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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>
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Informative documentation

- ISG - Interinstitutional Style Guide
<http://publications.europa.eu/code/en/en-000100.htm>
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List of document types

- *annex*
- *Commission Staff Working Document*
- *communication*
- *corrigendum*
- *Council briefing*
- *Council conclusions*
- *Council internal document*
- *Council position*
- *decision*
- *directive*
- *EC communication concerning Council position*
- *EC opinion on EP amendments*
- *EP consolidated text*
- *EP legislative resolution*
- *EP text adopted*
- *international agreement*
- *Legislative Financial Statement*
- *opinion*
- *proposal for a decision*
- *proposal for a directive*
- *proposal for a regulation*
- *regulation*
- *statement of Council's reasons*

List of document components

- *acting entity*
- *addressee*
- *amendment column current*
- *amendment column proposed*
- *amendment column title*
- *amendment heading*
- *amendment position*
- *amended document*
- *amendment*
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- *article*
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- *EP legislature*
- *explanatory memorandum*
- *figure*
- *heading*
- *image*
- *indent*
- *insertion*
- *introduction to the recitals*
- *introductory part*
- *issuer*
- *legal basis*
- *legend*
- *line of a legend*
- *logo*
- *note*

- *numbered paragraph*
- *numbering*
- *original language*
- *part*
- *place and date*
- *point*
- *preamble*
- *procedure identifier*
- *procedure stage*
- *proposing entity*
- *quotation*
- *recital*
- *reference*
- *row*
- *row header*
- *scientific formula*
- *section*
- *signatory*
- *signature*
- *subject*
- *subparagraph*
- *table*
- *table of contents*
- *text of the amendment*
- *text to be amended*
- *title*
- *title of the document*
- *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].

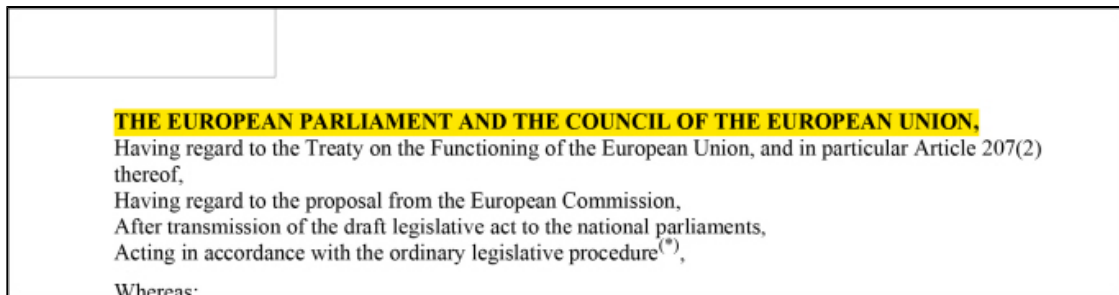
acting entity

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 1. Regulation 32014R1384



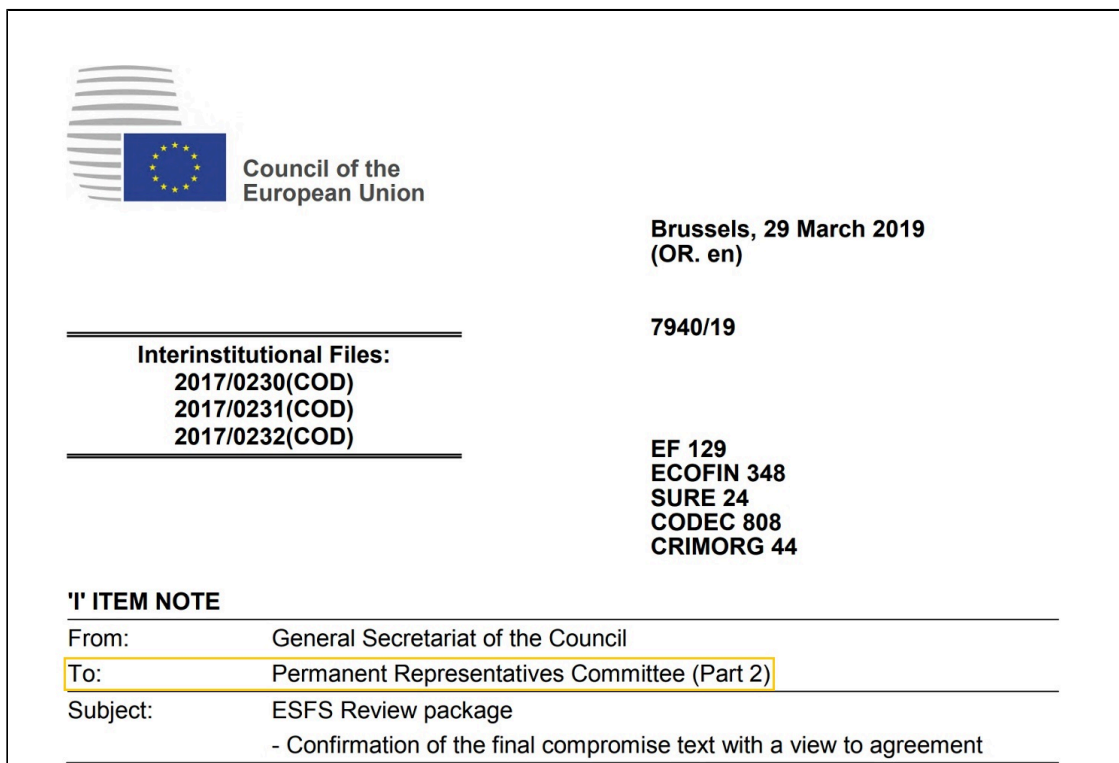
addressee

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 2. Council note (ST 7940/19)



amended document

Definition

In EP texts adopted, a document subject to amendment.

Examples

Figure 3. 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

Definition

In EP texts adopted, 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. 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 operations</i> , activities of battlegroups, mutual assistance, permanent structured cooperation (PESCO) projects <i>and</i> | (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> |

amendment column current

Definition

In EP texts adopted, in an amendment displayed in columns, the left side presenting the current text.

Examples

Figure 5. P9_TA(2019)0060

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Amendment 2</p> <p>Proposal for a directive</p> <p>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, in an amendment displayed in columns, the right side presenting the proposed amendment to the current text.

Examples

Figure 6. P9_TA(2019)0060

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Amendment 2</p> <p>Proposal for a directive</p> <p>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, in an amendment displayed in columns, the title of the current column.

Examples

Figure 7. P9_TA(2019)0060

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

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. 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, list of amendments.

Examples

Figure 9. 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, target destination of the amendment in the amended document.

Examples

Figure 10. 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 |

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 11. Regulation 32017R0625

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

article

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

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 12. Regulation 32014R1384

| | |
|--|--|
| | <p><i>Article 1</i></p> <p>Definitions</p> <p>For the purposes of this Regulation:</p> <p>(a) ‘tariff treatment’ means the customs duties and treatment applied to goods originating in Ecuador as provided for by Article 2;</p> <p>(b) ‘Common Customs Tariff duties’ means the duties specified in Part II of Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87⁽¹⁾, except those duties established as part of tariff quotas;</p> <p>(...)</p> |
|--|--|

cell

Definition

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

Examples

This concept is not used in the current mark-up.

chapter

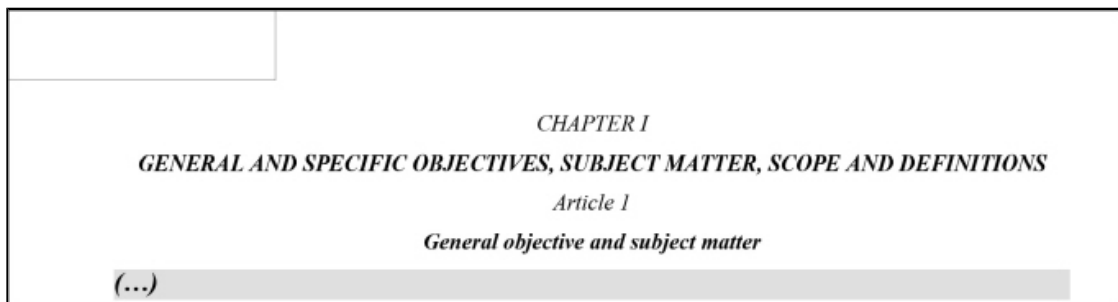
[[BR_7](#)]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 13. Decision 32013D1313



citation

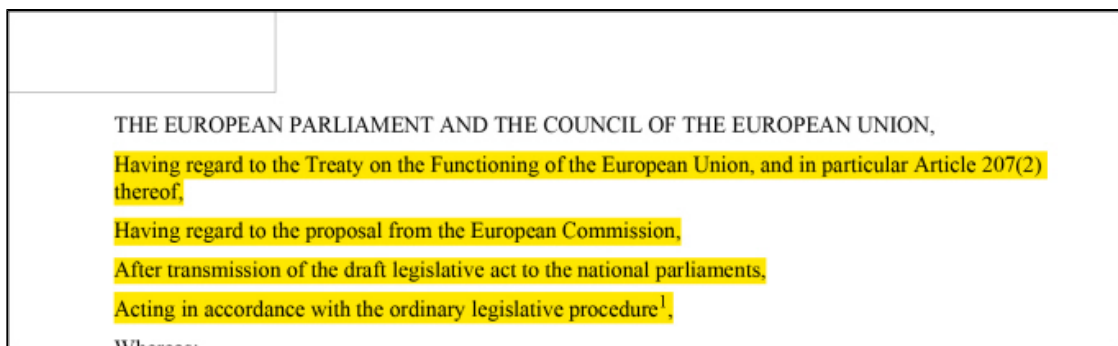
[BR_12]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 14. Regulation 32014R1384



closing part

[BR_9]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 15. Decision 32017D0684

| | |
|--|---|
| | <p><i>Article 2</i></p> <p>Definitions</p> <p>For the purposes of this Decision the following definitions apply:</p> <p>(1) ‘intergovernmental agreement’ means any legally binding agreement, regardless of its formal designation, between one or more Member States and one or more third countries, or between one or more Member States and an international organisation, which concerns:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) the purchase, trade, sale, transit, storage or supply of energy in or to at least one Member State; or</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) the construction or operation of energy infrastructure with a physical connection to at least one Member State;</p> <p>however, where such a legally binding agreement also covers issues other than those referred to in points (a) and (b), only the provisions relating to those points and the general provisions applicable to those energy-related provisions, are deemed to constitute an intergovernmental agreement;</p> |
|--|---|

column

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 16. 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 17. Annex IV to Directive 32017L2397

| <i>ANNEX IV</i> | | |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS | | |
| Table A | | |
| 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] |

Commission Staff Working Document

[BR_23]

Definition

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

Examples

This concept is not used yet in the current example documents but will be used in future releases.

communication

Definition

Non-binding document of an entity providing information.

