR_11](#)]

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [AGREE_INTERNATION](#)

international agreement in the form of an exchange of letters

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [AGREE_INTERNATION_EXCH](#)

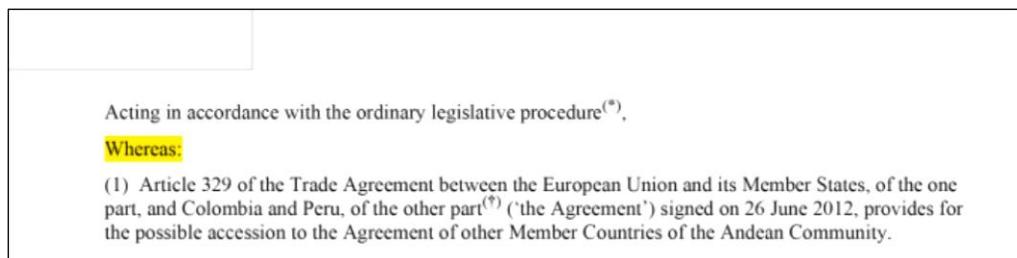
introduction to the recitals

Definition

Indicates the word 'whereas' at the beginning of the statement of the reasons (JPG 10.1).

Examples

Figure 53. Regulation 32014R1384



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introductory part

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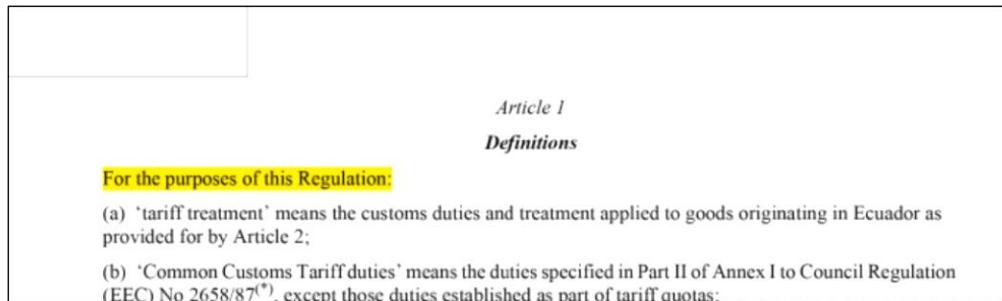
Definition

One or more sentences or phrases in the beginning of a paragraph, or of a subparagraph, or of a point, preceding an enumeration (of points or indents) and ending with a colon ‘:’.

Note: This concept is also listed in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [INP](#).

Examples

Figure 54. Regulation 32014R1384



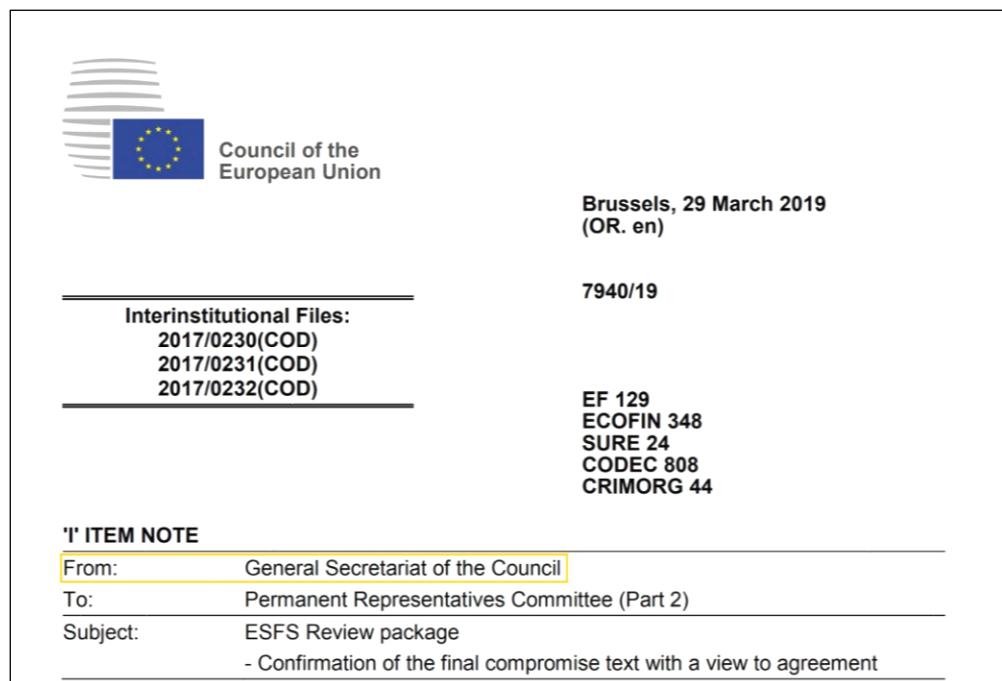
issuer

Definition

Person(s) or entity(ies) from which the document originates.

Examples

Figure 55. Council note (ST 7940/19)



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joint proposal for a regulation

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [JOINT_PROP_REG](#)

legal basis

Definition

Provision(s) which directly confer competence to adopt the act, whether preceded or not by a general reference to the Treaty/ies.

Examples

Figure 56. Regulation 32014R1384



legend

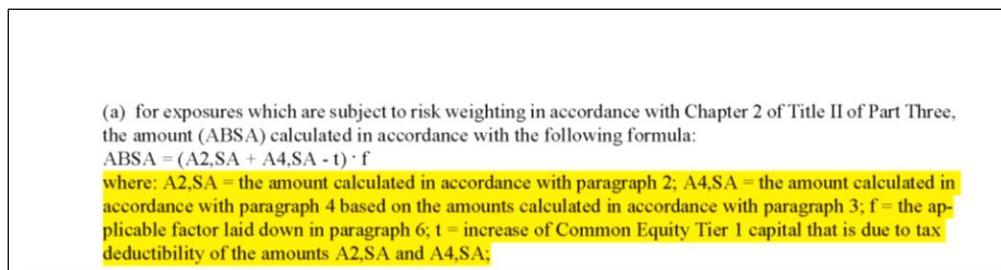
Definition

Text detailing the meaning of the elements of an image, a table or a scientific formula it relates to.

Note: This concept is also listed in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [LGD](#)

Examples

Figure 57. Regulation 32017R2395



Legislative Financial Statement

[[BR_21](#) [BR_22](#) [BR_23](#)]

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [STAT_FINANC_LEGIS](#)

Legislative Financial and Digital Statement

[[BR_21](#) [BR_22](#) [BR_23](#)]

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [STAT_DIGIT_FINANC_LEGIS](#)

line of legend

Definition

In a legend, a description of an individual element.

