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Consolidated texts

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How to search in this section

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If you click on “Show all versions” on the left-hand side of a consolidated text, you will see a list of all consolidated versions of the specific act.

Consolidation is the action of combining an initial act and all its subsequent amendments and corrections in a single document. This document shows the legal rules that are applicable at a certain point in time. Amendments usually consist of inserting, deleting, replacing or adding text to an initial legal act.

Consolidated texts have no legal effect. They are intended for use as documentation only, although they do serve as a basis of [codification](#).

The [Publications Office of the European Union](#) regularly consolidates acts from the collection of secondary legislation, international agreements and founding treaties.

The date in the header of a consolidated text refers to the date on which the latest amendment included in that consolidated version becomes applicable.

At the beginning of each consolidated text, the list of all acts affecting that consolidated text is displayed. The consolidated text itself contains tags that indicate where each part of the text comes from (from the *basic act*, an *amending act*, a *corrigendum* or an *accession treaty*).

Consolidated texts use the following abbreviations:

- B = basic act, i.e. the initial act being amended or corrected
- M = modifier, i.e. the amending act
- A = accession treaty
- C = corrigendum

[Methodology on Consolidation \(in English only\)](#)