Examples

No example document for this document type selected yet.

corrigendum

Definition

A publication in the Official Journal or a document addressing errors in a legal act by presenting the corrections of those errors.

Examples

Figure 18. Corrigendum 32018R0848R(05)

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007

(Official Journal of the European Union L 150 of 14 June 2018)

On page 12, recital 82:

for:

'(82) Organic production is only credible if accompanied by effective verification and controls at all stages of production, processing and distribution.'

read:

'(82) Organic production is only credible if accompanied by effective verification and controls at all stages of production, preparation and distribution.'

On page 23, point (e) of Article 5:

for:

'(e) ensuring the integrity of organic production at all stages of the production, processing and distribution of food and feed';

read:

'(e) ensuring the integrity of organic production at all stages of the production, preparation and distribution of food and feed';

On page 69, point 1.9.4.1(f) of Part II of Annex II:

for:

'(f) 92 days for Mallard ducks';

read:

'(f) 92 days for Mulard ducks';

Council briefing

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

This concept is not used yet in the current example documents but will be used in future releases.

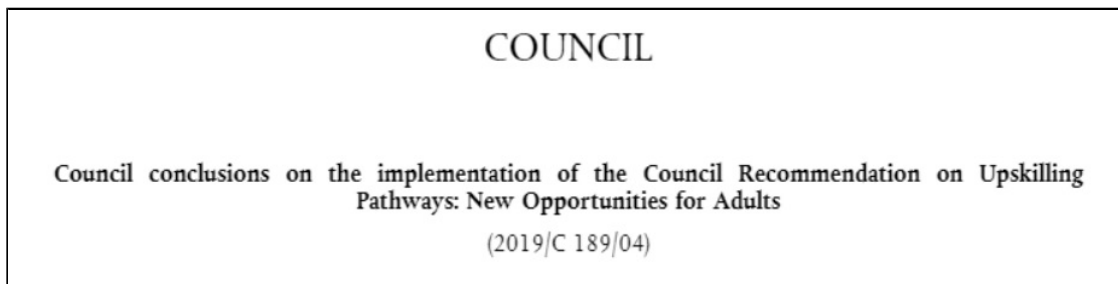
Council conclusions

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 19. Council conclusions 52019XG0605(01) (as published in the OJ, with an annex)



Council internal document

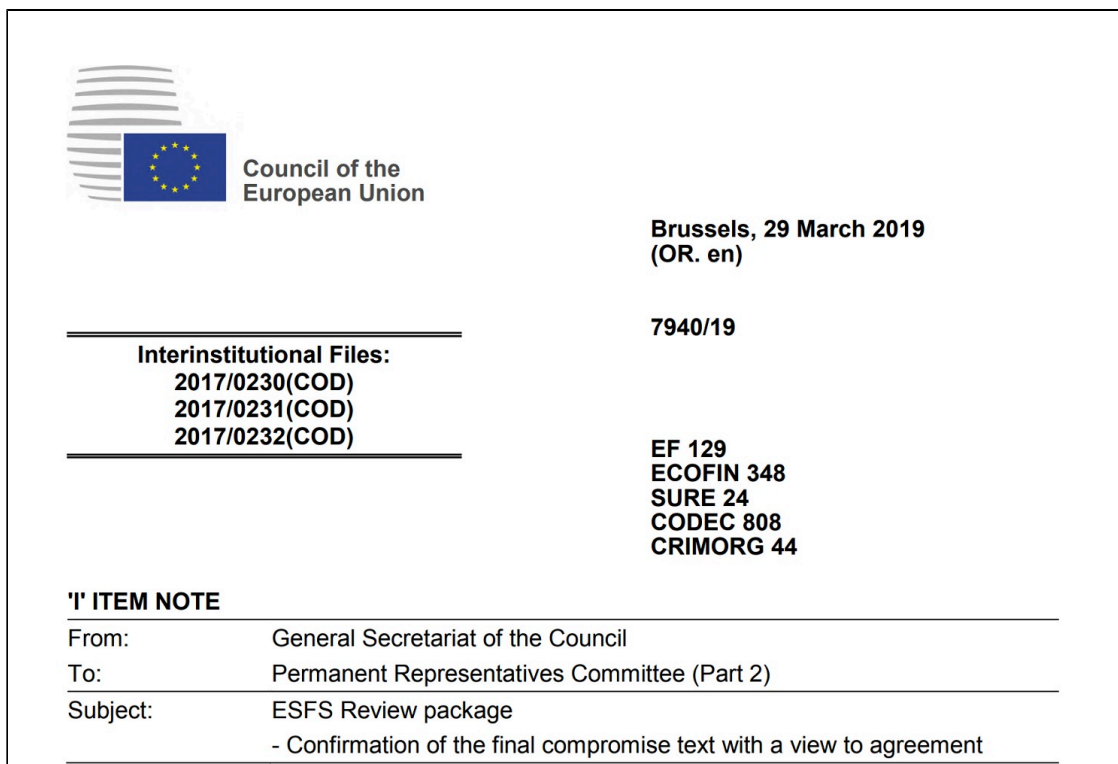
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Definition

Documents produced to support Council decision making process.

Examples

Figure 20. Council note (ST 7940/19)



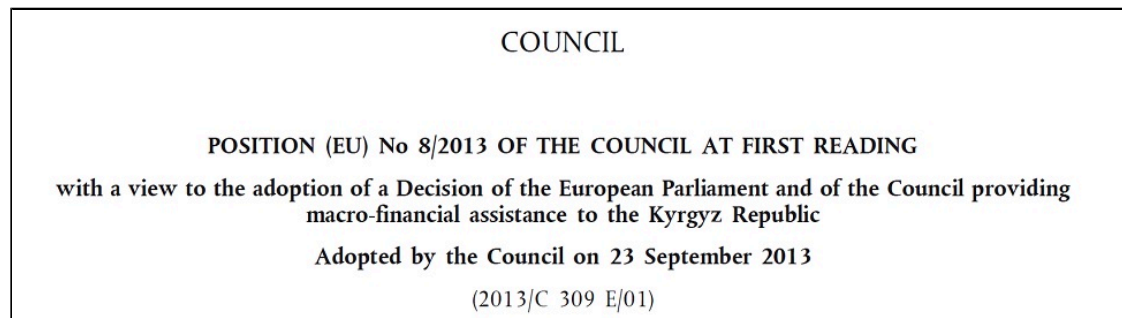
Council position

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 21. Council position 52013AG0008



date

Definition

Identifies a specific day in time.

Examples

Figure 22. Regulation 32014R1384



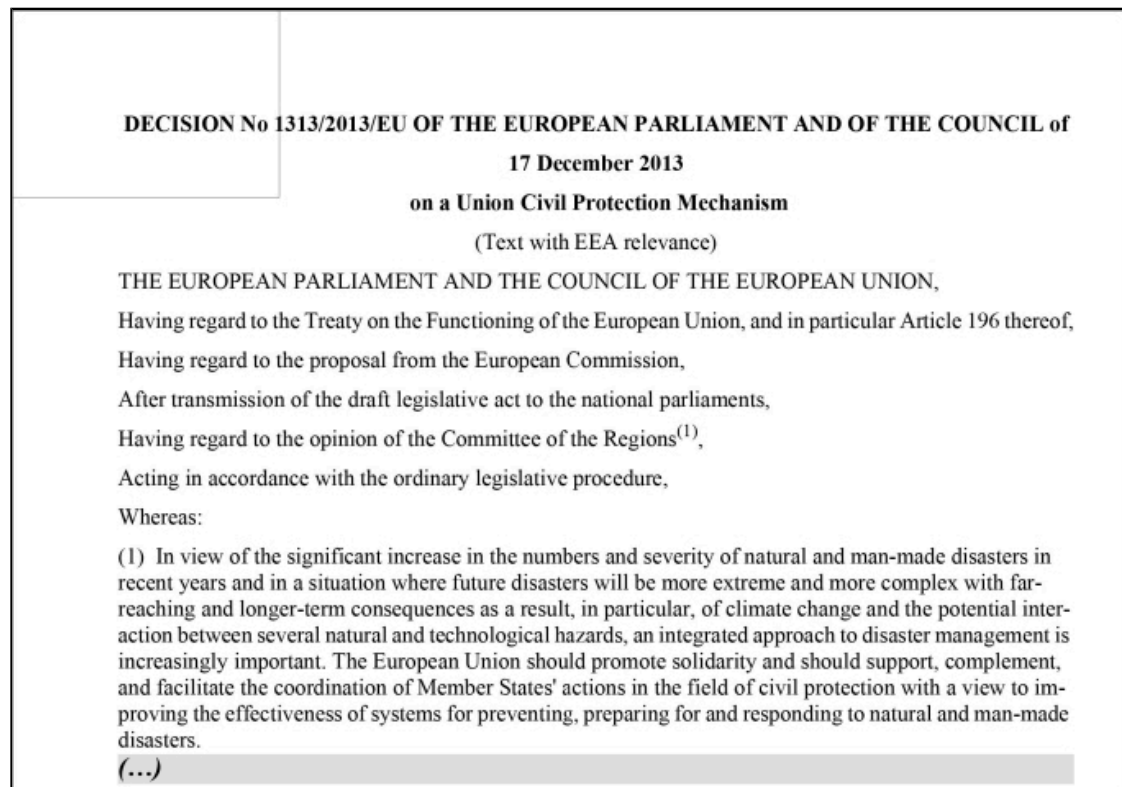
decision

Definition

Legal act of the European Union described in the fourth paragraph of Article 288 TFEU.

