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22/06/2020	Preparatory document	COM(2020)0257 	
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08/05/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
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10/11/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0352/2023	
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22/11/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Official Journal of the EU: electronic publication

2020/0126(APP) - 22/06/2020

PURPOSE: to simplify the publication of the Official Journal and to facilitate citizens' access to it.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Official Journal of the European Union is published in electronic form pursuant to [Regulation \(EU\) No 216/2013](#).

The authenticity, integrity and inalterability of the electronic edition of the Official Journal can be guaranteed by various organisational and technical means which offer comparative security guarantees. These means may change over time.

In order to avoid the need to amend the Regulation with each new method or technology or change of technical details, it is proposed to reformulate the wording of the Regulation in a more generic way.

CONTENT: the proposed amendment to Regulation (EU) No 216/2013 enables the authentication of the Official Journal by new technological means without the need for additional amendments. It reconciles the obligation to remove certain information from the Official Journal with the inalterability principle and establishes authenticity of electronic editions published subsequently to a disruption of the information systems.

In concrete terms, the proposal:

- specifies that the electronic edition of the Official Journal shall be published under technical conditions ensuring the authenticity of its content. The system put into place to ensure authenticity shall be documented on the EUR-Lex website and allow for the authenticity of the electronic edition of the Official Journal to be easily verified;
- provides that where certain information in the Official Journal must be removed after publication pursuant to a decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union or for reasons of protection of personal data in accordance with Union legislation, a new version of the electronic edition of the Official Journal concerned shall be published, accompanied by a notice to that effect. The original version of the electronic edition of the Official Journal concerned shall be kept in the archives of the Publications Office for an unlimited period;
- provides that the electronic edition made available to the public on the EUR-Lex website subsequently to a disruption of the information systems becomes the authentic edition from the moment it is made available. Legal certainty then requires that from that moment, the earlier (printed or electronic) edition no longer has authentic status.

Official Journal of the EU: electronic publication

2020/0126(APP) - 25/04/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: To amend Regulation (EU) No 216/2013 on the electronic publication of the Official Journal of the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: Council Regulation (EU) No 216/2013 provides that the Official Journal of the European Union published in electronic form is to bear a qualified electronic signature or qualified electronic seal as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council. It also sets out an obligation to publish the qualified certificates for electronic signature or for electronic seal and renewals thereof on the EUR-Lex website to allow the public to verify the authenticity of the electronic edition of the Official Journal.

Authenticity, integrity and inalterability of the electronic edition of the Official Journal can be ensured by a variety of technical means.

The need to amend Regulation (EU) No 216/2013 each time a new solution or technology is to be employed or when the legal framework governing them changes should be avoided.

CONTENT: The proposal provides for the following:

- the electronic edition of the Official Journal will be published under technical conditions ensuring the authenticity, integrity and inalterability of its content. The system put into place to ensure authenticity will be documented on the EUR-Lex website and allow for the authenticity of the electronic edition of the Official Journal to be easily verified;
- where certain information in the Official Journal must be removed after publication: pursuant to a decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union or for reasons of protection of personal data in accordance with Union legislation, in particular Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, a new version of the electronic edition of the Official Journal concerned will be made available, accompanied by a notice to that effect. The original version of the electronic edition of the Official Journal concerned will be kept in the archives of the Publications Office for an unlimited period under technical and organisational conditions which ensure that the original version can only be disclosed in accordance with Union legislation;
- where, despite the contingency measures put in place, in exceptional situations, it is not possible to publish the Official Journal on the EUR-Lex website and the publication is done in a printed form, the Publications Office will inform of such publication on the EUR-Lex website as soon as possible. For the sake of legal certainty, it is necessary to ensure that the electronic edition subsequently made available to the public on the EUR-Lex website becomes the only authentic edition and that it produces legal effects;
- in order to provide the maximum benefit to citizens in terms of ease of access to the Official Journal, as well as to ensure legal certainty, it is also appropriate to confer exclusive authenticity status on the electronic edition of the few authentic printed editions of the Official Journal published after the entry into force of Regulation (EU) No 216/2013.

Official Journal of the EU: electronic publication

2020/0126(APP) - 22/11/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 626 votes to 0, with 3 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 216/2013 on the electronic publication of the Official Journal of the European Union.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the draft Council regulation.

The proposal aims to simplify the publication of the Official Journal and to facilitate citizens' access to it without any alteration to the principle of authenticity.