

EU's Digital Services Act

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In news– The European Union has proposed stricter norms under Digital Services Act for social media platforms and tech giants with over 45 million active users

Key rules-

- **The move is aimed at curbing disinformation and will be applicable on companies like Facebook, Twitter, Google, Tinder, etc.**
- Under the DSA, they will be categorised as a “Very Large Online Platform” (VLOP) or a “Very Large Online Search Engine” (VLOSE).
- The DSA aims to **force platforms to better protect children, strengthen transparency around digital services, prohibit the sale online of unsafe goods** and allow users to have greater choice when online in the EU.
- The new law imposed **measures such as annual audits** and a duty to effectively counter disinformation and hate content from August.
- **Companies that fail to follow the strict rules can be fined 6% of global turnover.**

Note:

The DSA is one of two major laws the EU passed in 2022 to rein in digital platforms to protect EU users. The second law is the Digital Markets Act which prohibits anti-competitive behaviour by so-called “gatekeepers” of the internet.