

## Hierarchy of norms in European Union law (after the Lisbon Treaty)

**Caption:** Hierarchy of legal norms in the European Union after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty on 1 December 2009.

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