Examples

Figure 23. Decision 32013D1313



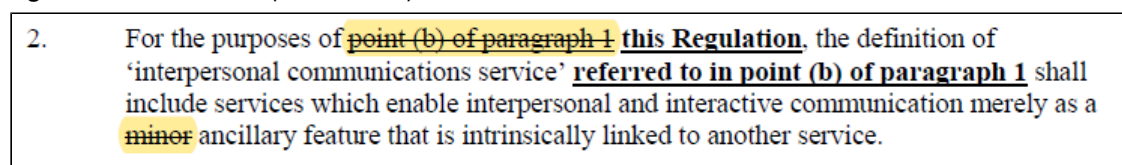
deletion

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 24. Council note (ST 12955/17)



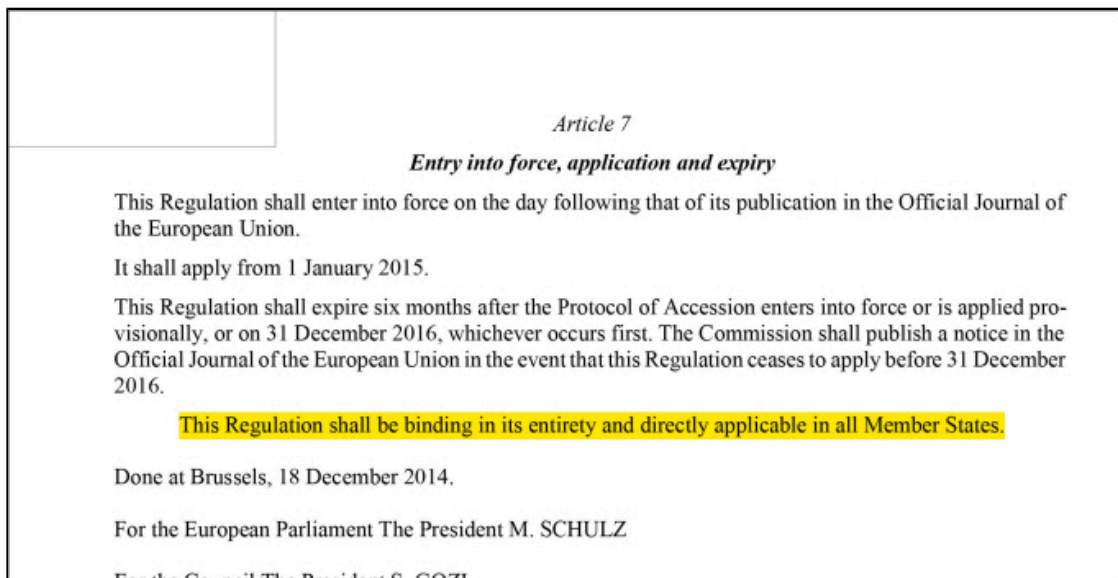
direct applicability

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 25. Regulation 32014R1384



directive

Definition

Legal act of the European Union specified in Article 288 TFEU.

Examples

Figure 26. Directive 32015L0254



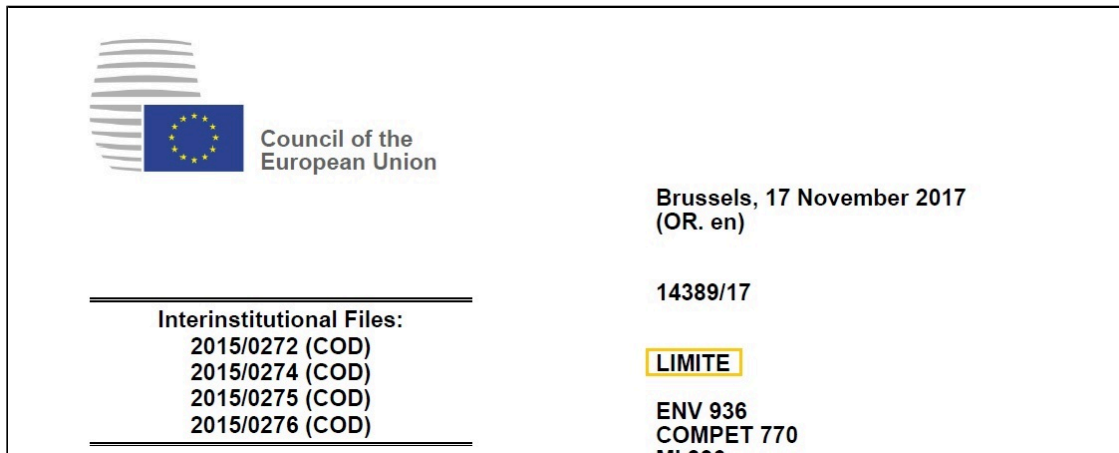
distribution

Definition

Marking indicating the extent of distribution of a document.

Examples

Figure 27. Council note ST 14389 2017 INIT (excluding annexes)



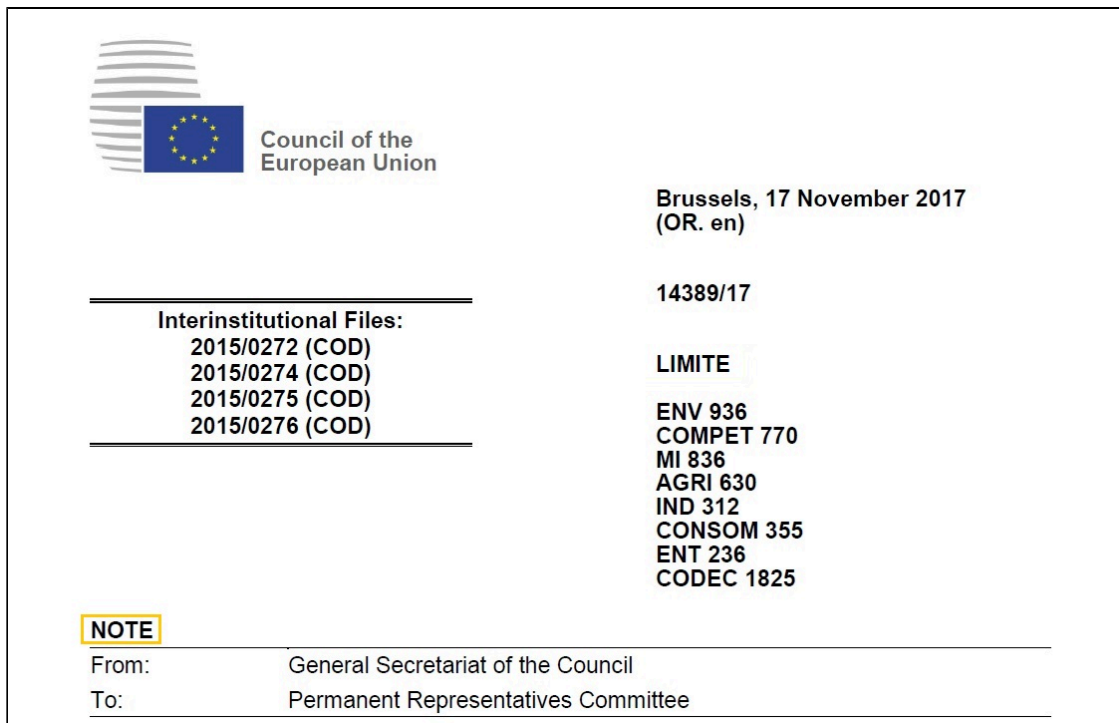
document category

Definition

Element used to categorise a document.

Examples

Figure 28. Council position ST 11703/1/13 REV1



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 amendment(s) in the course of the Ordinary Legislative Procedure.

Examples**Figure 29.** EC communication concerning Council position 52015PC0354

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.

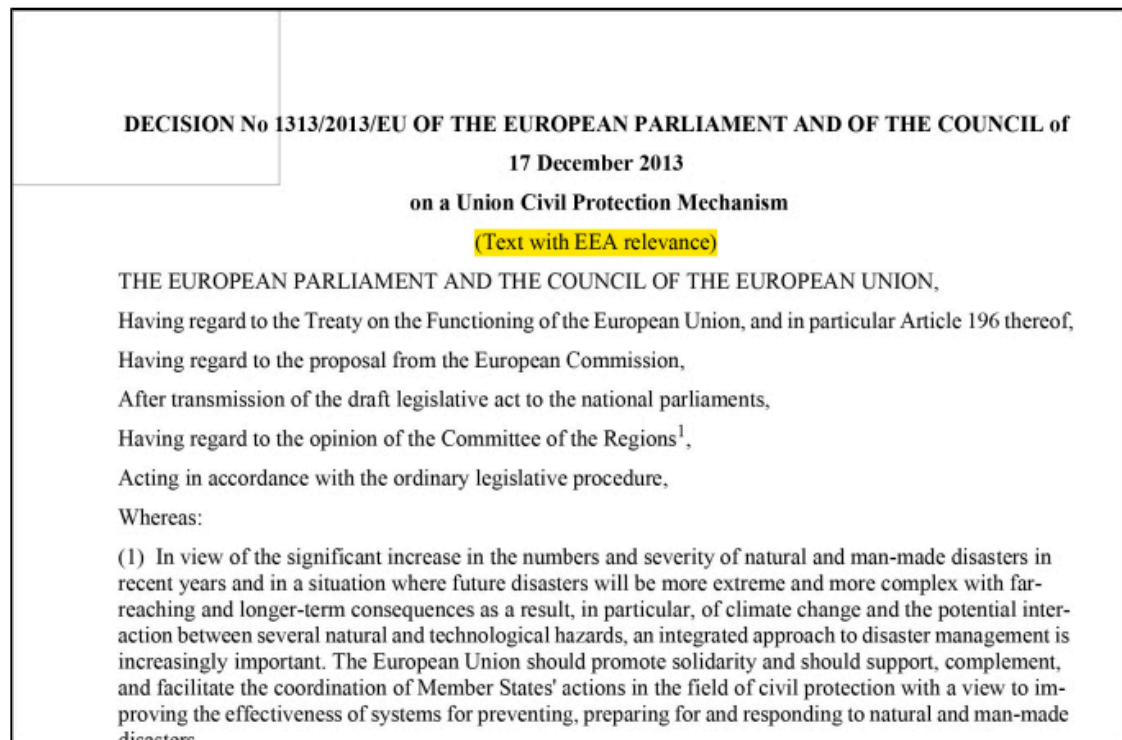
Examples**Figure 30.** EC opinion on EP amendments 52011PC0179

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 31. Decision 32013D1313



embedded document

Definition

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

Examples

This concept is not used yet in the current example documents but will be used in future releases.

emblem

Definition

Graphical element identifying an entity.

Examples

Figure 32. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



enacting formula

Definition

Indicates the text between recitals and enacting terms.

