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II

(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/948

of 25 June 2018

on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 77(2) and point (a) of Article 218(6) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2018/398 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020 ('the Agreement') was signed on 2 March 2018, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application. Given that this Decision builds upon the Schengen *acquis*, Denmark shall, in accordance with Article 4 of that Protocol, decide within a period of six months after the Council has decided on this Decision whether it will implement it in its national law.
- (3) This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which the United Kingdom does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2000/365/EC ⁽³⁾; the United Kingdom is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (4) This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC ⁽⁴⁾; Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 13 March 2018 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2018/398 of 12 June 2017 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020 (OJ L 72, 15.3.2018, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision 2000/365/EC of 29 May 2000 concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 131, 1.6.2000, p. 43).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20).

- (5) In order to allow for the prompt application of the measures provided for in the Agreement and not delay the approval and implementation of the national programme, the Decision should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and Iceland on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020 is approved on behalf of the Union ⁽¹⁾.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 19(2) of the Agreement, in order to express the consent of the Union to be bound by the Agreement ⁽²⁾.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Luxembourg, 25 June 2018.

For the Council
The President
N. DIMOV

⁽¹⁾ The Agreement has been published in OJ L 72 of 15.3.2018 together with the decision on signature.

⁽²⁾ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/949

of 3 July 2018

amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 33(2) and (3) and Article 38(d) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex III to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 ⁽²⁾ sets out the list of third countries whose systems of production and control measures for organic production of agricultural products are recognised as equivalent to those laid down in Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.
- (2) In accordance with the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products, approved by Council Decision (EU) 2017/2307 ⁽³⁾, the Union and Chile accept the import into their territory, and the placing on the market as organic products, of the products listed in an Annex to that Agreement, provided that those products comply with each other's laws and regulations. Annex I to that Agreement covers organic products from Chile for which the Union recognises equivalence. For the sake of clarity, Chile should be included in the list in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008.
- (3) According to information provided by Costa Rica, its competent authority has added one new control body, namely 'Primus Auditing Operations de Costa Rica S.A' to the list of control bodies recognised by Costa Rica.
- (4) According to information provided by Switzerland, the names of the control bodies 'Institut für Marktökologie (IMO)' and 'ProCert Safety AG' have been changed to 'IMOSwiss AG' and 'ProCert AG' respectively.
- (5) According to information provided by Tunisia, the name of its competent authority has changed. In addition, Tunisia has informed the Commission that its competent authority has added one control body, namely 'CERES GmbH', to the list of control bodies recognised by Tunisia and that the name of the control body 'Ecocert SA en Tunisie' has changed to 'Ecocert SA'. The recognition of the control body 'Suolo e Salute' has been withdrawn. Finally, the control bodies 'Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie GmbH' and 'Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle (INNORPI)' have been assigned new code numbers.
- (6) According to information provided by South Korea, new internet addresses have been provided for 'OCK' and 'Neo environmentally-friendly'. The recognition of the control body 'Ecocert' has been withdrawn. Finally, the South Korean competent authority has recognised four more control bodies which should be added to the list in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008: 'Ecolivestock Association', 'Association for Agricultural Products Quality Evaluation', 'University Industry Liaison office of CNU' and 'Eco Agriculture Institute Inc.'
- (7) Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 sets out the list of control authorities and control bodies competent to carry out controls and issue certificates in third countries for the purpose of equivalence.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 of 8 December 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries (OJ L 334, 12.12.2008, p. 25).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2017/2307 of 9 October 2017 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products (OJ L 331, 14.12.2017, p. 1).