Note: This concept is also listed in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [LLG](#)

Examples

Figure 58. Regulation 32017R2395

(a) for exposures which are subject to risk weighting in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title II of Part Three, the amount (AB_{SA}) calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$AB_{SA} = (A_{2,SA} + A_{4,SA} - t) \cdot f$$

where:

$A_{2,SA}$ = the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph 2;

$A_{4,SA}$ = the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph 4 based on the amounts calculated in accordance with paragraph 3;

f = the applicable factor laid down in paragraph 6;

t = increase of Common Equity Tier 1 capital that is due to tax deductibility of the amounts $A_{2,SA}$ and $A_{4,SA}$;

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logo

Definition

Graphical element identifying an entity consisting of the emblem of the entity complemented by the name of the entity (author/proponent).

Examples

Figure 59. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



note

Definition

Consists of additional information giving further explanation/details to the reader.

Examples

Figure 60. Regulation 32014R1384



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numbered paragraph

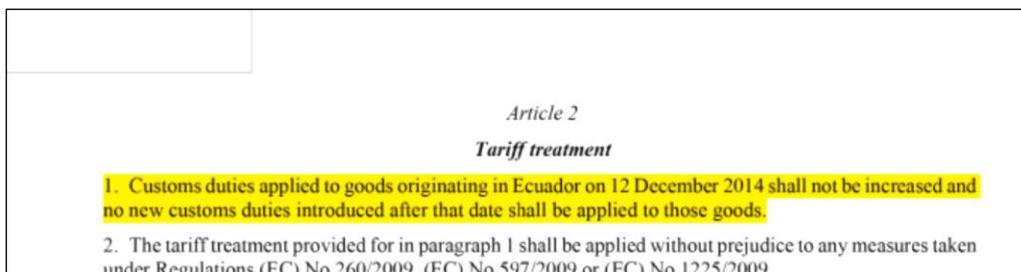
[[BR_1](#) [BR_3](#) [BR_11](#) [BR_13](#) [BR_18](#)]

Definition

Indicates an independent subdivision of an article (JPG 15.4, table).

Examples

Figure 61. Regulation 32014R1384



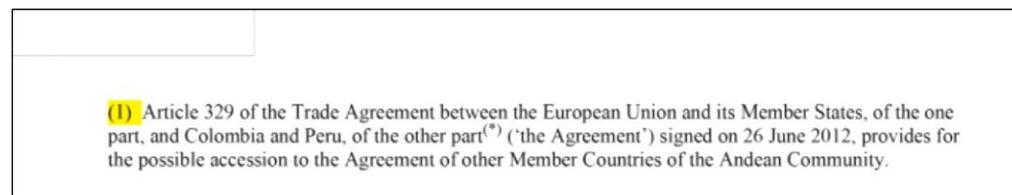
numbering

Definition

Indicates the number or letter used for structural identification (JH C.9.3.2., p. 29).

Examples

Figure 62. Regulation 32014R1384



opinion

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [OPIN](#)

opinion by the COR

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [OPIN_COR](#)

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opinion by the EESC

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [OPIN_EESC](#)

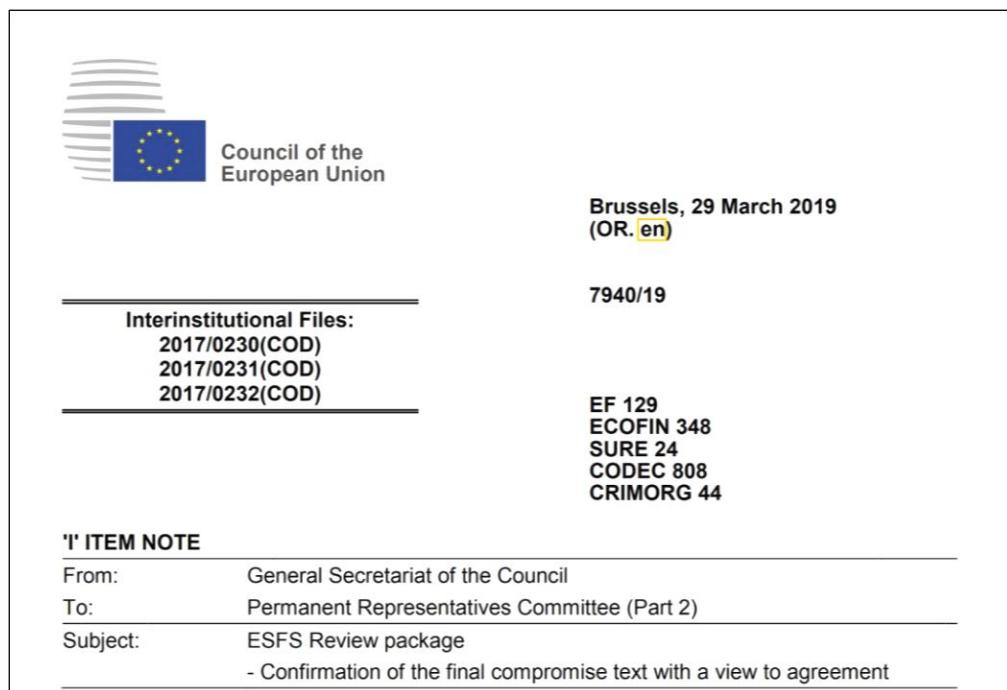
original language

Definition

The original linguistic version(s) in which the document has been drafted.

