

Digital Services Act: Overview of changes to article numbering

This table provides an overview of the final article numbering in the EU's Digital Services Act ("DSA"). During the negotiations on the law, some articles were moved and added, which have been renumbered in the final version. This document therefore compares the [negotiation agreement of early July 2022](#) with the [final text of September 2022](#), taking into account all [articles](#) as well as [recitals](#).

Changed numbering of DSA articles

Former number	Final number	Topic
Chapter I	Chapter I	General provisions
1	1	Subject matter
1a	2	Scope
2	3	Definitions
Chapter II	Chapter II	Liability of providers of intermediary services
3	4	Mere conduit
4	5	Caching
5	6	Hosting
6	7	Voluntary own-initiative investigations and legal compliance
7	8	No general monitoring or active fact-finding obligations
8	9	Orders to act against illegal content
9	10	Orders to provide information
Chapter III	Chapter III	Due diligence obligations for a transparent and safe online environment
Section 1	Section 1	Provisions applicable to all providers of intermediary services
10	11	Points of contact for Member States' authorities, the Commission and the Board
10a	12	Points of contact for recipients of services
11	13	Legal representatives
12	14	Terms and conditions
13	15	Transparency reporting obligations for providers of intermediary services
Section 2	Section 2	Additional provisions applicable to providers of hosting services, including online platforms
14	16	Notice and action mechanisms
15	17	Statement of reasons
15a	18	Notification of suspicions of criminal offences
Section 3	Section 3	Additional provisions applicable to providers of online platforms
16	19	Exclusion for micro and small enterprises
17	20	Internal complaint-handling system
18	21	Out-of-court dispute settlement
19	22	Trusted flaggers
20	23	Measures and protection against misuse
23	24	Transparency reporting obligations for providers of online platforms
23a	25	Online interface design and organisation

24	26	Advertising on online platforms
24a	27	Recommender system transparency
24b	28	Online protection of minors
Section 3a	Section 4	Additional provisions applicable to providers of online platforms allowing consumers to conclude distance contracts with traders
24-c	29	Exclusion for micro and small enterprises
24c	30	Traceability of traders
24d	31	Compliance by design
24e	32	Right to information
	Section 5	Additional obligations for providers of very large online platforms and of very large online search engines to manage systemic risks
25	33	Very large online platforms and very large online search engines
26	34	Risk assessment
27	35	Mitigation of risks
27a	36	Crisis response mechanism
28	37	Independent audit
29	38	Recommender systems
30	39	Additional online advertising transparency
31	40	Data access and scrutiny
32	41	Compliance function
33	42	Transparency reporting obligations
33a	-	(picked up in new Article 33/this Section 5)
33b	43	Supervisory fee
Section 5	Section 6	Other provisions concerning due diligence obligations
34	44	Standards
35	45	Codes of conduct
36	46	Codes of conduct for online advertising
36a	47	Codes of conduct for accessibility
37	48	Crisis protocols
Chapter IV	Chapter IV	Implementation, cooperation, penalties and enforcement
Section 1	Section 1	Competent authorities and national Digital Services Coordinators
38	49	Competent authorities and Digital Services Coordinators
39	50	Requirements for Digital Services Coordinators
41	51	Powers of Digital Services Coordinators
42	52	Penalties
43	53	Right to lodge a complaint
43a	54	Compensation
44	55	Activity reports
Section 1a	Section 2	Competences, coordinated investigation and consistency mechanisms
44a	56	Competences
44b	57	Mutual assistance
45	58	Cross-border cooperation among Digital Services Coordinators
45a	59	Referral to the Commission
46	60	Joint investigations
Section 2	Section 3	European Board for Digital Services
47	61	European Board for Digital Services
48	62	Structure of the Board
49	63	Tasks of the Board

