

FAQs:[Easy Access Rules XML](#)**Question:**

When an amended version of a rule is published in the XML format, is there a way to determine what are the changes compared to a previous version?

Answer:

There are several ways to make a comparison. One is to simply - programmatically - compare the two XML files and extract the changes. In addition to that or as an alternative to this method, you can use the attribute `topic-metadata/@RegulatorySource`. When a topic which appears in one version of a publication is modified in a subsequent version, the value of its attribute `topic-metadata/@RegulatorySource` changes.

For example: The topic with the identifier `ERulesId="ERULES-1963177438-2548"` was present in one version of a rule with the value of the attribute

`topic-metadata/@RegulatorySource = "ED Decision 2014/012/R"`

If the topic's content is modified in the next version of the rule, then the attribute `topic-metadata/@RegulatorySource` will receive a new value corresponding to the decision that approved the change, for example `topic-metadata/@RegulatorySource = "ED Decision 2018/009/R"`

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