



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.

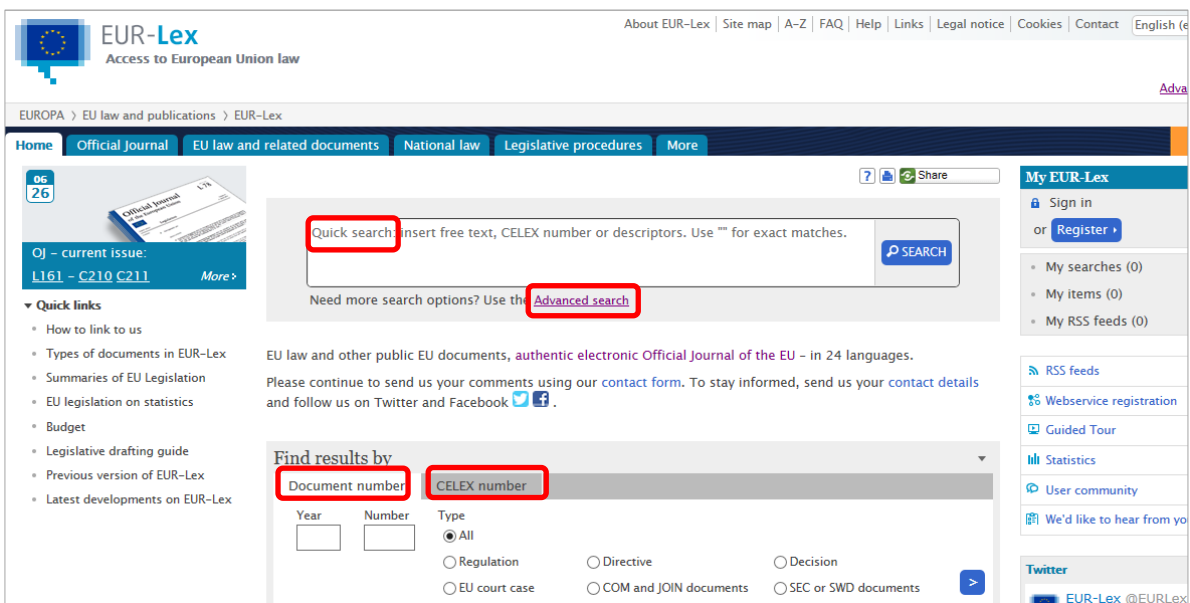
What is in EUR-lex?

- Treaties
- International agreements
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Searching in EUR-lex

EUR-lex 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>
- Advanced search



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'. Below this is a search bar with a 'Quick search' label and a 'SEARCH' button. A red box highlights the search input field. Below the search bar, there is a link for 'Advanced search' also highlighted with a red box. On the left side, there are 'Quick links' for various topics like 'How to link to us', 'Types of documents in EUR-Lex', etc. On the right side, there is a 'My EUR-Lex' section with options for 'Sign in', 'Register', and 'My searches (0)'. At the bottom, there is a 'Find results by' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Document number' (highlighted with a red box) and 'CELEX number' (highlighted with a red box). 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'.

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 results are sorted by Default, Descending. The first result is: 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). A red box highlights the 'Direct text access' link, and a red arrow points from the text above to this link.

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

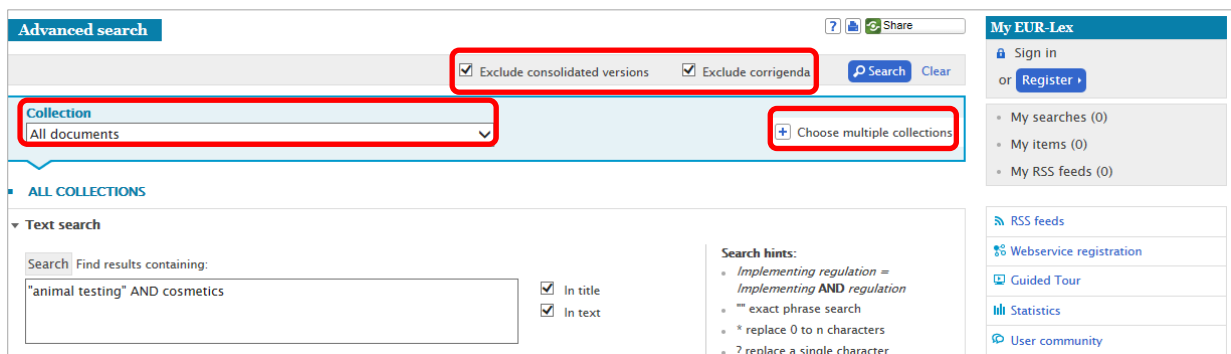
The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex document page for Directive 2015/720. The document title is: Directive (EU) 2015/720 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 amending Directive 94/62/EC as regards reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags (Text with EEA relevance). The reference is: OJ L 115, 6.5.2015, p. 11-15 (BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, HR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV). The ELI is: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2015/720/oj. A red box highlights the 'Procedure' tab, and another red box highlights the 'Multilingual display' section. A red arrow points from the text above to the 'Procedure' tab.

