

Chapter Seven

Sector 1/2

The Treaties and External Agreements

The Treaties are the primary legislation of the European Union, on which all the subordinate legislation, directives, decisions and regulations generated by the institutions of the EU are based. Each piece of legislation has a **TREATY** field, which states the name of the Treaty from which the legislation draws its authority. The powers, duties and responsibilities of the EU and its institutions are laid out in its founding Treaties and in those that subsequently amended the founding Treaties.

The founding Treaties signed by the original six Member States are:

ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community	Treaty of Paris 1951
EEC	European Economic Community	Treaty of Rome 1957
EURATOM	European Atomic Energy Community	Treaty of Rome 1957

The following Treaties have amended those above:

Establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission	Treaty of Brussels 1965
Establishing the Single Market	Single European Act 1986
Establishing the European Union	Maastricht Treaty 1992

The Treaty of Amsterdam, which came into force on 1st May 1999 following its ratification by all 15 Member States, incorporates further important amendments to the founding Treaties. It was ratified in the United Kingdom on the 15th June 1998. This Treaty paves the way for further enlargement of the European Union.

In addition to the above Treaties, there have been a number of Treaties of Accession for each of the groups of countries that have joined the original six. An example is the Accession of the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Denmark in 1972.

The founding Treaties, the Treaties of Accession of new Member States and the Treaties that amend or supplement the founding Treaties are all stored in **Sector 1** of CELEX.¹ The earliest Treaties have their text written in French, so only the analytical fields are stored in the entries of the English version. Since the accession of the United Kingdom in 1972, all subsequent Treaties are stored in English in full text. Each article of a Treaty is stored as a separate document. A typical CELEX entry is seen in **DOCNUM 11957E100A**, which shows the text of Article 100A of the Treaty of Rome.

The structure of each document is relatively simple, comprising:

¹ Note that **Sector 1** and **Sector 2** are normally considered as a single Sector for searching purposes and are generally known as **Sector 1/2**.

- The Title
- The Bibliographic Fields (**DOCNUM**, etc.)
- The Text of the Article of the Treaty
- The Dates

A typical document number is **DOCNUM: 11957E100A**, where

1 - signifies Sector 1
1957 - the year of the Treaty 1957
E - the Treaty of Rome (EEC)
100A - Article 100A of the Treaty of Rome (EEC)

Each individual Treaty is allocated a particular letter to identify it within a document number:

K - the European Coal and Steel Treaty of 1951
A - the EURATOM Treaty of 1957
E - the Treaty Establishing the European Economic Community 1957
U - the Single European Act of 1986
M - the Maastricht Treaty of 1992
D - the Amsterdam Treaty of 1997
C - the Nice Treaty of 2001

These letters help identify the legislative base of any particular document. For example, **LEGBASE: 11957E235** means that the piece of legislation is based on Article 235 of the Treaty of Rome 1957. Each Treaty has its own distinctive group of three numbers and a letter at the start of its document number:

11951K - the European Coal and Steel Treaty of 1951
11957A - the EURATOM Treaty of 1957
11957E - the Treaty Establishing the European Economic Community 1957
11986U - the Single European Act of 1986
11992M - the Maastricht Treaty 1992
11992E - the consolidated version of the Treaty of Rome²
11997D - the Amsterdam Treaty of 1997
12001C - the Nice Treaty of 2001

A search of **Sector 1** that uses a truncated document number will return all the articles of a complete Treaty. For example:

- 11957E* - will retrieve all the articles of the Treaty of Rome.
- 11992E* - will retrieve all the articles of the consolidated version of the Treaty of Rome.

These principal Treaties not only established the European Union, but also empowered it to enter into arrangements with other sovereign states. These external agreements are stored in **Sector 2** of CELEX, which contains the texts of the agreements and conventions that the EU, acting as a single entity on behalf of its Member States, entered into with other countries.

Examples of documents held in **Sector 2** include:

² This contains all the textual amendments implemented by the Single Market Treaty and the European Union Treaty. It must be remembered that this version, though extremely useful, is not of the strict legal form, which can only reside in the original texts of the Treaties.

- **21988A1031(01)** - The Vienna convention for the protection of the ozone layer.
- **21976A0510** - Agreement for co-operation between the European Atomic Energy Community and Sweden in the field of controlled thermo-nuclear fusion and plasma physics.
- **21987A0819(03)** - Agreement between the European Economic Community and Malaysia on trade in textile products.