Examples

Figure 63. Council position ST 11703/1/13 REV1



own-initiative opinion by the COR

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [OWNINI_OPIN_COR](#)

own-initiative opinion by the EESC

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [OWNINI_OPIN_EESC](#)

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part

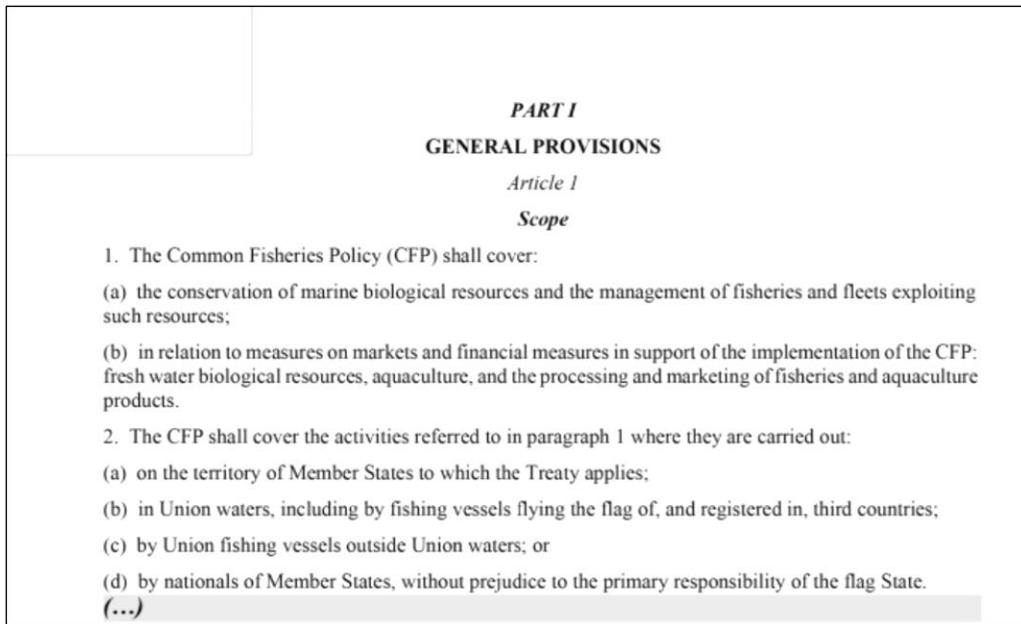
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Definition

Indicates the highest level of higher subdivisions of an act (JPG 15.4) or of an annex.

Examples

Figure 64. Regulation 32013R1380



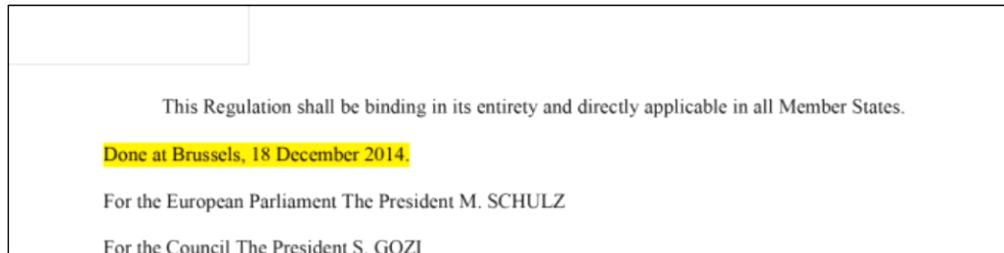
place and date

Definition

Indicates the date of signature for acts adopted in an ordinary legislative procedure, the budget and budget decisions adopted by the European Parliament and the Council (JPG 8.6 (4)) or the date of signature of other acts as well as the place.

Examples

Figure 65. Regulation 32014R1384



point

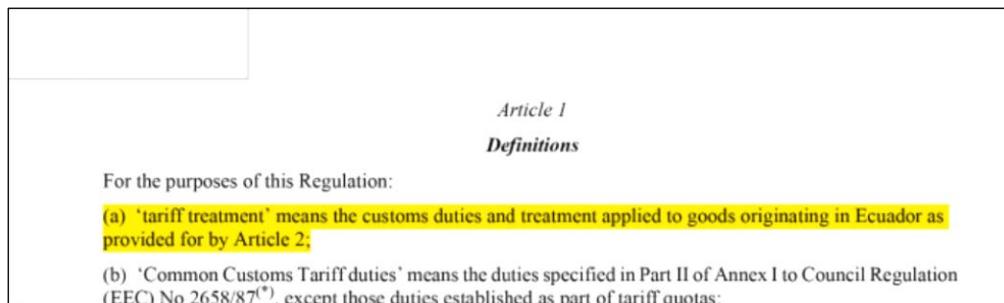
[[BR_2](#) [BR_4](#) [BR_5](#) [BR_8](#) [BR_11](#)]

Definition

Indicates either each element of an enumeration inside a paragraph, a subparagraph or a point (this enumeration being generally preceded by an introductory phrase); or is possibly used independently as a basic unit, e.g. in annexes or preparatory documents.

Examples

Figure 66. Regulation 32014R1384



preamble

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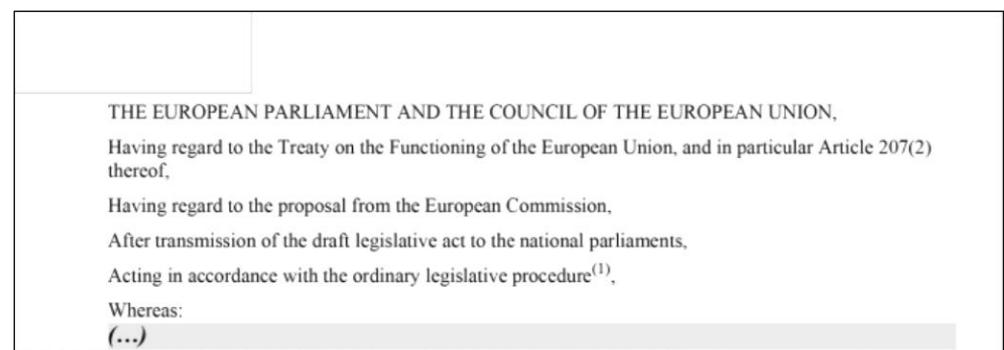
Definition

Part of an act positioned after the title of the act including the citations, the recitals and the solemn forms preceding the enacting terms.

Note: This concept is also listed in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabulary website - [PBL](#)

Examples

Figure 67. Regulation 32014R1384



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procedure identifier

Definition

Unique reference number for interinstitutional procedures.

Examples

Figure 68. Regulation 52016PC0818



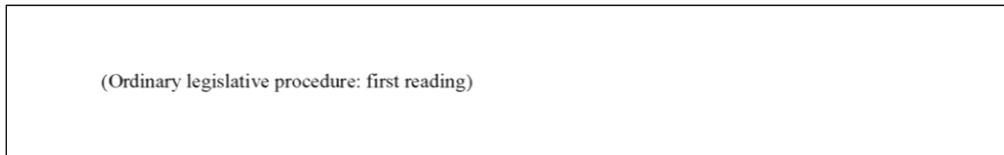
procedure stage

Definition

Code or full wording indicating the stage of the procedure.