Section 3	Section 4	Supervision, investigation, enforcement and monitoring in respect of providers of very large online platforms and of very large online search engines
49a	64	Development of expertise and capabilities
50	65	Enforcement of obligations of providers of very large online platforms and of very large online search engines
51	66	Initiation of proceedings by the Commission and cooperation in investigation
52	67	Requests for information
53	68	Power to take interviews and statements
54	69	Power to conduct inspections
55	70	Interim measures
56	71	Commitments
57	72	Monitoring actions
58	73	Non-compliance
59	74	Fines
59a	75	Enhanced supervision of remedies to address infringements of obligations laid down in Section 5 of Chapter III
60	76	Periodic penalty payments
61	77	Limitation period for the imposition of penalties
62	78	Limitation period for the enforcement of penalties
63	79	Right to be heard and access to the file
64	80	Publication of decisions
64a	81	Review by the Court of Justice of the European Union
65	82	Requests for access restrictions and cooperation with national courts
66	83	Implementing acts relating to Commission intervention
Section 4	Section 5	Common provisions on enforcement
66a	84	Professional secrecy
67	85	Information sharing system
68	86	Representation
Section 5	Section 6	Delegated and implementing acts
69	87	Exercise of the delegation
70	88	Committee procedure
Chapter V	Chapter V	Final provisions
71	89	Amendments to Directive 2000/31/EC
72	90	Amendment to Directive (EU) 2020/1828
73	91	Review
73a	92	Anticipated application to providers of very large online platforms and of very large online search engines
74	93	Entry into force and application

Changed numbering of DSA recitals

There are no official titles for the recitals. The headlines given here merely outline the respective content of the recitals.

Former number	Final number	Topic
1	1	Need to reform the e-commerce directive
2	2	Need for common rules for the internal market
3	3	Goal to protect fundamental rights
4	4	Goal to have harmonized rules
5	5	Covered services
6	6	Services not covered
7	7	Scope
8	8	Explanation of scope
9	9	Harmonization
10	10	No prejudice to other acts
11	11	No prejudice to copyright laws
12	12	Definition of illegal content
13	13	Definition of online platforms
14	14	Definition of dissemination to the public
15	15	Explanation of covered services
16	16	Preservation of the e-commerce directive
17	17	Liability exemptions
18	18	Application of liability exemptions
19	19	Distinction between mere conduit, caching, hosting
20	20	Illegal activities and encryption
21	21	Liability exemptions: Mere conduit and caching
22	22	Liability exemptions: Hosting
22a	23	Liability exemptions: Hosting and online marketplaces
23	24	Liability exemptions: Online platforms
24	25	Liability exemptions: Injunctions
25	26	Liability exemptions: Voluntary monitoring by services
26	27	Prevention by recipients of the spread of illegal content
27	28	Coverage of internet infrastructure services
27a	29	Examples of mere conduit and hosting services
28	30	No monitoring obligation
29	31	Orders against illegal content
...	32	Orders against illegal content: Explanation
29a	33	Orders against illegal content: Providers' role
30	34	Orders against illegal content: No prejudice to existing rules
...	35	Orders against illegal content: Timeline, language
31	36	Orders against illegal content: Territorial scope
32	37	Orders to provide information
33	38	Orders to provide information and against illegal content
33a	39	Orders to provide information on redress mechanisms
34	40	Need for harmonised due diligence rules
35	41	Distinction of services by type, size and nature
36	42	Single point of contact for authorities
36a	43	Single point of contact for recipients