Examples

Figure 33. Regulation 32014R1384

| | |
|--|---|
| | <p>REGULATION (EU) No 1384/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of</p> <p>18 December 2014</p> <p>on the tariff treatment for goods originating in Ecuador</p> <p>THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,</p> <p>Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(2) thereof,</p> <p>Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,</p> <p>After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,</p> <p>Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure¹,</p> <p>Whereas:</p> <p>(11) This Regulation should be applied until six months after the entry into force or date of provisional application of the Protocol of Accession, and until 31 December 2016 at the latest,</p> <p>HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:</p> |
|--|---|

enacting terms

[BR_13 BR_14]

Definition

Operative part of the act.

Examples

Figure 34. Regulation 32014R1384

| | |
|--|--|
| | <p><i>Article 1</i></p> <p>Definitions</p> <p>For the purposes of this Regulation:</p> <p>(a) 'tariff treatment' means the customs duties and treatment applied to goods originating in Ecuador as provided for by Article 2;</p> <p>(b) 'Common Customs Tariff duties' means the duties specified in Part II of Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87⁽¹⁾, except those duties established as part of tariff quotas;</p> <p>(...)</p> |
|--|--|

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 35. Text adopted P8_TA(2017)0110



EP legislative resolution

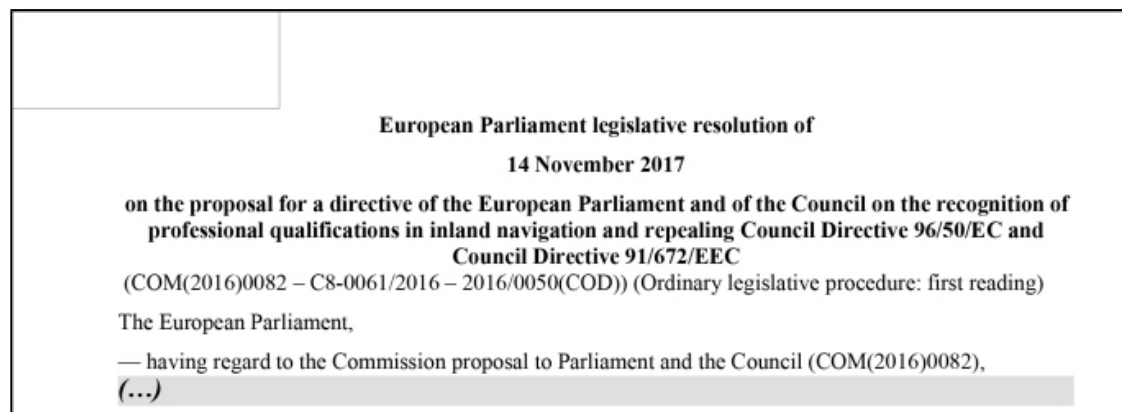
[[BR_12](#) [BR_13](#)]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 36. Text adopted P8_TA-PROV(2017)0425



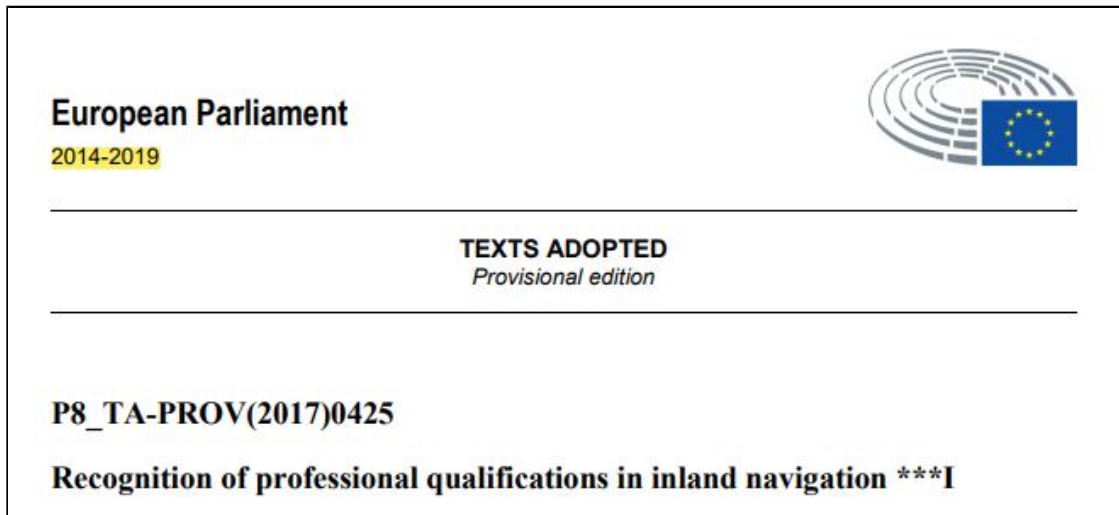
EP legislature

Definition

Indicates the European Parliament legislative term.

Examples

Figure 37. Text adopted P8_TA-PROV(2017)0425



EP text adopted

[[BR_15](#) [BR_16](#)]

Definition

Resolution adopted by the European Parliament giving its position in the context of a given procedure.

Examples

Figure 38. Text adopted P8_TA-PROV(2017)0425



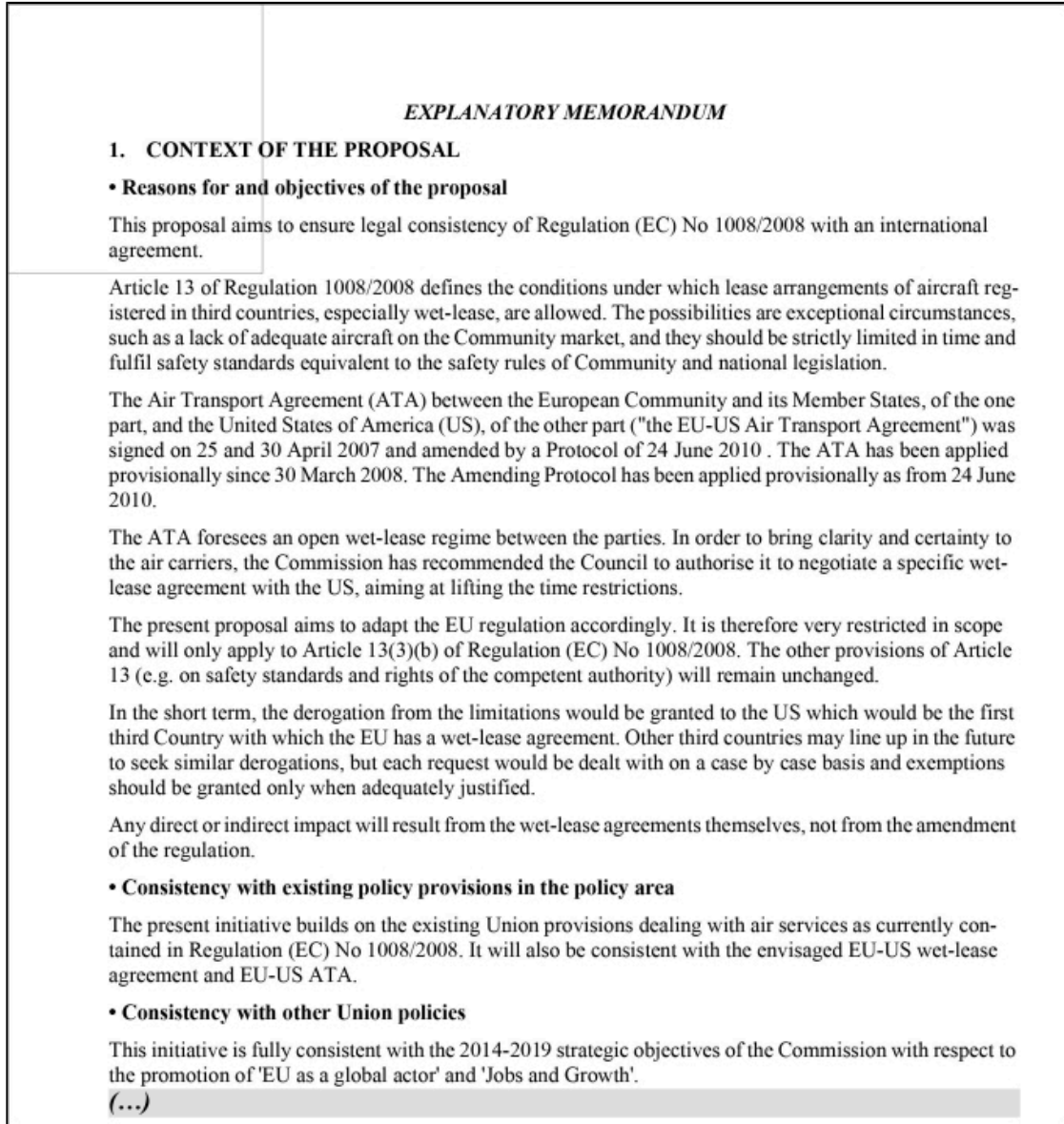
explanatory memorandum

Definition

Document which accompanies all Commission proposals submitted to the Council or to the European Parliament and the Council. It explains the context, justifications and foreseen impact of the Commission's proposal based on the different stages of the preparatory process.

Examples

Figure 39. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



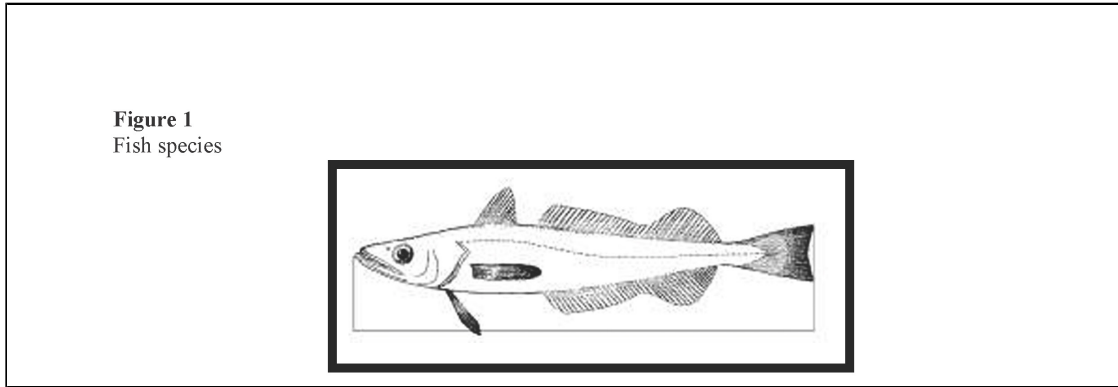
figure

Definition

Indicates an image supplemented by related text.