Examples

Figure 69. Text adopted P8_TA(2017)0425



proposal for a Council implementing decision

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [PROP_DEC_IMPL](#)

proposal for a Council implementing regulation

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [PROP_REG_IMPL](#)

proposal for a decision

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [*PROP_DEC*](#)

proposal for a directive

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [*PROP_DIR*](#)

proposal for a recommendation

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [*PROP_RECO*](#)

proposal for a regulation

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [*PROP_REG*](#)

proposal for an implementing directive

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [*PROP_DIR_IMPL*](#)

proposing entity

Definition

Name of the proponent institution.

Examples

Figure 70. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



quotation

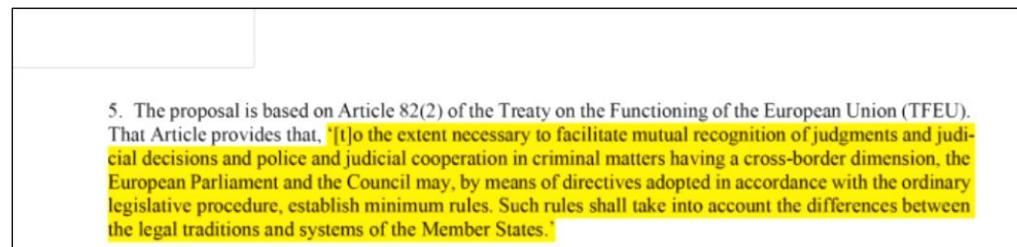
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Definition

Text identified by a specific marking to show that it originates from an external source.

Examples

Figure 71. Proposal for a directive 52013PC0824



recast partial substantive amendment

Definition

Indication of a change which affects the substance of the earlier act, as opposed to purely formal or editorial changes, and consisting of the insertion or deletion of a fragment of a provision within a proposal for a recast.

Examples

Figure 72. Proposal for a Council directive 52021PC0733

↓ 94/80/EC recital 8 (adapted)
⇒ new

(10) Disqualification ~~☒~~ from the right to stand as a candidate ~~☒~~ may be ordered by an individual decision of the authorities either of the Member State of residence or of the home Member State. In view of the political significance of the holding of elected municipal office, Member States should be entitled to ~~⇒~~ obtain information from the home Member State related to the deprivation of the right to stand as a candidate in the candidate's home Member State. ~~⇒ take the steps necessary to ensure that a person who has been deprived of his right to stand as a candidate in his home Member State is not enabled to recover that right merely by virtue of his residence in another Member State; whereas this problem, which is specific to non-national candidates, is important enough to justify a provision under which those Member States which consider it necessary are allowed to make such candidates subject not only to the rules on disqualification of the Member State of residence but also to those of the home Member State; whereas, in view of the principle of proportionality, it will be sufficient if the right to vote is made subject only to the rules on disqualification from voting of the Member State of residence.~~

recast total substantive amendment

Definition

Indication of a change which affects the substance of the earlier act, as opposed to purely formal or editorial changes, and consisting of the insertion or deletion of a provision or continuous sequence of provisions within a proposal for a recast.

Examples

Figure 73. Proposal for a REGULATION 52017PC0353

Whereas:

⇒ new

(1) Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁶ has been substantially amended several times⁷. Since further amendments are to be made, that Regulation should be recast in the interests of clarity.

↓ 91/2003 recital 1 (adapted)

(2) Railways are an important part of the ~~☒~~ Union's ~~☒~~ transport networks.

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recital

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Definition

Recitals set out concise reasons for the chief provisions of the enacting terms (JPG 10).

Examples

Figure 74. Regulation 32014R1384



recommendation

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [RECO](#)

reference

Definition

Identifier assigned to a document by an entity.

Examples

Figure 75. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



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regulation

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [REG](#)

resolution by the COR

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [RES_COR](#)

resolution by the EESC

Definition

For this concept, please consult the following entry in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [RES_EESC](#)

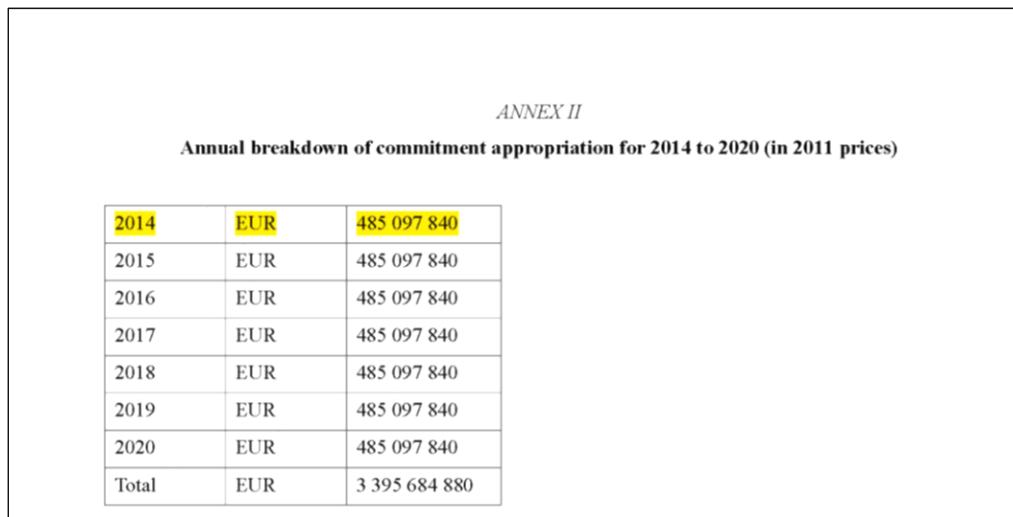
row

Definition

Represents, in a table, a set of related data horizontally.

Examples

Figure 76. Regulation 32014R0223



ANNUAL BREAKDOWN OF COMMITMENT APPROPRIATION FOR 2014 TO 2020 (IN 2011 PRICES)		
2014	EUR	485 097 840
2015	EUR	485 097 840
2016	EUR	485 097 840
2017	EUR	485 097 840
2018	EUR	485 097 840
2019	EUR	485 097 840
2020	EUR	485 097 840
Total	EUR	3 395 684 880

row header

Definition

Table cell used to indicate the subject of a row.

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scientific formula

Definition

Indicates a complex technical or scientific expression.

