



## EUR-lex

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### What is EUR-lex?

- EUR-lex is the European Union's online portal to access EU Law.
- It is available at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>
- It is managed and maintained by the Publications Office of the European Union.
- It is accessible in the 24 languages of the EU.
- It is free to use.
- It is constantly updated.

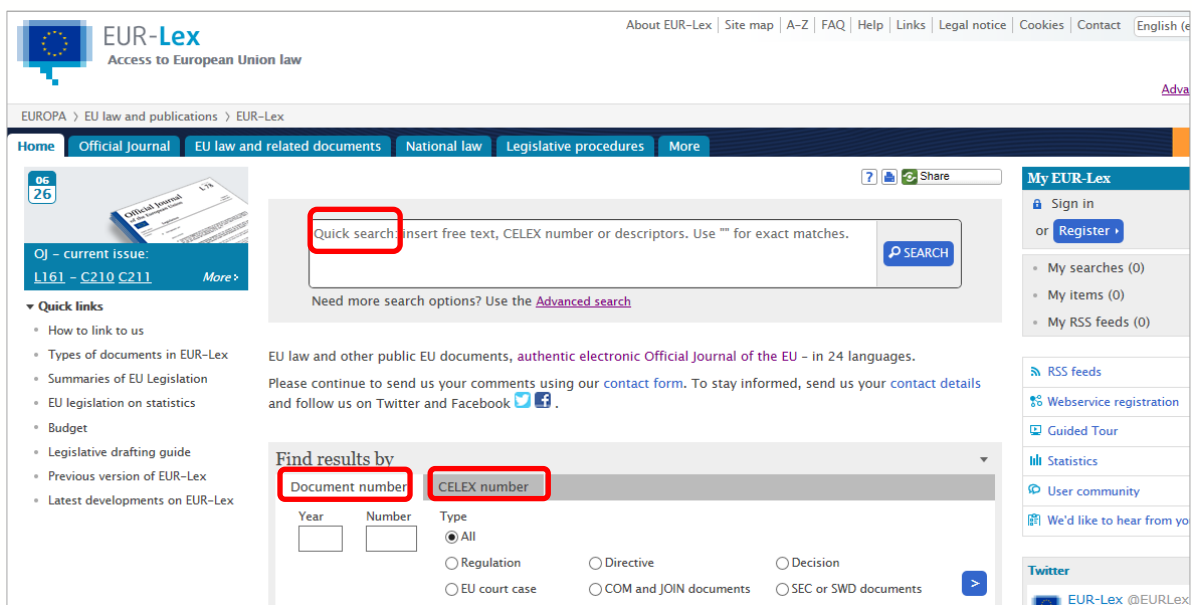
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### Searching in EUR-lex

Eurlex can be searched in a number ways from the home page.

- Quick search
- Document number (e.g. Directive 2015/720)
- Celex Number: This is a unique identifier for a document used in EUR-lex. Details of how these are created is available at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/content/help/faq/intro.html#help15>



The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About EUR-Lex', 'Site map', 'A-Z', 'FAQ', 'Help', 'Links', 'Legal notice', 'Cookies', and 'Contact'. The main content area features a search bar with the placeholder text 'Quick search: insert free text, CELEX number or descriptors. Use "" for exact matches.' and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar, there are options to 'Need more search options? Use the Advanced search'. To the right of the search bar, there is a 'My EUR-Lex' section with links for 'Sign in', 'Register', 'My searches (0)', 'My items (0)', and 'My RSS feeds (0)'. Below the search bar, there is a section for 'Find results by' with a dropdown menu and radio buttons for 'Document number' and 'CELEX number'. Below this, there are input fields for 'Year' and 'Number', and a 'Type' section with radio buttons for 'All', 'Regulation', 'Directive', 'Decision', 'EU court case', 'COM and JOIN documents', and 'SEC or SWD documents'. On the left side, there is a 'Quick links' section with various links. On the right side, there is a 'Twitter' section with the EUR-Lex @EURLex handle.

Using the **Document number** search for Directive 2015/720 takes you to a page that allows direct access to the full text of the Directive. Other features are available by clicking on the document title.

The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex search results page. The search criteria are: Domain: All documents, Number: 0720, Year: 2015, Type of act: Directive, Search language: English. The search results list one result: **32015L0720: Directive (EU) 2015/720 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 amending Directive 94/62/EC as regards reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags (Text with EEA relevance)**. Below the title, there is a red box containing the text "Direct text access:" followed by a PDF icon and a document icon. A red arrow points from the text above to this button. Other features visible include "Export selection", "Change displayed metadata", and "Clear selection".

These features include the **Procedure** tab which shows the stages from the legislative proposal to the final law.

