



CELEX Numbers

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What are CELEX Numbers?

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

Why do I need to know about CELEX numbers?

EU documents cross-reference other documents by CELEX number only. The cross-referencing information can be invaluable because it includes matters such as subsequent amendments to a Directive or ECJ decisions interpreting a particular article.

For instance, to the right is a list of some of the cross references attached to the case of *van Gend en Loos*. To understand the cross-referencing information you need to be able to interpret CELEX numbers.

[11957E000](#)
[11957E012](#)
[11957E169](#)
[11957E170](#)
[11957E177](#)
[11957E177](#) -LILA P 21 22 25
Interprets [11957E012](#)

How are CELEX Numbers constructed?

A CELEX number is made up of the following component parts:

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

NOTE: Judgments of the Court of Justice on a reference for a preliminary ruling will take as their CELEX Year the year in which the reference was received by the Court, which is unlikely to be the same as the year the eventual judgment was published.

For example, the CELEX number for *Van Gend en Loos* is **61962J0026**, which breaks down as follows:

Element		Meaning
6	Sector	<i>Case law</i>
1962	Year	<i>Year the case was lodged</i>
J	Document Type	<i>Judgments of the Court of Justice.</i>
0026	Document Number	<i>26th document</i>

So, this is the ECJ's judgment in case number 26 from the year 1962.

Some other examples of CELEX numbers are:-

- **31993L0013** – Directive 93/13/EEC
- **11957E086** – Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome
- **91993E1112** – Written question 1112 from the year 1993

A full rundown of Sectors and Document Types can be found in the table overleaf. Note that each Sector has its own set of document types. Therefore, in order to parse a CELEX number using the table you must first locate the entry for the Sector and then find the Document Type in the types listed for that Sector.

Sector 1 – Treaty Articles

A	EURATOM Treaties(1957)
B	Accession Treaty (Denmark, Irish Republic, Norway, United Kingdom) (1972)
C	Treaty of Nice (2001)
D	Treaty of Amsterdam (1997)
E	European Economic Community Treaty (1957); European Communities Treaty consolidated versions (1992,1997, 2006, 2008, 2010)
F	Merger Treaty (1965). Treaty amending budgetary provisions (1970)
G	Amending Treaty (Greenland) (1985)
H	Accession Treaty (Greece) (1979)
I	Accession Treaty (Portugal, Spain) (1985)
J	Accession Treaty 2012 (Croatia)
K	European Coal and Steel Community Treaty (1951)
M	Treaty on European Union: Maastricht Treaty (1992), and consolidated versions (1997, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2010)
L	Treaty of Lisbon 2007
N	Accession Treaty (Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden) (1994)
P	Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2007, 2010)
R	Treaty amending financial

	provisions (1975). Treaty amending certain provisions of the statute of the European Investment Bank (1975). Act amending the protocol on the statute of the European Investment Bank (1993)
S	Accession Treaty (Bulgaria, Romania) (2005)
T	Accession Treaty 2003 (Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia)
U	Single European Act (1986)
V	European Constitution (2004)

Sector 2 – External Agreements

A	Agreements with non-member countries or international organisations
D	Acts of bodies created by international agreements
P	Acts of parliamentary bodies created by international agreements
X	Other Acts

Sector 3 – Secondary Legislation

A	Opinions
B	Budget
C	Declarations
D	Decisions and Decisions sui generis
E	Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) - positions,

	strategies and actions
F	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) - common positions and framework decisions
G	Resolutions
H	Recommendations
J	Merger Decisions: Non-opposition to a notified joint venture
K	European Coal and Steel Community – recommendations
L	Directives (European Communities/EURATOM)
J	Merger Decisions: non-opposition to a notified joint venture
M	Merger Decisions: non-opposition to a notified concentration
O	European Central Bank - guidelines
Q	Institutional arrangements - Rules of Procedure and Internal Agreements
R	Regulations (European Communities/EURATOM)
S	European Coal and Steel Community - general decisions
X	Other Acts (resolutions, opinions, etc.) published in the Official Journal L series
Y	Other Acts published in the Official Journal C series

Sector 4 – Supplementary Legislation

A	Agreements between member states
D	Decisions (of the representatives of the governments of member states meeting within the Council)
X	Other Acts published in the Official Journal L series
Y	Other Acts published in the Official Journal C series

Sector 5 – Proposals

	COUNCIL
AG	Common positions
IG	Assents ECSC
KG	Member states initiatives
XG	Other acts of the council
	EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DC	Other COM documents
EC	Proposals of regulations (codified)
FC	Proposals of directives (codified)
GC	Proposals of decisions (codified)
PC	COM – Legislative proposals
SC	SEC Documents
XC	Other acts of the commission
	EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
AP	Legislative Resolutions
BP	Budget

DP	Internal decisions
IP	Other resolutions
XP	Other acts of parliament
	COURT OF AUDITORS
AA	Opinions
SA	Special reports
TA	Reports
XA	Other acts of the court
	EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK
AB	Opinions
HB	Recommendations
XB	Other acts of the bank
	ECONOMIC & SOCIAL COMMITTEE
AC	Opinions
AE	Opinions (on consultation)
IE	Other Opinions
XE	Other acts of the committee
	COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS
AR	Opinions on consultation
IR	Other opinions
XR	Other acts of the committee
	ECSC COMMITTEE
AK	Consultative committee opinions
XK	Other acts of the committee
	ALL OTHER ORGANS
JC	JOIN Documents
XX	Others Acts

Documents of particular interest marked in pink

Sector 6 – Case law

	COURT OF JUSTICE
CA	Communication: Judgment
CB	Communication: Order
CC	Opinion of the Advocate-General
CD	Decision
CG	Communication: Opinion
CJ	Judgment
CN	Communication: New case
CO	Order
CP	View
CS	Seizure
CT	Third party proceeding
CU	Communication: Request for an opinion
CV	Opinion
CX	Ruling
	GENERAL COURT (pre-Lisbon, CFI)
TA	Communication: Judgment
TB	Communication: Order
TC	Opinion of the Advocate-General
TJ	Judgment
TN	Communication: New case
TO	Order
TT	Third party proceeding
	CIVIL SERVICE TRIBUNAL
FA	Communication: Judgment
FB	Communication: Order
FJ	Judgment
FO	Order
FN	Communication: New case
FT	Third Party proceeding

Sector 7 – National Implementations

L	National Implementation Measures - implementation of Directives
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Sector 8 – National Case Law

AT	Austria
BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CY	Cyprus
CZ	Czech Republic
DE	Germany
DK	Denmark
EE	Estonia
EL	Greece
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
FR	France
HU	Hungary
IE	Ireland
IT	Italy
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxembourg
LV	Latvia
MT	Malta
NL	Netherlands
PL	Poland
PT	Portugal
RO	Romania
SE	Sweden
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovakia
UK	United Kingdom

XX	Other Countries, European Court of Human Rights, EFTA Court
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Sector 9 – Parliamentary Questions

E	European Parliament - written questions
H	European Parliament - questions asked during Question Time
O	European Parliament - oral questions

Sector C – Official Journal C Series documents

N	Other documents published in the Official Journal C Series
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Sector E – EFTA documents

A	International agreements
C	Acts of the Surveillance Authority
G	Acts of the Standing Committee
J	Decisions, orders and consultative opinions
O	Other acts
P	Pending cases of the Court
X	Information and Communications