- (8) The Commission has received and examined a request from 'Agreco R.F. Göderz GmbH' to amend its specifications. Based on the information received, the Commission has concluded that it is justified to recognise 'Agreco R.F. Göderz GmbH' for product category B in respect of all the third countries for which it had been recognised for other product categories and to extend the geographical scope of its recognition for product category D to Cape Verde, Fiji, Iran, Cambodia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Solomon Islands, El Salvador, Tonga and Samoa, and for product category A in respect of Mexico and Uruguay.
- (9) The Commission has received and examined a request from 'Bioagricert S.r.l.' to amend its specifications. Based on the information received, the Commission has concluded that it is justified to recognise 'Bioagricert S.r.l.' for product category D in respect of Indonesia.
- (10) The Commission has received and examined a request from 'Biocert International Pvt Ltd' to be included in the list in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008. Based on the information received, the Commission has concluded that it is justified to recognise 'Biocert International Pvt Ltd' for product categories D and E in respect of India and for product categories A and D in respect of Sri Lanka.
- (11) The Commission has received and examined a request from 'Ecocert SA' to amend its specifications. Based on the information received, the Commission has concluded that it is justified to extend the geographical scope of its recognition for product categories A and D to New Caledonia, for product category B to Armenia and for product category E to Togo.
- (12) 'Ecoglobe' has notified the Commission of the change of its address and internet address.
- (13) The Commission has received and examined a request from 'Ekoagros' to amend its specifications. Based on the information received, the Commission has concluded that it is justified to extend the recognition for Russia to product categories B and D.
- (14) 'NASAA Certified Organic Pty Ltd' has notified the Commission of the change of its internet address.
- (15) The Commission has received and examined a request from 'OneCert International PVT Ltd' to amend its specifications. Based on the information received, the Commission has concluded that it is justified to extend the geographical scope of its recognition for product categories A and D to Benin, Indonesia, Nigeria, the Philippines and Togo.
- (16) 'Organic Certifiers' has informed the Commission that it has ceased its certification activities in all third countries for which it was recognised. It should therefore no longer be listed in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008.
- (17) 'ORSER' has notified the Commission of the change of its address.
- (18) The Commission has received and examined a request from 'Q-check' to be included in the list in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008. Based on the information received, the Commission has concluded that it is justified to recognise 'Q-check' for product categories A and D in respect of Albania, Egypt, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.
- (19) 'Quality Partner' has informed the Commission that it has ceased its certification activities in Indonesia, the only third country for which it was recognised. It should therefore no longer be listed in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008.
- (20) 'Soil Association Certification Limited' has informed the Commission that it will cease its certification activities in Egypt and Iran. As a consequence, those countries should no longer be listed in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008.
- (21) The Commission has received and examined a request from 'Valsts SIA "Sertifikācijas un testēšanas centrs"' to amend its specifications. Based on the information received, the Commission has concluded that it is justified to extend the geographical scope of its recognition for product category A to Belarus and for product categories A and B to Uzbekistan.
- (22) As a consequence of the inclusion of Chile in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008, the relevant control bodies recognised until now for the import of products from categories A, D or F from Chile should continue to be recognised in respect of Chile for those product categories, except for the products falling within the scope of the trade agreement.

- (23) Annexes III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (24) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on organic production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 is amended as follows:

- (1) Annex III is amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation;
- (2) Annex IV is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 July 2018.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNKER

ANNEX I

Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 is amended as follows:

(1) after the entry relating to **Canada**, the following new entry is inserted:

‘CHILE

1. Product categories:

Category of products or products	Designation of category as in Annex IV	Limitations
Unprocessed plant products	A	Only products listed in the Agreement
Honey		Only products listed in the Agreement
Processed plant products for use as food	D	Only products listed in the Agreement
Vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation	F	Only products listed in the Agreement

2. Origin: organically grown ingredients in products of categories A and D that have been grown in Chile or that have been imported into Chile:

— either from the Union,

— or from a third country in the framework of a regime that is recognised as equivalent by the Union in accordance with Article 33(2) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.

3. Production standards: Law 20.089, of 17 January 2006, that creates a national certification system for agricultural organic products.

