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Earlier the EU legislative bodies adopted the Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market For Digital Services (DSA), imposing certain obligations to prevent illegal and harmful activities online (including hate speech, sale of counterfeit products) and the spread of disinformation on a vast array of online intermediaries and platforms such as marketplaces, social networks, content-sharing platforms, collaborative economy platforms, app stores, online travel and accommodation platforms and others.



While the DSA has been applicable to very large online platforms and very large search engines already since 25 August 2023, it is fully applicable to all concerned intermediaries from 17 February 2024 onwards so that as from that date such digital actors have to comply with the relevant provisions of the DSA.

It is recalled that the Luxembourg Competition Authority (Autorité de la concurrence) is responsible for the application of the DSA in Luxembourg (including, the power to impose sanctions on entities in breach of the DSA, the scope of which as currently being discussed in the Luxembourg parliament under the draft law No. 8309 which is expected to be adopted shortly), while the European Commission, on the other hand, will be responsible for direct supervision of very large online platforms and very large search engines under the DSA.

To inform the concerned intermediaries about their respective obligations under the DSA, the Luxembourg Competition Authority offers practical information about the new rules as well as a downloadable detailed guide at <https://concurrence.public.lu> (last accessed on 29 February 2024).

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