Note: This concept is also listed in the Common Authority Tables on the EU Vocabularies website - [SFR](#)

Examples

Figure 77. Regulation 32017R2395

Article 473a
Introduction of IFRS 9

1. By way of derogation from Article 50 and until the end of the transitional period set out in paragraph 6 of this Article, the following may include in their Common Equity Tier 1 capital the amount calculated in accordance with this paragraph:

(a) institutions that prepare their accounts in conformity with the international accounting standards adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002;

(b) institutions that, pursuant to Article 24(2) of this Regulation, effect the valuation of assets and off-balance sheet items and the determination of own funds in conformity with the international accounting standards adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002;

(c) institutions that effect the valuation of assets and off-balance sheet items in conformity with accounting standards under Directive 86/635/EEC and that use an expected credit loss model that is the same as the one used in international accounting standards adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002.

The amount referred to in the first subparagraph shall be calculated as the sum of the following:

(a) for exposures which are subject to risk weighting in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title II of Part Three, the amount (ABSA) calculated in accordance with the following formula:

ABSA = (A2,SA + A4,SA - t) · f

where: A2,SA = the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph 2; A4,SA = the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph 4 based on the amounts calculated in accordance with paragraph 3; f = the applicable factor laid down in paragraph 6; t = increase of Common Equity Tier 1 capital that is due to tax deductibility of the amounts A2,SA and A4,SA;

section

[\[BR_7\]](#)

Definition

Indicates the lowest level of higher subdivisions (JPG 15.4).

Examples

Figure 78. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

• Reasons for and objectives of the proposal

This proposal aims to ensure legal consistency of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 with an international agreement.

Article 13 of Regulation 1008/2008 defines the conditions under which lease arrangements of aircraft registered in third countries, especially wet-lease, are allowed. The possibilities are exceptional circumstances, such as a lack of adequate aircraft on the Community market, and they should be strictly limited in time and fulfil safety standards equivalent to the safety rules of Community and national legislation.

signatory

Definition

Information concerning the signing authority/person.

Examples

Figure 79. Regulation 32014R1384



This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 2014.

For the European Parliament The President M. SCHULZ

For the Council The President S. GOZI

signature

Definition

Includes the place and date of the signature of an act as well as the information about the signatory.

Examples

Figure 80. Regulation 32014R1384



This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 2014.

For the European Parliament The President M. SCHULZ

For the Council The President S. GOZI

statement of Council's reasons

Definition

Document accompanying the Council's position at first reading whereby the Council fully informs the European Parliament of the reasons that led it to deviate from the European Parliament's position and to adopt its own position at first reading.

Examples

Figure 81. Council position 52013AG0008



subject

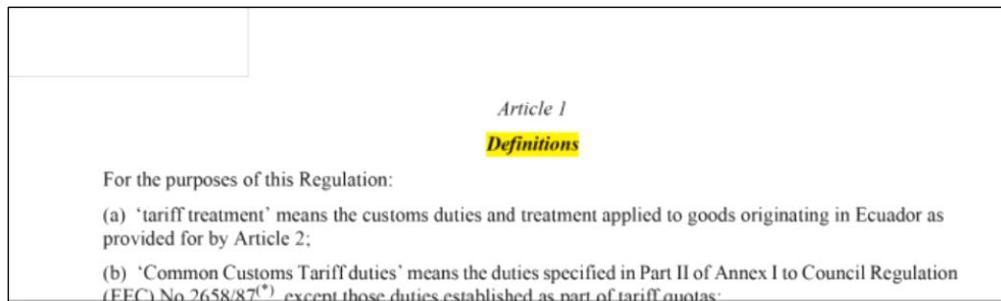
[[BR_8](#)]

Definition

Terms reflecting the essential topic of the subdivision of text they precede.

Examples

Figure 82. Regulation 32014R1384



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subparagraph

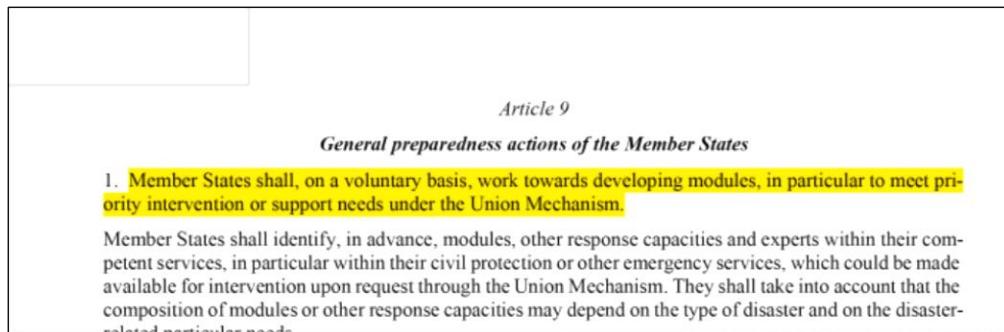
[[BR_3](#) [BR_8](#) [BR_18](#)]

Definition

Indicates the first level of an unnumbered subdivision of a numbered paragraph, point or indent, where there are at least two of such elements of subdivision. A single subparagraph is consequently not marked-up.

Examples

Figure 83. Decision 32013D1313



table

[[BR_24](#)]

Definition

Indicates an arrangement of data in rows and columns, possibly preceded by a heading.

Examples

Figure 84. Regulation 32014R0223

2014	EUR	485 097 840
2015	EUR	485 097 840
2016	EUR	485 097 840
2017	EUR	485 097 840
2018	EUR	485 097 840
2019	EUR	485 097 840
2020	EUR	485 097 840
Total	EUR	3 395 684 880

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Definition

In Commission Staff Working Documents and Council documents, list of headings and subjects of a document, presented in the order in which they appear.

technical adaptation

[BR_26]

Definition

Change which is necessary, at a stage before adoption of a legislative act, in order to adapt part of its text to legislative drafting rules, to ensure internal consistency, or to correct minor issues, such as grammatical errors.

