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Question:

What do 'enter into force' and 'applicability' mean in the Cover Regulation?

Answer:

Reference: Regulation (EU) No 2017/373

When Regulations are published in the Official Journal of the European Union they invariably include several dates. The **date of entry into force** is usually expressed as the 20th day following publication of the Regulation in the Official Journal of the European Union. It means that the EU rules have been adopted and published - thus producing legal effects - but are not necessarily mandatory on the date of entry into force. The date when they become mandatory is the **date of applicability**.

The *Regulation (EU) No 2017/373* entered into force on 21 March 2017 and the dates of applicability are specified in Article 10.

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