Examples

Figure 40. Annex IV to Regulation 32019R1241



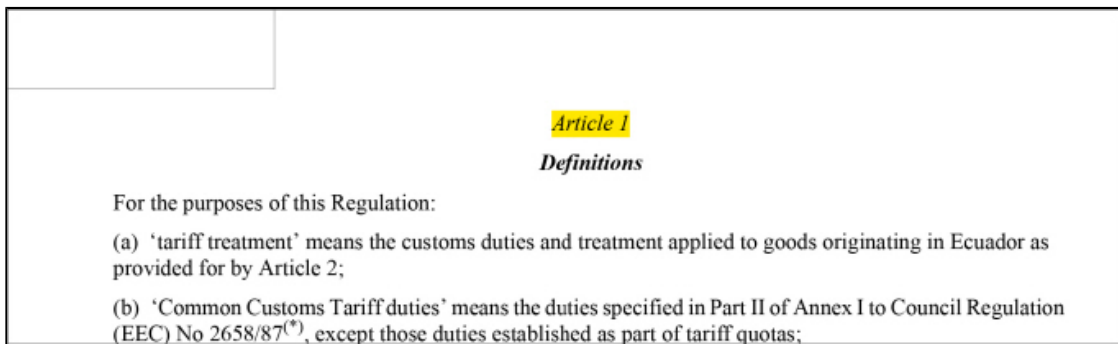
heading

Definition

Numbering, accompanied by a term, if any.

Examples

Figure 41. Regulation 32014R1384



image

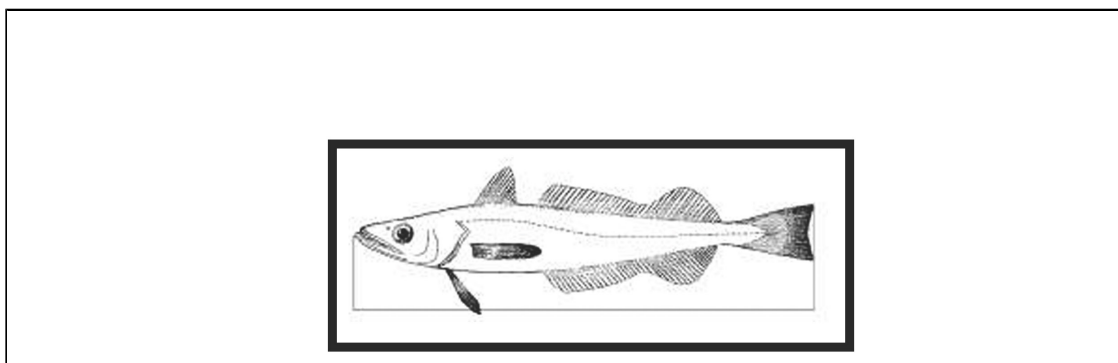
Definition

Graphical element depicting an object which may contain alphanumeric data.

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

Examples

Figure 42. Regulation 32019R1241



indent

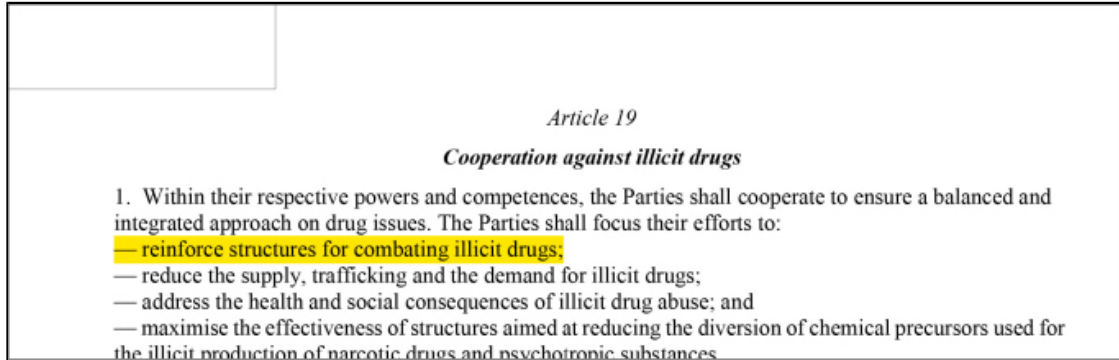
[BR_4 BR_5 BR_17]

Definition

Indicates each element of an enumeration preceded by a dash.

Examples

Figure 43. Regulation 32013R1380



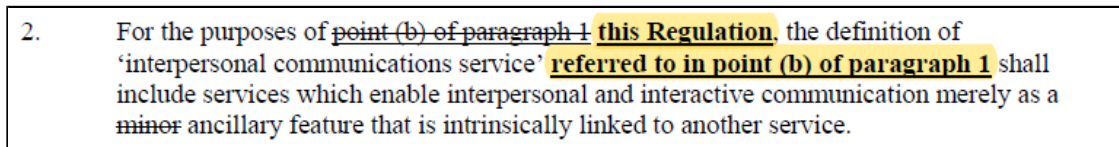
insertion

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 44. Council note (ST 12955/17)



international agreement

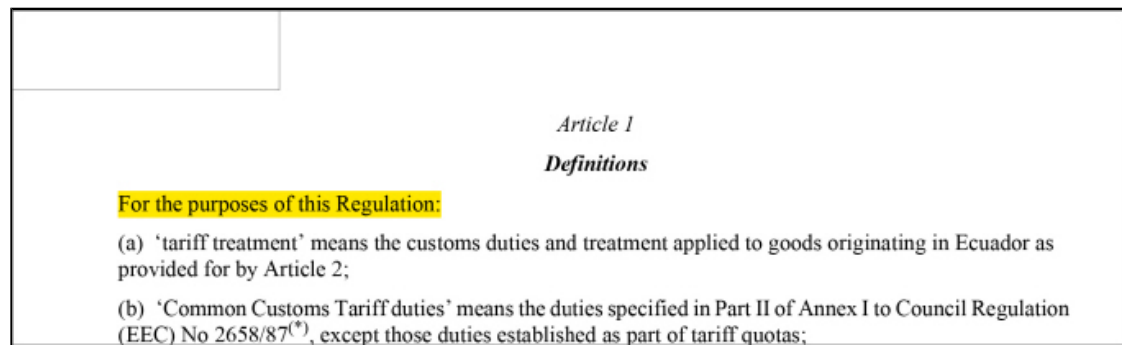
[BR_10 BR_11]

Definition

Indicates agreements concluded by the European Union with third parties and agreements concluded jointly by the Member States and the European Union with third parties.

Examples

Figure 47. Regulation 32014R1384



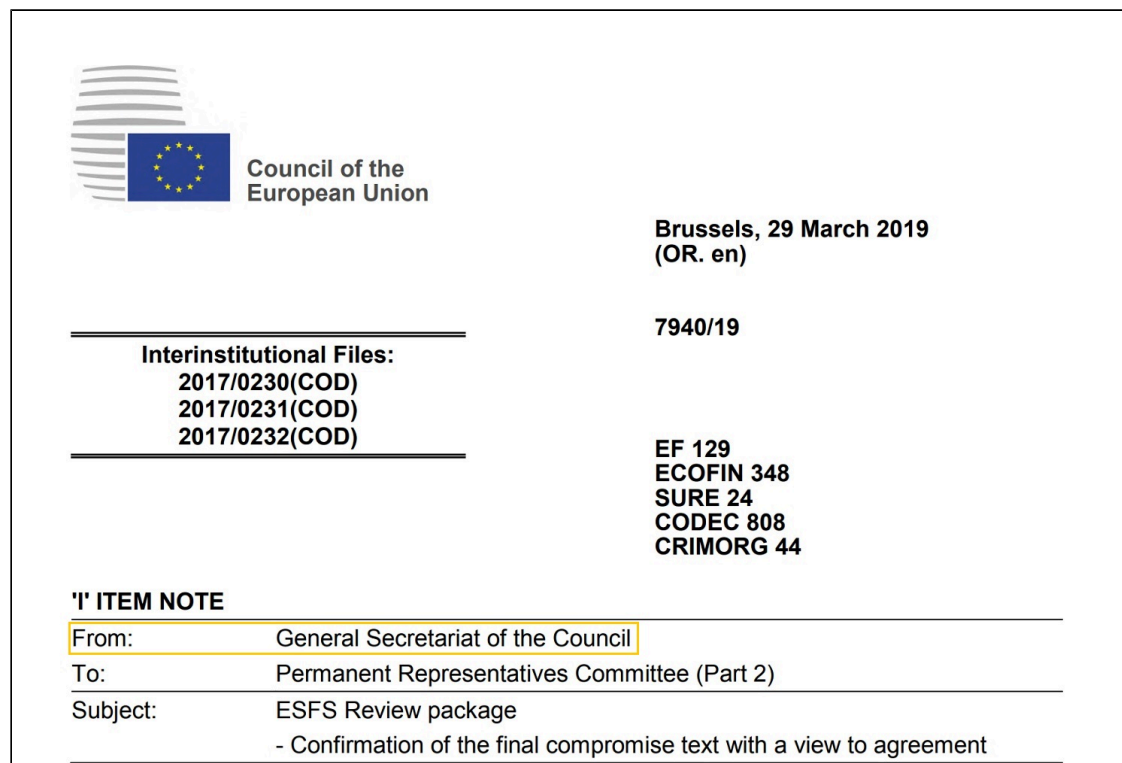
issuer

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 48. Council note (ST 7940/19)



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 49. Regulation 32014R1384



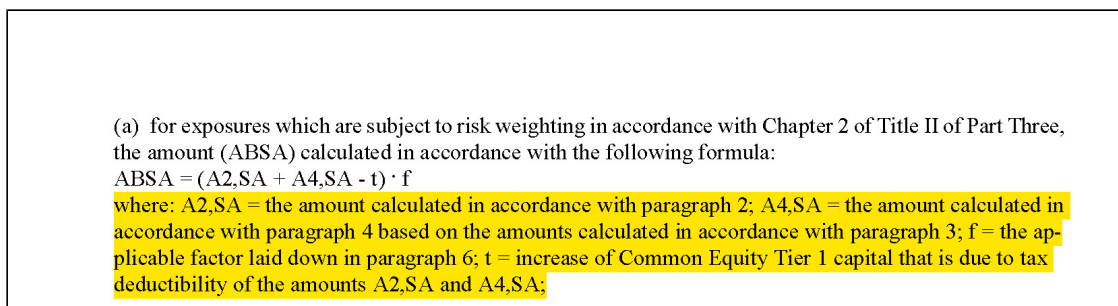
legend

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 50. Regulation 32017R2395



Legislative Financial Statement

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

Definition

The Legislative Financial Statement provides an estimate of the budgetary impact of operations proposed by the Commission (e.g. in a legislative proposal), including administrative, management and support expenses. It also contains information which demonstrates that the method of implementation of those operations is consistent with the principles of sound financial management and cost-effectiveness and provides a payment schedule.

