

Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	2008/0265(COD) Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Uniform format for visas	
Subject 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas	

Key players	
European Parliament	
Council of the European Union	
European Commission	Commission DG Legal Service Commissioner BARROSO José Manuel

Key events			
18/12/2008	Legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0891	Summary
03/02/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
19/10/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
30/07/2011	Proposal withdrawn by Commission		Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/0265(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Codification
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 077-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	JURI/7/00165

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2008)0891	19/12/2008	EC	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Uniform format for visas

PURPOSE: to codify the Council Regulation laying down a uniform format for visas.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to undertake a codification of Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 laying down a uniform format for visas. The new Regulation will supersede the various acts incorporated in it. This proposal fully preserves the content of the acts being codified and hence does no more than bringing them together with only such formal amendments as are required by the codification exercise itself.

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The Lisbon Treaty, which entered into force on 1 December 2009, amended the EU's two core treaties, the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and the Treaty establishing the European Community (EC Treaty). The latter was renamed the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

These changes had various consequences for many ongoing procedures. First of all, the articles of the TEU and of the old EC Treaty that constitute the legal basis of all the proposals founded on those Treaties were renumbered in accordance with the table of equivalences mentioned in Article 5 of the Lisbon Treaty.

In addition, some proposals underwent a change to their legal basis going beyond a mere change to their numbering, and this resulted in changes to the type of procedure.

The Lisbon Treaty also introduced new concepts of decision-making procedure. The old "codecision procedure" was extended to new areas and renamed the "ordinary legislative procedure". A new "consent procedure" replaced the old "assent procedure". New interinstitutional procedures were also set up for the adoption of certain non-legislative acts, for example the conclusion of some international agreements.

The ongoing proposals concerned by these changes were formally modified by the Commission in a Communication published on 2 December 2009 ([COM\(2009\)0665](#)).

In the case of the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) No ?/... laying down a uniform format for visas (codified version), the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty had the following impacts:

- the old legal basis - Treaty/EC/Art.62(2)(b) (iii) ? became Art. 77 (2)(a) of the TFEU. Please note that the numbering of the old legal basis corresponds to the consolidated version of the Treaty that was applicable immediately before the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, and may differ from the references in the original Commission proposal;
- the proposal, which had previously fallen under the old consultation procedure (CNS), was classified as an ordinary legislative procedure (COD).

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As announced in Official Journal C 225 of 30 July 2011, the Commission decided to withdraw this proposal, which had become obsolete.