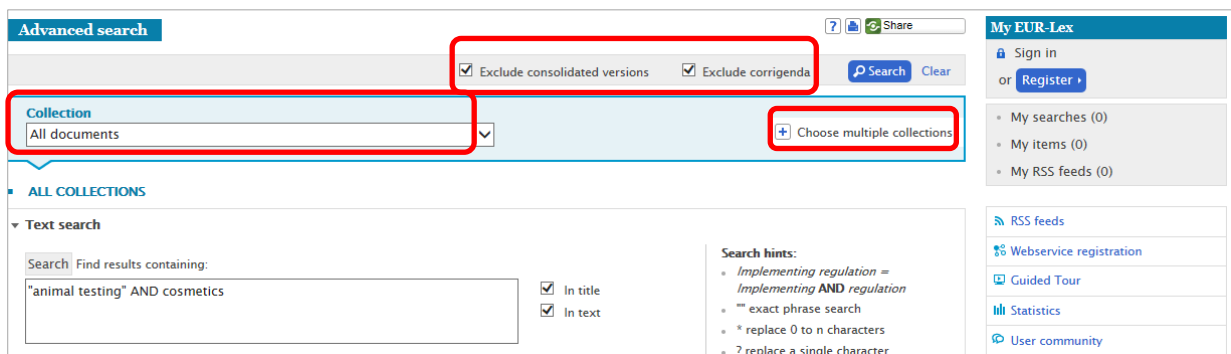
The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex document page for Directive 2015/720. The 'Procedure' tab is selected and highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from the text above to this tab. Other features visible include the 'Register' button and 'Predefined RSS feeds' link, both highlighted with red boxes. The page also shows the document title, reference, and a table of languages and formats.

It is possible to set up RSS feeds, display the document in up to 3 languages and, if registered, save searches. It is free to register.

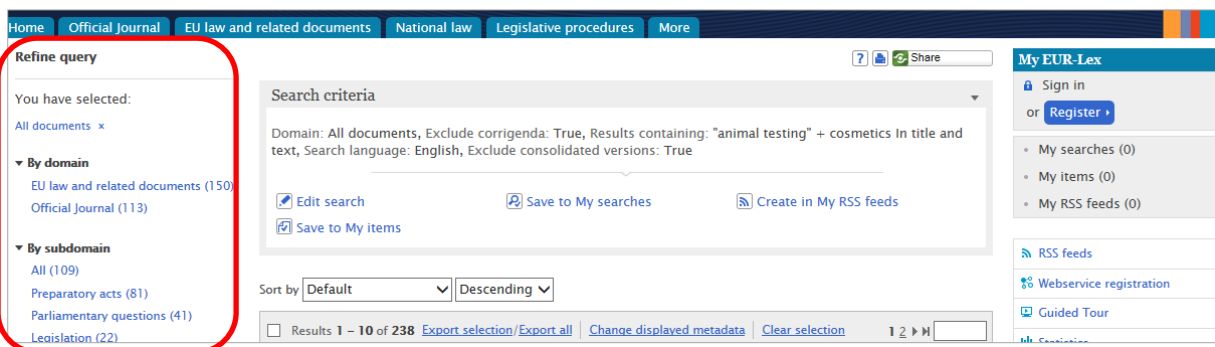
## Advanced Search

It is possible to do a broad subject search using the **Advanced search** option and then use the filters to narrow the search down.

- Click on the **Advanced search** link on the top right hand of any page.
- To cut down the number of results, tick **Exclude consolidated versions** and **Exclude corrigenda**. (Once you have the documents you need you can link to the relevant consolidated versions or corrigenda, if necessary, by clicking on **Document Information**).
- Select the **Collection** or collections you want to search. The search screen changes depending on what you choose.
- If you are unsure what collection to search leave **All documents** selected then click on **Choose multiple collections**, and tick all the collections you think are relevant.
- Fill in the search screen. Boolean operators can be used.
- Click on **Search**.



- It is then possible to refine the search by using the options on the left hand side.



Once the search has been refined and the document selected, it is possible to check for any consolidated versions or corrigendum by clicking on **Document Information**. The **National Transposition** tab gives details of how the Directive has been implemented in the member states. (See below)



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## EU Treaties

EU Treaties are available under the **EU law and related documents** tab.

The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links. The breadcrumb trail reads: EUROPA > EU law and publications > EUR-Lex > Treaties. The main navigation bar includes tabs for Home, Official Journal, EU law and related documents (selected), National law, Legislative procedures, and More. On the left, there is a sidebar with categories like Treaties, Legislation, Consolidated legislation, EFTA documents, Preparatory acts, and EU case law. The main content area is titled 'Treaties' and contains introductory text about EU treaties, a list of 'Treaties currently in force' (including the Treaty on European Union, Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, etc.), and a 'My EUR-Lex' sidebar with options for signing in, registering, and RSS feeds.

## Directory of EU legislation in force

The Directory of EU legislation in force is available under the **More** tab.

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## Help

This guide has only covered some of what is available in EUR-lex. If you have any problems in using this database or require further assistance in finding relevant documents, please contact the **European Documentation Centre** in Taylor Library.

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