Examples

Figure 51. Legislative financial statement (proposal for a regulation) 52021PC0723

| <u>LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u> | |
|--|---|
| 1. | FRAMEWORK OF THE PROPOSAL/INITIATIVE |
| 1.1. | Title of the proposal/initiative |
| | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Single Access Point providing centralised access to publicly available information of relevance to financial services, capital markets and sustainability |
| 1.2. | Policy area(s) concerned |
| | Policy area: Financial stability, financial services and capital markets union Activity: An economy that works for people |
| 1.3. | The proposal relates to |

line of a legend

Definition

In a legend, a description of an individual element.

Examples

Figure 52. 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 $A_{4,SA}$; |

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 53. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



note

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 54. Regulation 32014R1384



numbered paragraph

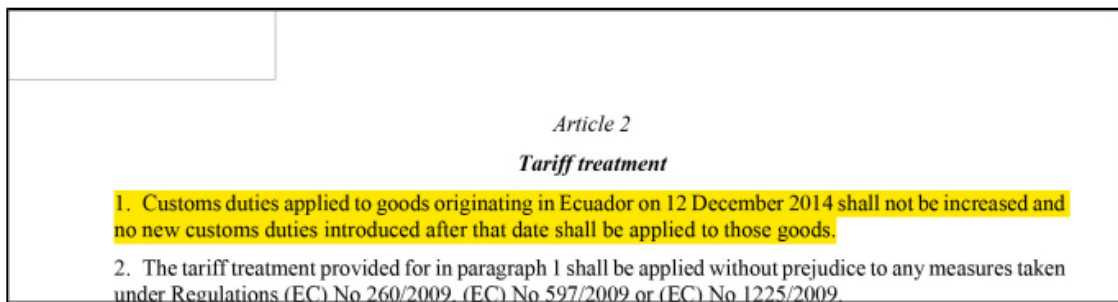
[BR_1 BR_3 BR_11 BR_13 BR_18]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 55. Regulation 32014R1384



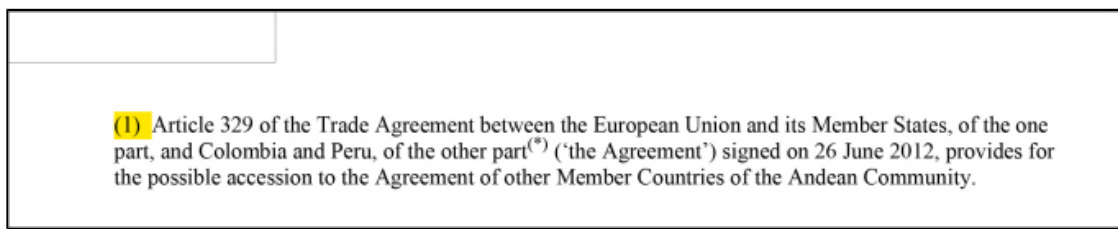
numbering

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 56. Regulation 32014R1384



opinion

Definition

Document adopted, in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure, by an entity expressing its formal views.

Examples

No example document for this document type selected yet.


original language

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 57. Council position ST 11703/1/13 REV1

| | |
|---|--|
|  <p>Council of the European Union</p> | <p>Brussels, 29 March 2019 (OR. en)</p> |
| <hr/> <p>Interinstitutional Files: 2017/0230(COD) 2017/0231(COD) 2017/0232(COD)</p> <hr/> | <p>7940/19</p> |
| | <p>EF 129 ECOFIN 348 SURE 24 CODEC 808 CRIMORG 44</p> |
| <p>'I' ITEM NOTE</p> <hr/> <p>From: General Secretariat of the Council</p> <p>To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: ESFS Review package</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</p> | |

part

[\[BR_7\]](#)

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 58. Regulation 32013R1380

| | |
|--|--|
| | <p><i>PART I</i></p> <p>GENERAL PROVISIONS</p> <p><i>Article 1</i></p> <p><i>Scope</i></p> <p>1. The Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) shall cover:</p> <p>(a) the conservation of marine biological resources and the management of fisheries and fleets exploiting such resources;</p> <p>(b) in relation to measures on markets and financial measures in support of the implementation of the CFP: fresh water biological resources, aquaculture, and the processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products.</p> <p>2. The CFP shall cover the activities referred to in paragraph 1 where they are carried out:</p> <p>(a) on the territory of Member States to which the Treaty applies;</p> <p>(b) in Union waters, including by fishing vessels flying the flag of, and registered in, third countries;</p> <p>(c) by Union fishing vessels outside Union waters; or</p> <p>(d) by nationals of Member States, without prejudice to the primary responsibility of the flag State.</p> <p>(...)</p> |
|--|--|

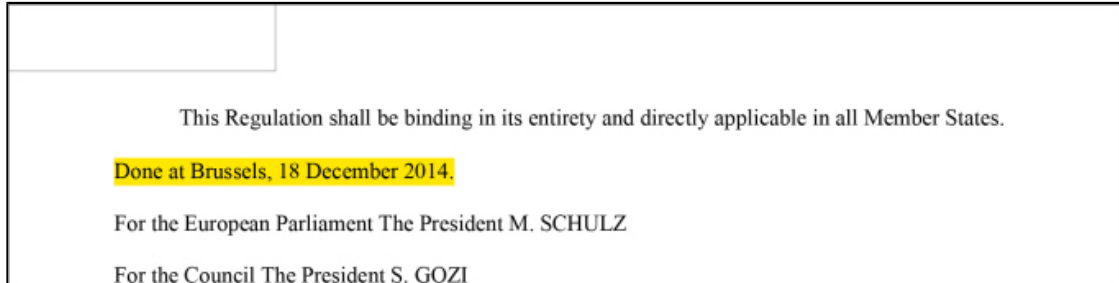
place and date

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 59. Regulation 32014R1384



point

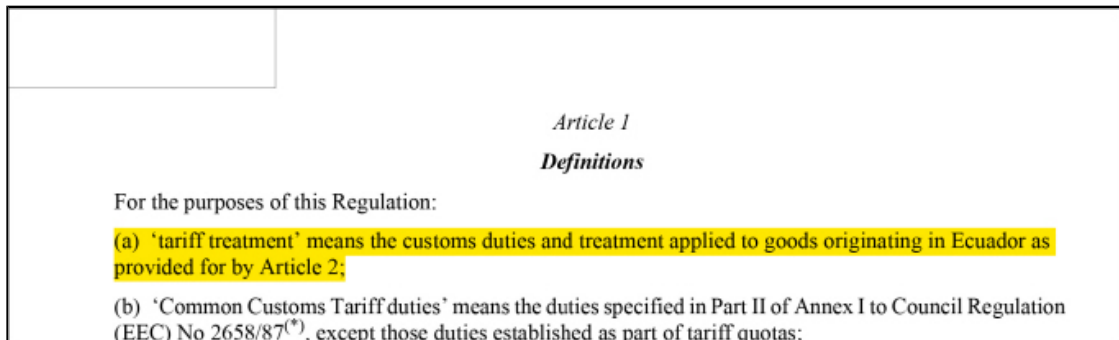
[[BR_2](#) [BR_4](#) [BR_5](#) [BR_8](#) [BR_11](#)]

Definition

Indicates each element of an enumeration under a paragraph or a subparagraph (this enumeration being generally preceded by an introductory phrase) or the basic unit generally used for the provisions of an annex.

Examples

Figure 60. Regulation 32014R1384



preamble

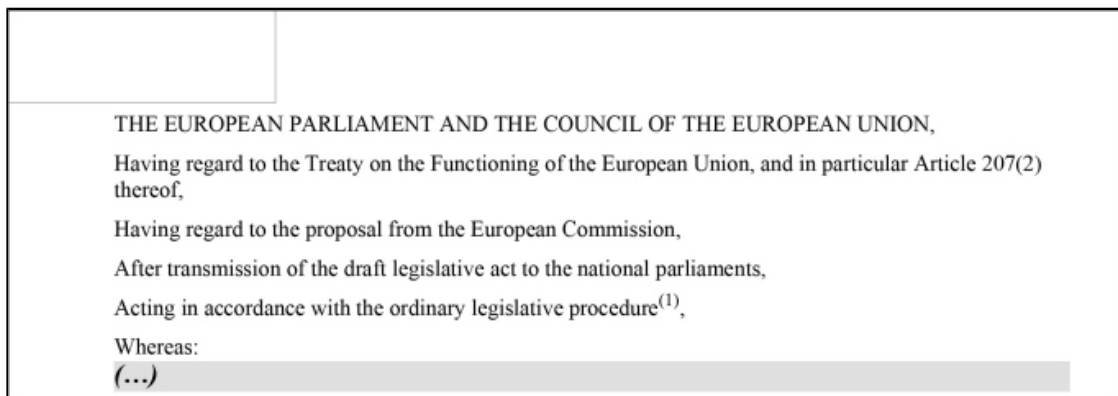
[[BR_14](#)]

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.

Examples

Figure 61. Regulation 32014R1384



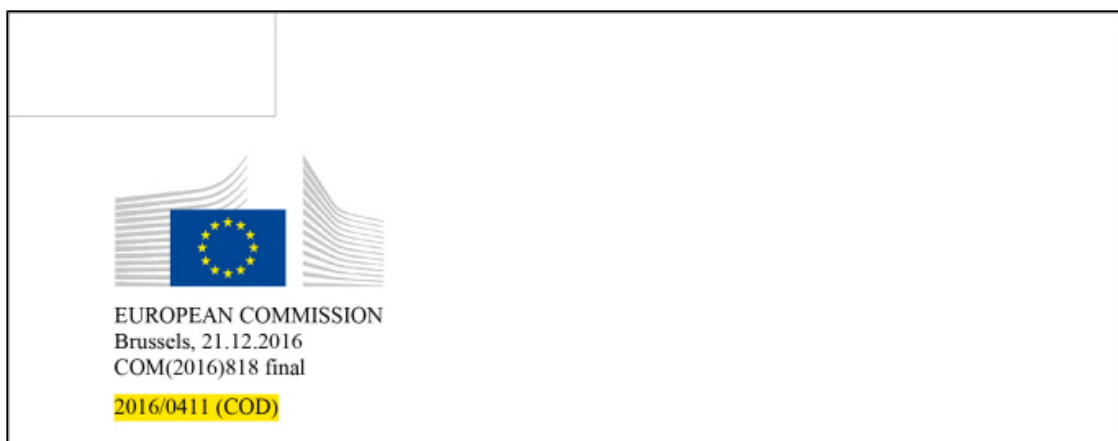
procedure identifier

Definition

Unique reference number for interinstitutional procedures.