Examples

Figure 85. Text adopted P9_TA(2022)0107

Article 1								
Amendments to Decision 2003/17/EC								
Decision 2003/17/EC is amended as follows:								
<p>(1) in Article 6, the date '31 December 2022' is replaced by the date '31 December 2029';</p> <p>(2) the table in Annex I is amended as follows:</p> <p>(a) the following row is inserted between the rows 'AU' and 'BR':</p>								
<table border="1"><tr><td>'BO</td><td>Ministry of Rural Development and Land Bolivia Av. Camacho entre calles Loaya y Bueno N°1471, LA PAZ</td><td>66/402/EEC – only in respect of <i>Zea mays</i> and <i>Sorghum</i> spp.; 2002/57/EC – only in respect of <i>Helianthus annuus</i>’;</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">(b) in footnote ⁽¹⁾, the following terms are inserted between 'AU — Australia,' and 'BR — Brazil,':</td><td>‘BO – Bolivia,’;</td></tr></table>			'BO	Ministry of Rural Development and Land Bolivia Av. Camacho entre calles Loaya y Bueno N°1471, LA PAZ	66/402/EEC – only in respect of <i>Zea mays</i> and <i>Sorghum</i> spp.; 2002/57/EC – only in respect of <i>Helianthus annuus</i> ’;	(b) in footnote ⁽¹⁾ , the following terms are inserted between 'AU — Australia,' and 'BR — Brazil,':		‘BO – Bolivia,’;
'BO	Ministry of Rural Development and Land Bolivia Av. Camacho entre calles Loaya y Bueno N°1471, LA PAZ	66/402/EEC – only in respect of <i>Zea mays</i> and <i>Sorghum</i> spp.; 2002/57/EC – only in respect of <i>Helianthus annuus</i> ’;						
(b) in footnote ⁽¹⁾ , the following terms are inserted between 'AU — Australia,' and 'BR — Brazil,':		‘BO – Bolivia,’;						

text of the amendment

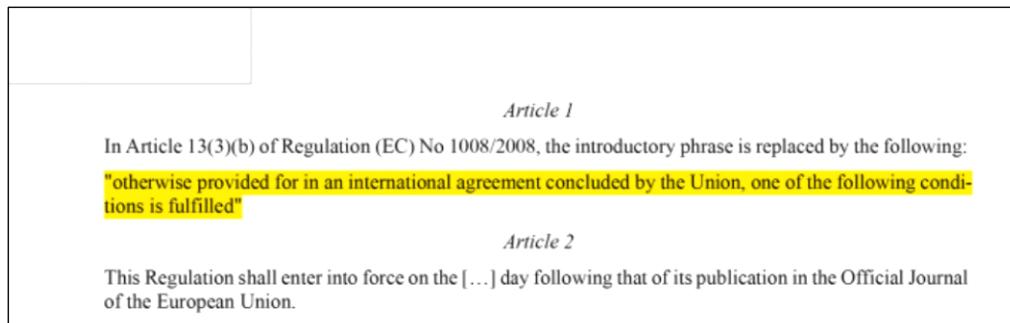
[[BR_6 BR-29](#)]

Definition

Text to be inserted in the act to be amended in accordance with an amending instruction referring to insertion, addition or replacement.

Examples

Figure 86. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



text to be amended

[[BR_6 BR-29](#)]

Definition

Text in the act to be amended.

Examples

Figure 87. Corrigendum 32018R0848R(05)



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title

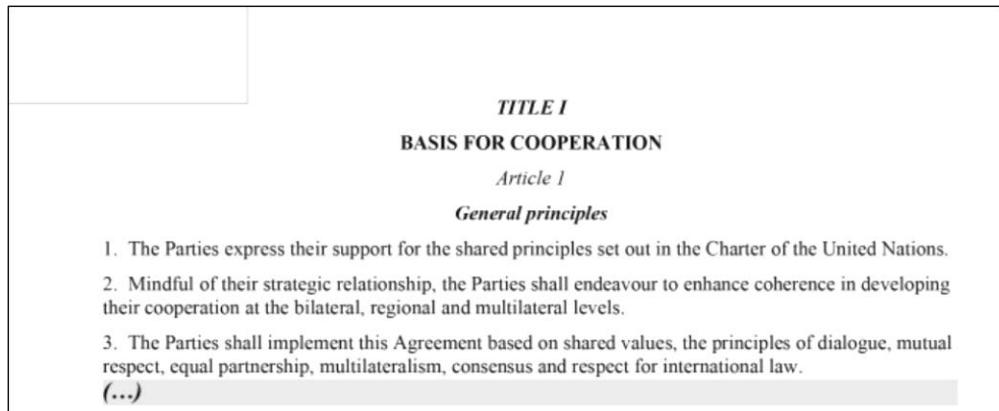
[BR_7]

Definition

Indicates in long and highly structured texts the grouping of higher subdivisions (JPG 15.4, p. 28).

Examples

Figure 88. Regulation 32013R1380



title of the document

Definition

The title of the document comprises all the information in the heading of the document which serves to identify it (JPG 7.1).

Examples

Figure 89. Regulation 32014R1384



type of document

Definition

Indication of the type of document.

Examples

Figure 90. Regulation 32014R1384



Whereas...

unnumbered paragraph

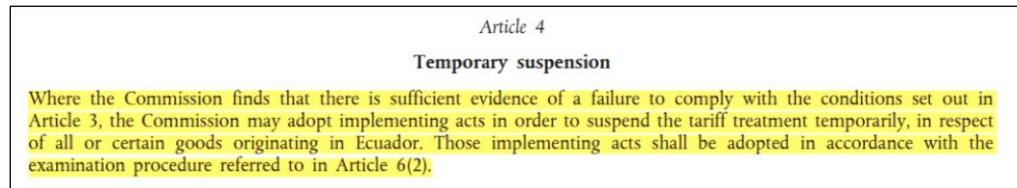
[*BR_1 BR_18 BR_27*]

Definition

Indicates the sole element or a non-independent element of an article (JPG 15.4, table) or exceptionally an element of an annex.