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

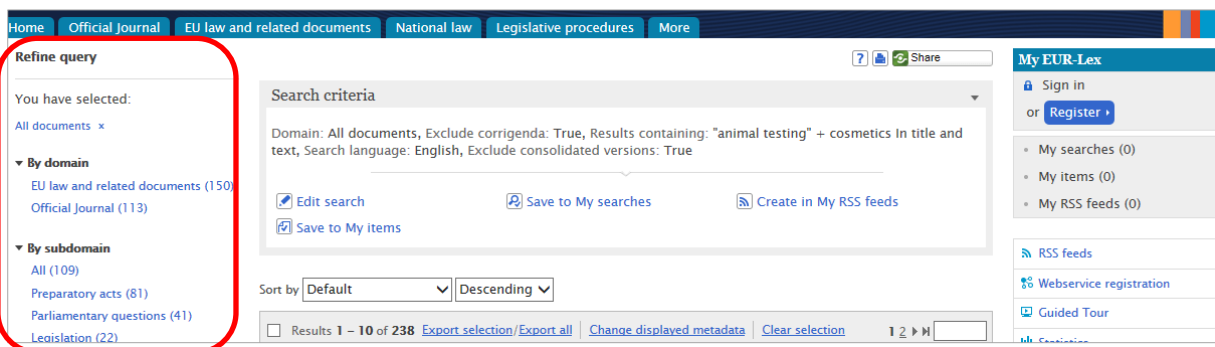
It is possible to do a broad subject search using the **Advanced search** option and then use the filters to narrow the search down.

- 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**.



The screenshot shows the 'Advanced search' interface. At the top, there are checkboxes for 'Exclude consolidated versions' and 'Exclude corrigenda', both of which are checked. Below this is a 'Collection' dropdown menu currently set to 'All documents', and a 'Choose multiple collections' button. The search criteria field contains the text '"animal testing" AND cosmetics'. There are also checkboxes for 'In title' and 'In text', both checked. On the right side, there is a 'My EUR-Lex' section with options for 'Sign in', 'Register', and 'My searches (0)'. Below the search criteria, there are 'Search hints' such as 'Implementing regulation = Implementing AND regulation'.

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



The screenshot shows the search results page. The search criteria are refined to 'EU law and related documents'. The 'Refine query' section on the left shows the selected collection and domain filters. The search criteria field contains the text 'Domain: All documents, Exclude corrigenda: True, Results containing: "animal testing" + cosmetics In title and text, Search language: English, Exclude consolidated versions: True'. There are buttons for 'Edit search', 'Save to My searches', and 'Create in My RSS feeds'. The results are sorted by 'Default' in 'Descending' order. The 'Refine query' section on the left shows 'You have selected: All documents x' and 'By domain: EU law and related documents (150), Official Journal (113)'. Below this, there are 'By subdomain' filters: 'All (109)', 'Preparatory acts (81)', 'Parliamentary questions (41)', and 'Legislation (22)'.

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)



The screenshot shows the document details page for Directive 2010/63/EU. The 'Document information' and 'National transposition' tabs are highlighted. The document title is 'Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes'. The document is available in multiple languages: BG, ES, CS, DA, DE, ET, EL, EN, FR, IT, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, FI, SV. The document is also available in a special edition in Croatian: Chapter 15 Volume 028 P. 82 - 128.

The Official Journal of the European Union (OJ)