37	44	Legal representative
38	45	Terms and conditions
38a	46	Terms and conditions: Minors
38b	47	Terms and conditions: Fundamental rights
38c	48	Terms and conditions: Additional rules for very large online platforms and search engines
39	49	Annual report on content moderation
40	50	Notice and action mechanism: Hosting services
40b	51	Notice and action mechanism: Targeted measures by hosting services
41	52	Notice and action mechanism: Harmonisation
41a	53	Notice and action mechanism: Notices
42	54	Notice and action mechanism: Explanation of content removal
42a	55	Shadow banning
42b	56	Notification of suspicions of criminal offences
43	57	Exemption for micro or small enterprises
44	58	Internal complaint-handling system
44a	59	Out-of-court dispute settlement system
45	60	Out-of-court dispute settlement system: No prejudice to other rules
46	61	Trusted flaggers
...	62	Trusted flaggers: Reports
47 (sic!)	63	Misuse of online platforms
...	64	Misuse of online platforms: Temporary bans
51	65	Online platforms: Transparency reporting
51a	66	Commission database on content moderation
51b	67	Deceptive design practices (“dark patterns”)
52	68	Online advertising
52a	69	No targeted advertising based on special category data
52c	70	Recommender systems
52b	71	Protection of minors
52d	72	Traceability of traders
52e	73	Traceability of traders: Explanation
52f	74	Compliance by design
Recitals 75-101 on very large online platforms (VLOPs) and very large online search engines (VLOSEs)		
53	75	Justification for additional rules for VLOPs and VLOSEs
54	76	Definition
...	77	Calculation of user numbers
55	78	Reporting on user numbers
56	79	Risk assessments
57	80	Risk category 1/4: Illegal content
57a	81	Risk category 2/4: Impact on fundamental rights
57b	82	Risk category 3/4: Negative effects on democratic processes
57c	83	Risk category 4/4: Negative effects on public and individual health, minors, gender-based violence
57d	84	Risk assessments: Explanation
57e	85	Risk assessments: Documentation
58	86	Risk mitigation

58a	87	Risk mitigation: Examples
58b	88	Risk mitigation: Recommender systems
58c	89	Risk mitigation: Protection of minors
59	90	Risk mitigation: Involvement of recipients, experts
59a	91	Crisis response mechanism
60	92	Independent audits
61	93	Audit report
62	94	Recommender systems: Alternative options
63	95	Online advertising repositories
64	96	Data access
...	97	Data access: Inclusion of civil society organisations
...	98	Data access: Requirements
65	99	Compliance function
65a	100	Additional transparency requirements
65b	101	Resources at the Commission, supervisory fee for VLOPs and VLOSEs
66	102	Voluntary standards
67	103	Voluntary codes of conduct
68	104	Voluntary codes of conduct: Protection of minors
...	105	Voluntary codes of conduct: Accessibility
69	106	Voluntary codes of conduct: References to existing codes
70	107	Voluntary codes of conduct for VLOPs, VLOSEs: Online advertising
71	108	Voluntary crisis protocols
72	109	Designation of competent member state authority/authorities for enforcement
73	110	Digital Services Coordinator
74	111	Digital Services Coordinator, competent authorities: Resources
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75	113	Digital Services Coordinator: Independence, designation
77 (sic!)	114	Digital Services Coordinator, competent authorities: Powers
78	115	Digital Services Coordinator: Limits to powers
79	116	Competent authorities: Exercise of powers
80	117	Sanctions
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82	119	Digital Services Coordinators: Effective measures
83	120	Digital Services Coordinators: Access restrictions
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84a	123	Country-of-origin principle
84b	124	Special enforcement rules for VLOPs, VLOSEs: Some exclusive competences for Commission
...	125	Special enforcement rules for VLOPs, VLOSEs: Shared competences between Commission and member states
84c	126	No prejudice to private international law
84d	127	Enforcement: Cross-border and cross-sectoral cooperation
85	128	Enforcement: Mutual assistance
85a	129	Enforcement: Referral to the Commission
86	130	Enforcement: Joint investigations
88 (sic!)	131	European Board for Digital Services

89	132	European Board for Digital Services: Tasks
90	133	European Board for Digital Services: Powers
91	134	European Board for Digital Services: Membership
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93	136	European Board for Digital Services: Resources
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96 (sic!)	138	Cooperation between Commission and Digital Services Coordinators
97	139	Cooperation between Commission and Digital Services Coordinators: Process, inclusion of Board
98	140	Commission powers
99	141	Commission powers: Requesting information
99a	142	Commission powers: Interim measures
99b	143	Commission powers: Monitoring
100	144	Commission powers: Fines and penalty payments
100a	145	Commission powers: Action plan
101	146	Right to be heard and access to the file
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