Examples

Figure 91. Regulation 32014R1384

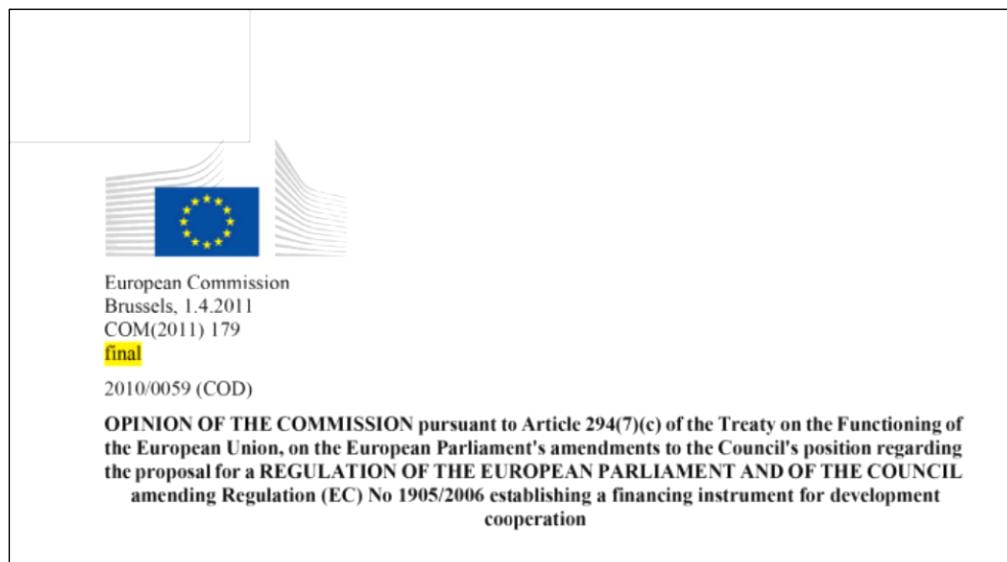


version**Definition**

Indicates the version of the document.

Examples

Figure 92. Opinion 52011PC0179



working comment

[[BR_20](#)]

Definition

Technical indication about the text

Examples

Figure 93. Proposal for a Council regulation 52019PC0483

(9) [According to scientific advice, European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) in the Celtic Sea, Channel, Irish Sea and southern North Sea (ICES divisions 4b, 4c, 7a, and 7d to 7h) remains in a perilous state. Spawning-stock biomass has been declining since 2005 and is now below Blim. Fishing mortality has increased over the time-series, peaking in 2013 before a rapid decline to below the fishing mortality that results in the maximum sustainable yield (FMSY). Recruitment was estimated to be poor since 2008, with the exception of the 2013 and 2014 year-class estimates which show average recruitment. ICES advises that when the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) approach is applied, total removals in 2019 should be no more than 1789 tonnes, which is an increase compared to the 2018 advice. Therefore, higher catches could be allowed for hooks and lines fishery for this species. It is also appropriate to continue the set of measures for unavoidable by-catches of European seabass with certain other gears, while providing a limited increase in the catch allowances. Measures for managing recreational fisheries for European seabass should be adapted, taking account of the significant impact of such fisheries on the stocks concerned. Within the limits of the scientific advice, the catch-and-release practice and bag limit should continue, but should be applied for a longer period. *To be reviewed after the ICES advice*]

Business rules index

- **BR_1** (Concerns: *article, numbered paragraph, unnumbered paragraph*)
An article is composed of at least one paragraph. When there is only one paragraph, it is unnumbered. When it is composed of at least two paragraphs, they can be numbered or unnumbered.
- **BR_2** (Concerns: *article, point*)
By way of exception, in the article on definitions and in amending provisions, if there is more than one definition or amendment, the numbering of points starts with Arabic numerals within brackets for the first level.
- **BR_3** (Concerns: *article, numbered paragraph, subparagraph*)
When, among several paragraphs, one is numbered, the other paragraphs are also numbered. The numbered paragraphs can have subparagraphs that are always unnumbered.
- **BR_4** (Concerns: *indent, introductory part, point*)
A list is a succession of at least two points or indents preceded by an introductory part.
- **BR_5** (Concerns: *indent, point*)
In legal acts, indents are used after the third level of points.
- **BR_6** (Concerns: *text of the amendment, text to be amended*)
In amending acts, text of the amendment or text to be amended is enclosed between quotation marks. Quotation marks do not form part of the text of the amendment or of the text to be amended.
- **BR_7** (Concerns: *chapter, part, section, title*)
Usage of the higher subdivisions varies according to drafting needs, only the hierarchy of subdivisions is fixed.
- **BR_8** (Concerns: *annex, point, subject, subparagraph*)
In annexes, subparagraphs are used to structure text belonging to the same point. However, the first subparagraph can be designated as the subject of the current point. Following the same approach, the content of a point followed by points at lower level can be designated as a subject.
- **BR_9** (Concerns: *closing part*)
'Sandwich' constructions in enumerations using a closing part should be avoided.
- **BR_10** (Concerns: *international agreement, recital*)
In international agreements, recitals are not numbered but the first word or expression in each recital is capitalized.
- **BR_11** (Concerns: *international agreement, numbered paragraph, point*)
In international agreements, certain paragraphs are used in a similar way as independent points in annexes.
- **BR_12** (Concerns: *citation, EP legislative resolution*)
In EP legislative resolutions, citations start with a dash.
- **BR_13** (Concerns: *article, enacting terms, EP legislative resolution, numbered paragraph*)
In EP legislative resolutions, enacting terms contain no article. Instead, numbered paragraphs indicate independent subdivisions, which can be, rarely, further sub-divided.
- **BR_14** (Concerns: *enacting terms, preamble, quotation*)
Quotations shall not be used in the enacting terms nor in the preamble. The only exception would be in the recitals, where they are to be avoided as much as possible.
- **BR_15** (Concerns: *EP text adopted*)
In a European Parliament Adopted Text, when an agreement is reached between the institutions, the consolidated text accompanying the legislative resolution of the Parliament might be abridged.
- **BR_16** (Concerns: *EP text adopted*)
When an EP Adopted Text comprises an EP Consolidated Text, it has to be considered as a special annex to the Adopted Text that cannot be separated from it.