Examples

Figure 62. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



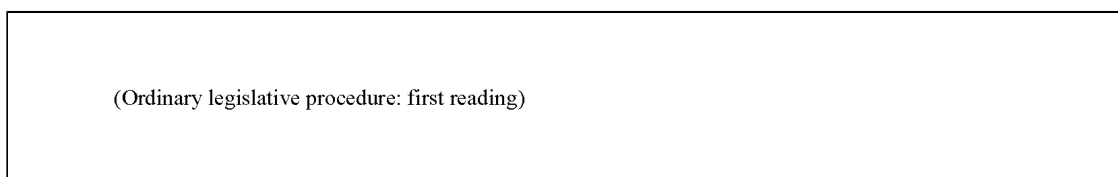
procedure stage

Definition

Code or full wording indicating the stage of the procedure.

Examples

Figure 63. Text adopted P8_TA-PROV(2017)0425



proposal for a decision

Definition

Version of a decision as issued by the proposing entity for the consideration of its adoption by the acting entity.

Examples

Figure 64. Proposal for a decision 52016PC0053



proposal for a directive

Definition

Version of a directive as issued by the proposing entity for the consideration of its adoption by the acting entity.

Examples

Figure 65. Proposal for a directive 52013PC0824



proposal for a regulation

Definition

Version of a regulation as issued by the proposing entity for the consideration of its adoption by the acting entity.

Examples

Figure 66. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



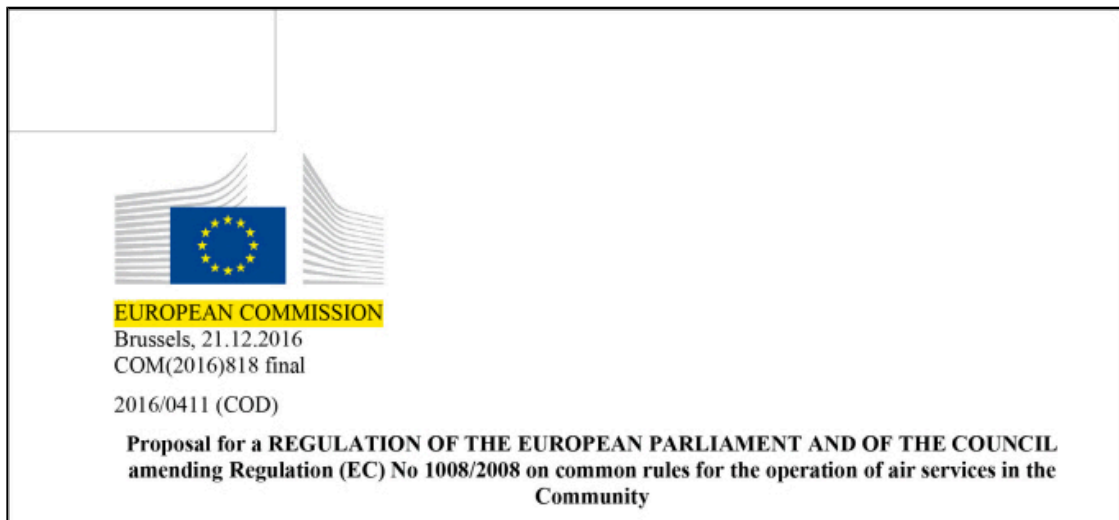
proposing entity

Definition

Name of the proponent institution.

Examples

Figure 67. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



quotation

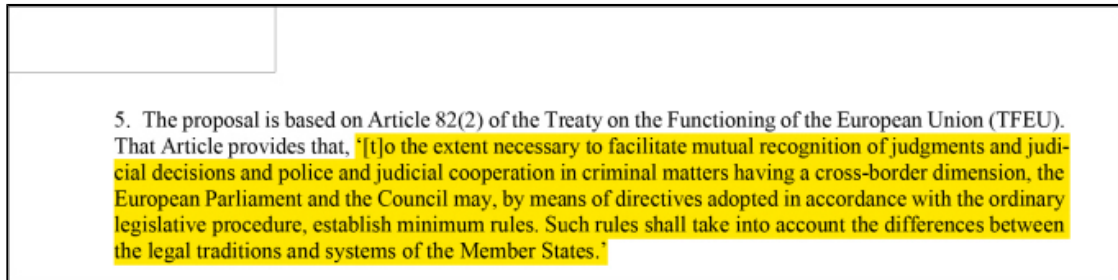
[BR_14]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 68. Proposal for a directive 52013PC0824



recital

[BR_10]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 69. Regulation 32014R1384



reference

Definition

Identifier assigned to a document by an entity.

Examples

Figure 70. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



regulation

Definition

Legal act of the European Union specified in Article 288 TFEU.

Examples

Figure 71. Regulation 32014R1384



row

Definition

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

Examples**Figure 72.** Regulation 32014R0223

ANNEX II

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.

Examples

In the example documents there is no example of a row header yet.

scientific formula**Definition**

Indicates a complex technical or scientific expression.

Examples

Figure 73. Regulation 32017R2395

| |
|---|
| <p><i>Article 473a</i></p> <p>Introduction of IFRS 9</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>The amount referred to in the first subparagraph shall be calculated as the sum of the following:</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>$ABSA = (A2,SA + A4,SA - t) \cdot f$</p> <p>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;</p> |
|---|

section

[BR_7]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 74. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818

| |
|---|
| <p>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</p> <p>1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL</p> <p>• Reasons for and objectives of the proposal</p> <p>This proposal aims to ensure legal consistency of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 with an international agreement.</p> <p>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.</p> |
|---|

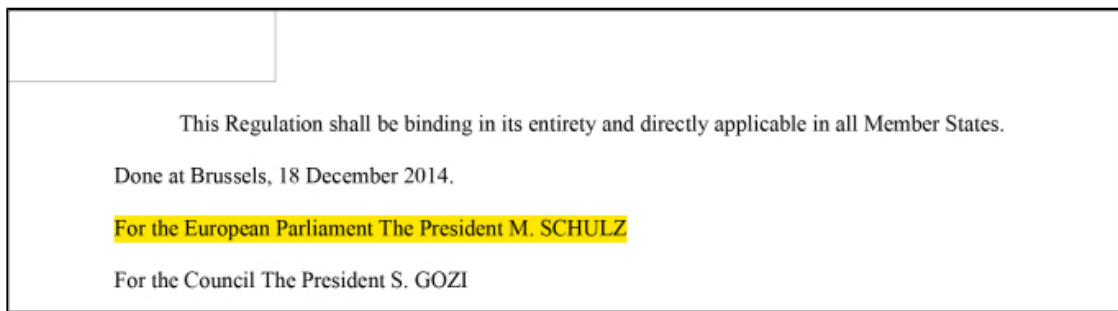
signatory

Definition

Information concerning the signing authority/person.

Examples

Figure 75. Regulation 32014R1384



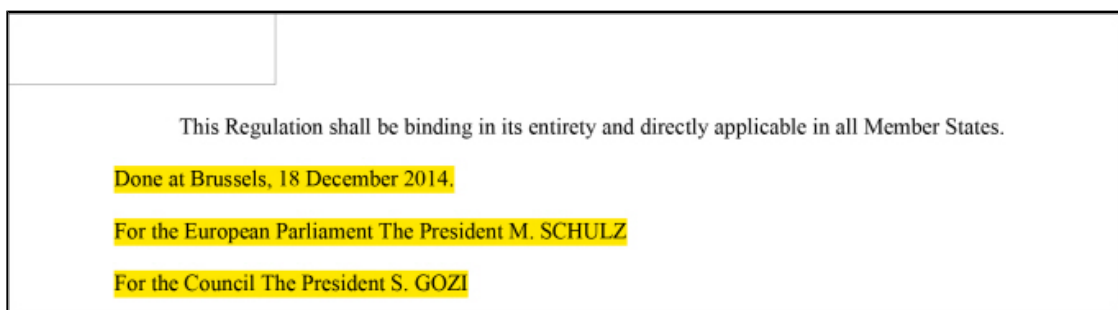
signature

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 76. Regulation 32014R1384



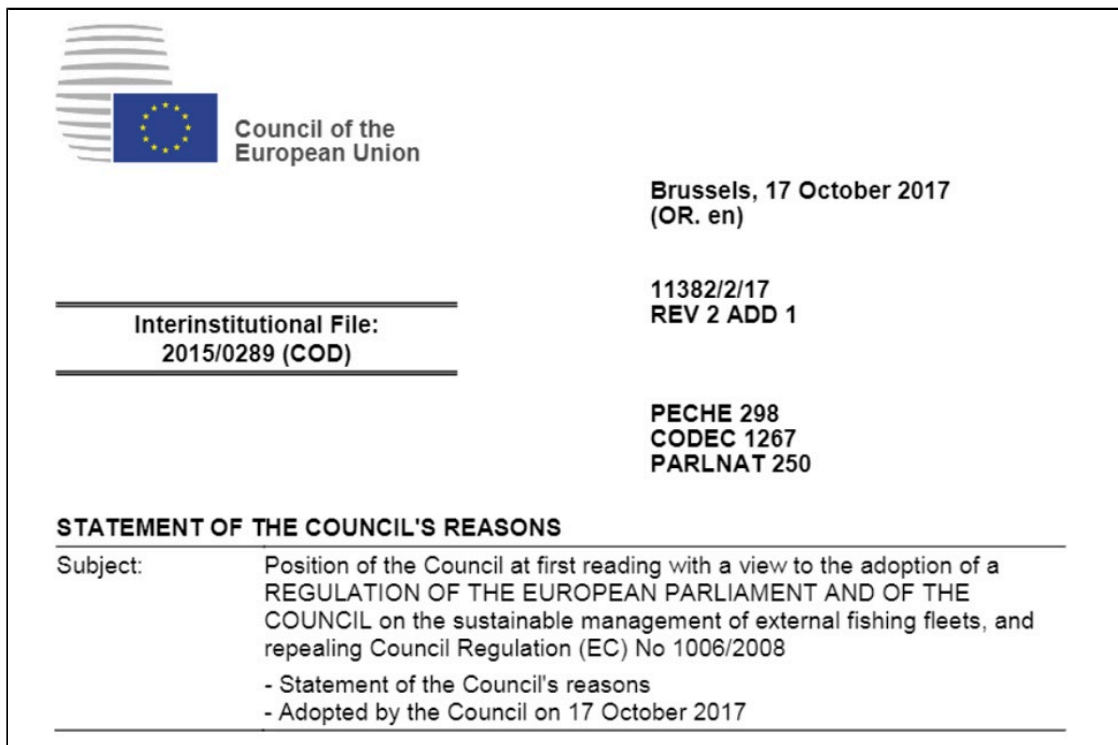
statement of Council's reasons

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 77. Council position 52013AG0008