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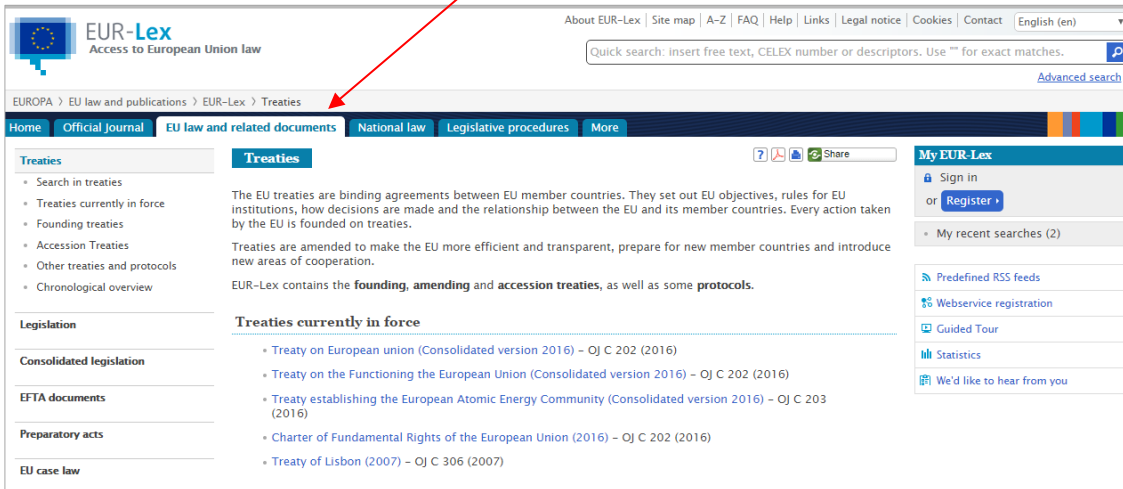
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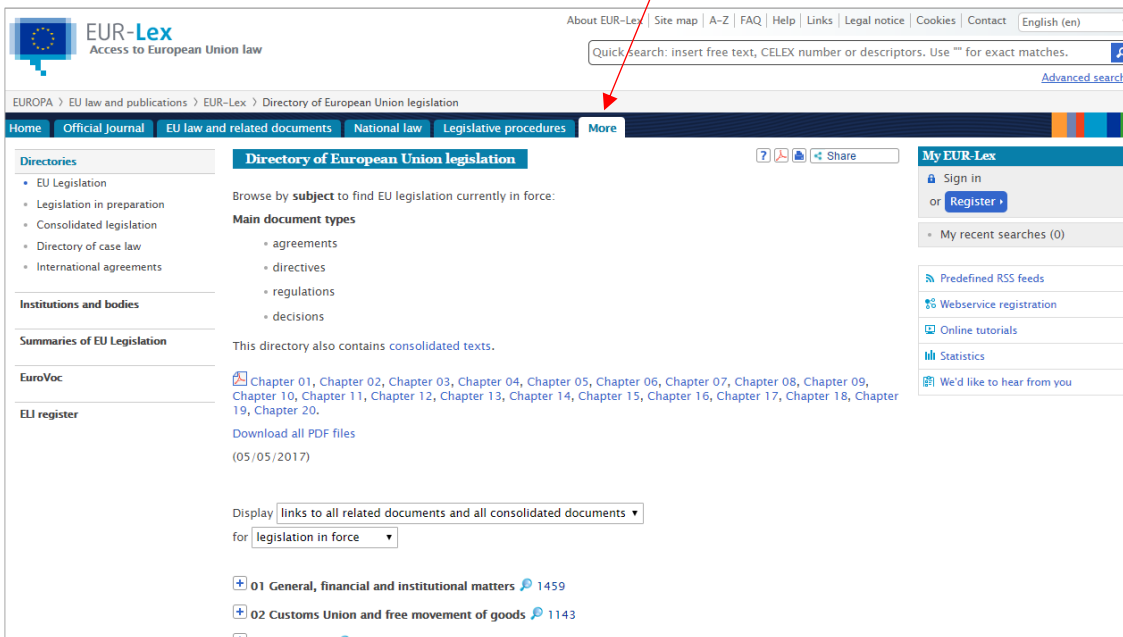
EU Treaties are available under the **EU law and related documents** tab.



The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex website interface. The breadcrumb navigation at the top reads: EUROPA > EU law and publications > EUR-Lex > Treaties. The 'EU law and related documents' tab is selected in the main navigation bar. A red arrow points to the 'Treaties' link in the breadcrumb. The main content area is titled 'Treaties' and includes a search bar, a 'Share' button, and a 'My EUR-Lex' sidebar with options like 'Sign in', 'Register', and 'My recent searches (2)'. The main text explains that EU treaties are binding agreements between member countries and lists 'Treaties currently in force' such as the Treaty on European Union (2016), the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (2016), and the Treaty of Lisbon (2007).

Directory of EU legislation

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



The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex website interface. The breadcrumb navigation at the top reads: EUROPA > EU law and publications > EUR-Lex > Directory of European Union legislation. The 'More' tab is selected in the main navigation bar. A red arrow points to the 'Directory of European Union legislation' link in the breadcrumb. The main content area is titled 'Directory of European Union legislation' and includes a search bar, a 'Share' button, and a 'My EUR-Lex' sidebar. The main text explains that the directory is used to browse EU legislation by subject and lists 'Main document types' such as agreements, directives, regulations, and decisions. It also provides a list of chapters from 01 to 20, with the first two chapters highlighted: '01 General, financial and institutional matters' (1459) and '02 Customs Union and free movement of goods' (1143).

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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