- **BR_17** (Concerns: *indent*)
In documents other than legal acts, the sign used to start an indent can be a dash or a bullet.
- **BR_18** (Concerns: *numbered paragraph, subparagraph, unnumbered paragraph*)
In documents other than legal acts or in international agreements, paragraphs and subparagraphs can be composed of an enumeration of points or indents, without an introductory part.
- **BR_19** (Concerns: *annex*)
In legal acts, an annex to an annex is an appendix.
- **BR_20** (Concerns: *working comment*)
A working comment is always wrapped between an opening and a closing square bracket or an opening and a closing curly bracket. The text of the document to which the working comment refers to may also appear between those opening and closing square brackets/curly brackets. The closing square bracket/curly bracket, however, is always placed just after the working comment.
- **BR_21** (Concerns: *Legislative Financial Statement, Legislative Financial and Digital Statement*)
In a Legislative Financial Statement or Legislative Financial and Digital Statement, a checkbox may contain other checkboxes; and a checkbox may be preceded by an indent (i.e. a dash: "-").
- **BR_22** (Concerns: *Legislative Financial Statement, Legislative Financial and Digital Statement*)
In a Legislative Financial Statement or Legislative Financial and Digital Statement, a group of checkboxes may be preceded by an introductory text.
- **BR_23** (Concerns: *Commission Staff Working Document, Council internal document, EC communication concerning Council position, Legislative Financial Statement, Legislative Financial and Digital Statement*)
In some EC documents (legislative statement, Staff Working Documents, communications) and some internal Council documents, some parts of the document may appear outlined in a text box.
- **BR_24** (Concerns: *table*)
Forms are rendered in a table.
- **BR_25** (Concerns: *correcting instruction*)
Correcting instructions are used in texts adopted by the European Parliament.
- **BR_26** (Concerns: *technical adaptation*)
Technical adaptations are used in texts adopted by the European Parliament.
- **BR_27** (Concerns: *Commission Staff Working Document, Council briefing*)
In documents other than legal acts, indents can be preceded by dashes, bullets or other graphical symbols.
- **BR_28** (Concerns: *correlation table*)
In codification and recast, a table in an annex presents in the form of a list, the repealed act with an outdent from its subsequent amendments.
- **BR_29** (Concerns: *text of the amendment, text to be amended*)
*In EP corrigenda, which may correct, *inter alia*, a consolidated text, embedding 'insertion' and 'deletion' concepts to present the agreed amendments, the individual corrections are therefore presented using concepts 'text of the amendment' and 'text to be amended'.*

Example documents analysed

Find below a list of documents analysed that are available on EUR-Lex.

1. Regulation 32014R1384
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R1384&rid=1>
2. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52016PC0818&rid=1>
3. Decision 32013D1313
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013D1313&rid=1>
4. Regulation 32013R1380
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1380&rid=1>
5. Directive 32015L0254
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015L0254&rid=1>
6. Proposal for a directive 52013PC0824
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52013PC0824&rid=1>
7. Proposal for a decision 52016PC0053
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52016PC0053&rid=1>
8. EC opinion on EP amendments 52011PC0179
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52011PC0179&rid=1>
9. EC communication concerning Council position 52015PC0354
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52015PC0354&rid=1>
10. TEXT ADOPTED P8_TA(2017)0425
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52017AP0425>
11. Regulation 32013R1291
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1291&rid=1>
12. Decision 32017D0684
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017D0684&rid=1>
13. Regulation 32014R0254
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0254&rid=1>
14. International agreement 22016A1203(03)
[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22016A1203\(03\)&from=EN](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22016A1203(03)&from=EN)
15. Regulation 32017R2393
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R2393&from=EN>
16. Regulation 32017R2393 Annex I
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R2393&from=EN>
17. Directive 32017L1564
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017L1564&from=EN>
18. Annex II to Regulation 32017R0625
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R0625&from=EN>
19. Annex XVI to Regulation 32017R0745
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R0745&from=EN>

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21. Annex IV to Directive 32017L2397
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32017L2397&from=EN>
22. Council position 52013AG0008
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52011AG0008&from=EN>
23. Annex IX to Regulation 32018R0858
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32018R0858&from=EN>
24. Annex IV to Regulation 32017R0852
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32017R0852&from=EN>
25. Annex II to Regulation 32017R0746
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R0746&from=EN>
26. Annex IV to Regulation 32016R0425
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32016R0425&from=EN>
27. Annex to Directive 32017L2103
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017L2103&qid=1569911181133&from=EN>
28. Regulation 32017R2395
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R2395&qid=1570446371496&from=EN>
29. Annex IV to Regulation 32019R1241
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019R1241&qid=1570446371496&from=EN>
30. Council Regulation 32020R0123
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020R0123>
31. Council Directive 32020L1756
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020L1756>
32. Proposal for a Council decision 52021PC0354
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021PC0354>
33. Proposal for a Council decision 52020PC0070
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020PC0070>
34. Proposal for a Council directive 52020PC0360
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020PC0360>
35. Proposal for a Council regulation 52019PC0483
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52019PC0483>
36. Council decision 32021D1249
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021D1249>
37. Council decision 32020D1512
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020D1512>
38. Legislative financial statement (proposal for a regulation) 52021PC0723
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021PC0723>

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39. Council Directive 32015L2060

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015L2060>

40. Proposal for a Council Directive 52015PC0129

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52015PC0129>

41. Proposal for a Council Decision 52021PC0643

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021PC0643>

42. Council Decision with a Decision as annex 32021D0443

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021D0443>

43. Regulation 32017R2393

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32017R2393>

44. Council conclusions 52019XG0605(01) (as published in the OJ, with an annex)

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:%52019XG0605\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:%52019XG0605(01))

45. Proposal for a regulation (codification) 52014PC0660

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52014PC0660>

46. Proposal for a regulation (recast) 52017PC0353

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52017PC0353>

47. Opinion of the European Committee of the Regions 52019IR0644

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019IR0644>

48. Resolution of the European Committee of the Regions 52019XR3856

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019XR3856>

49. Resolution 52019XE4851 (EESC)

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019XE4851>

50. Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION 52023PC0203

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023PC0203>

51. Proposal for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 52022DC0442

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022DC0442>

52. Joint Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION 52022JC0019

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022JC0019>

53. Recommendation for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 52021DC0504

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0504>

54. COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION 32023D1025

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32023D1025>

55. Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee 52023AE1246

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023AE1246>

56. DRAFT OPINION of the European Committee of the Regions 52023IR0137

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023IR0137>

57. RESOLUTION of the European Committee of the Regions 52023XR4454

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023XR4454>

58. OPINION Consultative Commission on Industrial Change Proposal for a regulation of the European parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 as regards strengthening the CO₂ emission

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performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles and integrating reporting obligations, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/956 52023PC0088

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023PC0088>

59. DRAFT RESOLUTION of the European Economic and Social Committee 52023XE1445

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023XE1445>

60. OPINION of the European Economic and Social Committee 52023PC0189

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52023PC0189>

61. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION 32022D1461

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022D1461>

62. COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 32022H1220

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022H1220\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022H1220(01))

63. Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE (recast) 52021PC0733

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021PC0733>

64. COMMISSION DELEGATED DIRECTIVE 32024L0242

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32024L0242>

65. COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION 32022R2181

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022R2181>

66. COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 32023L0175

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32023L0175>

67. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DIRECTIVE 32022L0905

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022L0905>

68. COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION 32023R0515

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32023R0515>

69. COMMISSION REGULATION 32022R2294

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