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Search the Eur-Lex website for the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union on a specific European rule

1. Introduction

As an introduction, I should like to tell you that with this information note you will acquire the necessary digital skills to be able to search on the EUR-Lex website for the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union on a specific European rule, knowing the type of rule and its reference number.

You should know that the reference number of a European law is the registration number of the law in question / year of its publication in the Official Journal.

I will use Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the coordination of social security systems as an example.

In this example, the type of rule is a Regulation and its reference number is 883/2004.



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2. Accessing the European Union's "Eur-Lex" website

The first step is to type "eurlex advanced search" into the Google search engine on your computer and then click on the "search with Google" button. In the new window that opens on your computer, choose the option "Advanced search - EUROPA".

3. Search for the desired European norm

The second step is to search for the desired European norm. To do this, in the left-hand column, look for the "Reference" section. In this section, under "Type" of norm, choose "Regulation"; in the "Year" box, type "2004"; and in the "Number" box, type "883".

Then click on the "Search" button.

4. Search for information on the desired European norm

In the new window that opens, the third step is to search for "Information" on the desired European norm. To do this, use the cursor to click on the title of the regulation you are looking for, based on its reference number.

In the new window that opens, use the cursor to select the "Document information" link in the left-hand column.

5. Search for case law on the European norm you are looking for

The fourth step is to search for case law on the European standard in question. To do this, in the new window that opens, scroll down the main column until you find the section entitled "Relation to other documents".

Scroll down further, until you find the subsection entitled "Acts concerned by the case". All the numerical codes beginning with the number 6 are rulings of the Court of Justice of the European Union on the rule sought.

6. Final summary

Summarising the steps we have followed, remember that:

1st) In your Google browser, type "Eurlex advanced search". Choose the option: "Advanced search - EUROPA";

2nd) In the "Reference" section, select "Regulation" and fill in the year and reference number;

3rd) Click on the title of the regulation you are looking for; and, in the new window that opens, use the cursor to select the link "Document information";

4th) In the new window that opens, scroll down the main column until you find the section entitled "Relationship with other documents" and look for the subsection entitled "Acts affected by the matter". All the numerical codes beginning with the

number 6 are pronouncements of the Court of Justice of the European Union on the rule sought.