subject

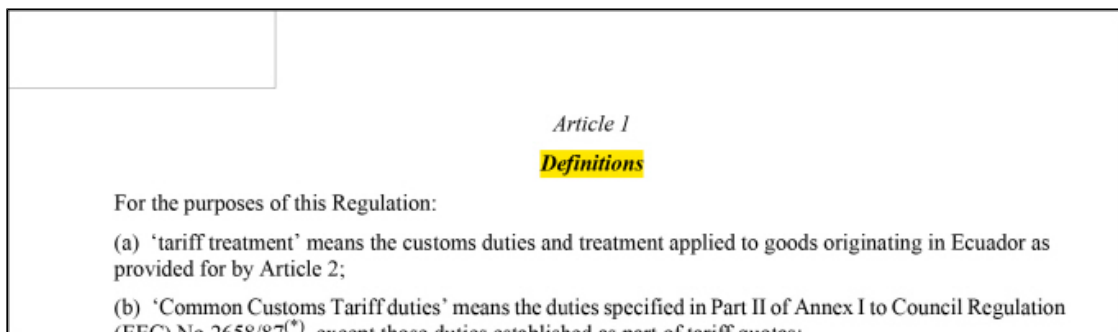
[BR_8]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 78. Regulation 32014R1384



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 79. Decision 32013D1313

| | |
|--|---|
| | <p><i>Article 9</i></p> <p>General preparedness actions of the Member States</p> <p>1. Member States shall, on a voluntary basis, work towards developing modules, in particular to meet priority intervention or support needs under the Union Mechanism.</p> <p>Member States shall identify, in advance, modules, other response capacities and experts within their competent services, in particular within their civil protection or other emergency services, which could be made available for intervention upon request through the Union Mechanism. They shall take into account that the composition of modules or other response capacities may depend on the type of disaster and on the disaster-related particular needs.</p> |
|--|---|

table

[BR_24]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 80. Regulation 32014R0223

| | | |
|---|-----|---------------|
| <p><i>ANNEX II</i></p> <p>Annual breakdown of commitment appropriation for 2014 to 2020 (in 2011 prices)</p> | | |
| 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 |

table of contents

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.

Examples

This concept is not used yet in the current example documents but will be used in future releases.

text of the amendment

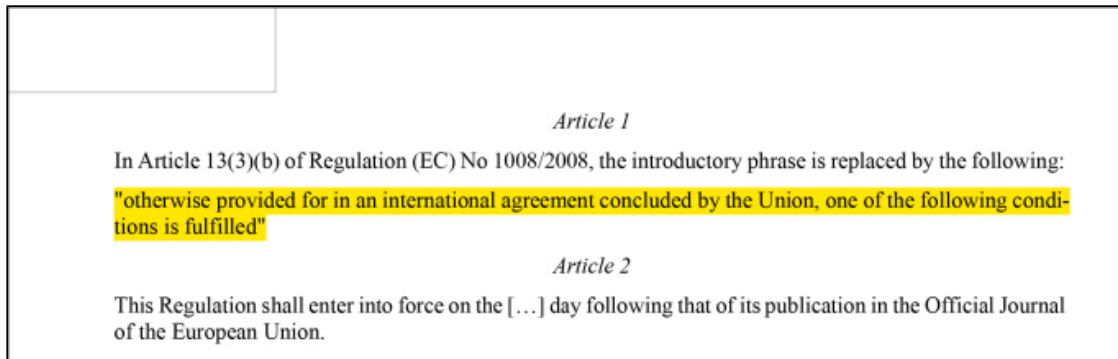
[BR_6]

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 81. Proposal for a regulation 52016PC0818



text to be amended

[BR_6]

Definition

Text in the act to be amended.

Examples

Figure 82. Corrigendum 32018R0848R(05)



title

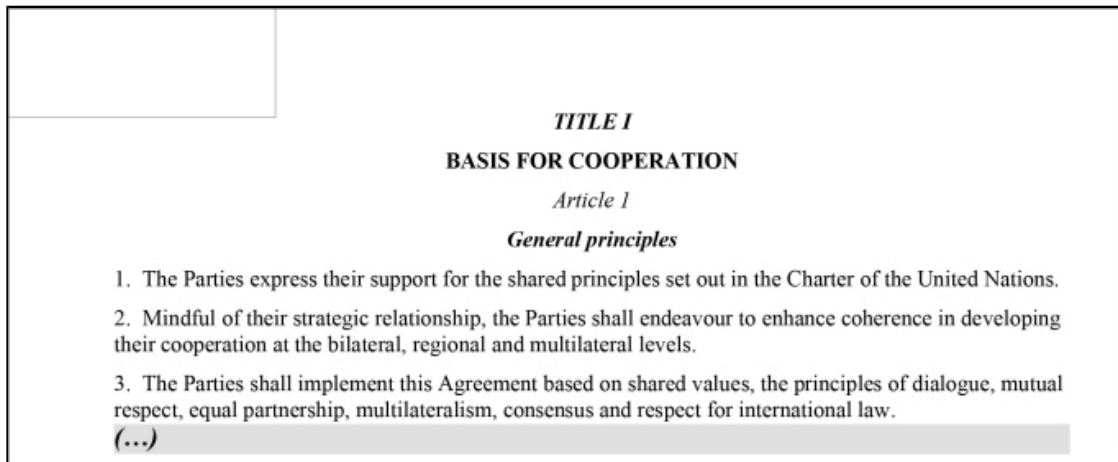
[BR_7]

Definition

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

Examples

Figure 83. 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 84. Regulation 32014R1384



type of document

Definition

Indication of the type of document.

Examples

Figure 85. Regulation 32014R1384



unnumbered paragraph

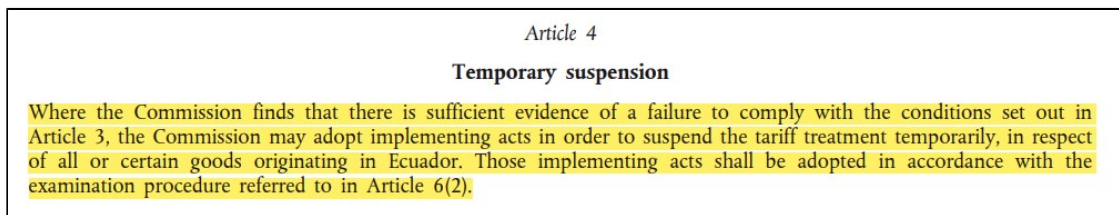
[BR_1 BR_18]

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 86. Regulation 32014R1384



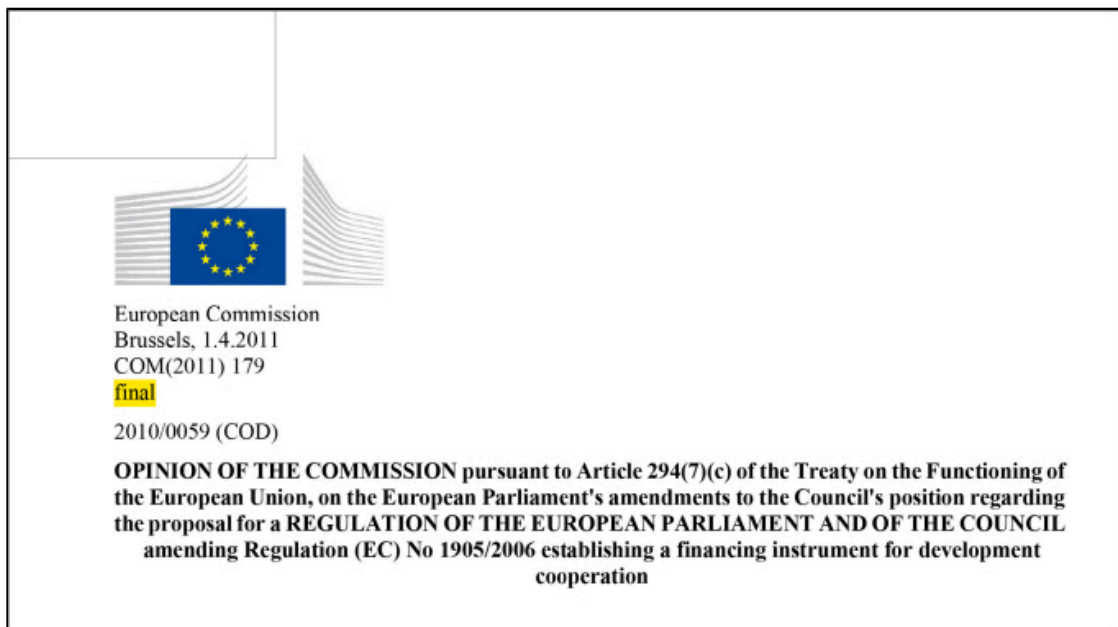
version

Definition

Indicates the version of the document.

Examples

Figure 87. Opinion 52011PC0179



working comment

[BR_20]

Definition

Technical indication about the text

Examples

Figure 88. 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*]

Example documents analysed

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-PROV(2017)0425
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12. Decision 32017D0684
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13. Regulation 32014R0254
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0254&rid=1>
14. International agreement 22016A1203(03)
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15. Regulation 32017R2393
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R2393&from=EN>
16. Regulation 32017R2393 Annex I
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17. Directive 32017L1564
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017L1564&from=EN>
18. Annex II to Regulation 32017R0625
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24. Annex IV to Regulation 32017R0852
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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.
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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.
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'Sandwich' constructions in enumerations using a closing part should be avoided.
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In international agreements, recitals are not numbered but the first word or expression in each recital is capitalized.
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In international agreements, certain paragraphs are used in a similar way as independent points in annexes.
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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.
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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.
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- **BR_17** (Concerns: [indent](#))
In documents other than legal acts, the sign used to start an indent can be a dash or a bullet.
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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.
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