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**Question for written answer E-001833/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Statements of Reasons (SoRs) in the Digital Services Act (DSA)

Digital platforms are required to submit SoRs, pursuant to Article 17 of the DSA and in conjunction with Article 24 (5) of the DSA, to the DSA Transparency Database. The corresponding application programming interface (API) documentation ⁽¹⁾ provides, *inter alia*, the option 'DECISION_VISIBILITY_CONTENT_LABELLED' for reporting visibility restrictions.

Does the Commission believe that the application of content labelling triggers the obligation to issue an SoR to the affected recipient of the service and therefore expect platforms to also report these SoRs to the DSA Transparency Database? ⁽²⁾

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission
(30 June 2025)**

According to Article 17(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065, providers of hosting services are required to provide a clear and specific statement of reasons for any restrictions of the visibility of specific items of information provided by the recipient of the service.

Any content labelling that restricts visibility, including disabling access to content, or demoting content in ranking or in recommender systems, as well as any accessibility limitation by one or more recipients of the service falls within this category.

Pursuant to Article 24 (5) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065, the Commission has put in place the DSA Transparency Database, which is designed to include the decisions and the statements of reasons referred to in Article 17(1) of that regulation.

The database includes the option 'decision_visibility_content_labelled' for reporting visibility restrictions decisions.

This option can be reported together with other visibility restrictions, allowing providers of online platforms to detail in the statements of reasons the array of content visibility measures applied.

This database ensures transparency and scrutiny over the content moderation decisions of online platforms.

¹ <https://transparency.dsa.ec.europa.eu/page/api-documentation>.

² See Müller-Terpitz/Köhler/Barudi, 1st edition 2024, DSA Article 17, marginal no 17.