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- **32000L0060**
  - original directive
- **72000L0060**
  - national transposition measures (incorporating the provisions into national law)
- **02000L0060**
  - consolidated versions of this directive

EUR-Lex falls into **12 sectors**:
1: Treaties
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Examples of **Doc types (descriptors)** by sector:

**Sector 3: Legislation**
- L Directives
- R Regulations
- D Decisions

**Sector 5: Preparatory acts**
- PC Commission legislative proposals (COM documents), etc.
- DC other COM documents (green & white papers, communications, reports, etc.)
- SC SWD documents (staff working documents, impact assessments, etc.)
- JC JOIN documents (adopted jointly by the Commission and the High Representative)

**Sector 6: Case-Law**
- CJ Judgments by the Court of Justice
- CC Opinions of the advocate-general
- CO Orders of the Court of Justice

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