4. Competent authority: Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero (SAG), Ministry of Agriculture. <http://www.sag.cl/ambitos-de-accion/certificacion-de-productos-organicos>

5. Control bodies:

Code number	Name	Internet address
CL-BIO-001	Ecocert Chile S.A.	www.ecocert.cl
CL-BIO-004	ARGENCERT (Instituto Argentino para la Certificación y Promoción de productos)	www.argencert.com.ar
CL-BIO-005	CERES — Certification of Environmental Standards GmbH	http://www.ceres-cert.com/
CL-BIO-010	BIO CERTIFICADORA SERVICIOS LIMITADA	www.bioaudita.cl

6. Certificate issuing bodies and authorities: as at point 5.

7. Duration of the inclusion: until 31 December 2020.’

(2) in the entry relating to **Costa Rica**, in point 5, the following row relating to code number CR-BIO-007 is added:

‘CR-BIO-007	Primus Auditing Operations de Costa Rica S.A	www.primusauditingops.com ’
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- (3) in the entry relating to **Switzerland**, in point 5, the rows relating to code numbers CH-BIO-004 and CH-BIO-038 are replaced by the following:

CH-BIO-004	IMOsuisse AG	www.imo.ch
CH-BIO-038	ProCert AG	https://www.procert.ch/

- (4) in the entry relating to **Tunisia**, points 4 and 5 are replaced by the following:

‘4. Competent authority: Ministère de l’Agriculture, des Ressources Hydrauliques et de la Pêche, www.agriculture.tn and www.onagri.tn.

5. Control bodies:

TN-BIO-001	Ecocert SA	www.ecocert.com
TN-BIO-007	Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle (INNORPI)	www.innorpi.tn
TN-BIO-008	CCPB Srl	www.ccpb.it
TN-BIO-009	CERES GmbH	www.ceres-cert.com
TN-BIO-010	Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie GmbH	www.kiwabcs.com

- (5) in the entry relating to Republic of **Korea**, point 5 is amended as follows:

- (a) the rows relating to KR-ORG-005, KR-ORG-019 are replaced by the following:

KR-ORG-005	OCK	http://www.greenock.co.kr/
KR-ORG-019	Neo environmentally-friendly	http://neofcc.modoo.at

- (b) KR-ORG-016 is deleted;

- (c) the following rows are added:

KR-ORG-025	Ecolivestock Association	http://www.ecolives.co.kr
KR-ORG-026	Association for Agricultural Products Quality Evaluation	http://apqe.co.kr
KR-ORG-027	University Industry Liaison office of CNU	http://sanhak.jnu.ac.kr/eng/
KR-ORG-029	Eco Agriculture Institute Inc.	http://blog.daum.net/ifea2011

ANNEX II

Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 is amended as follows:

- (1) in the entry relating to '**A CERT European Organization for Certification S.A.**', point 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. Exceptions: in-conversion products and products covered by Annex III.';
- (2) in the entry relating to '**Agreco R.F. Göderz GmbH**', point 3 is amended as follows:
 - (a) in the rows concerning Mexico and Uruguay, a cross is added in column A;
 - (b) in the rows concerning Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Bolivia, Cameroon, Colombia, Cuba, Cape Verde, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Cambodia, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Moldova, Montenegro, Madagascar, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mali, Mexico, Nigeria, Nicaragua, Nepal, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Paraguay, Serbia, Russia, Solomon Islands, Senegal, Suriname, El Salvador, Togo, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Tonga, Tuvalu, Tanzania, Ukraine, Uganda, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Samoa and South Africa, a cross is added in column B;
 - (c) in the rows concerning Cape Verde, Fiji, Iran, Cambodia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Solomon Islands, El Salvador, Tonga and Samoa a cross is added in column D;
- (3) in the entry relating to '**Bioagricert S.r.l.**', in point 3, in the row concerning Indonesia, a cross is added in column D;
- (4) after the entry relating to '**BIOcert Indonesia**', the following new entry is inserted:

"Biocert International Pvt Ltd"

1. Address: 701 Pukhraj Corporate, Opposite Navlakha Bus Stop, Indore, 452001, India
2. Internet address: <http://www.biocertinternational.com>
3. Code numbers, third countries and product categories concerned:

Code number	Third country	Category of products					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
IN-BIO-177	India	—	—	—	x	x	—
LK-BIO-177	Sri Lanka	x	—	—	x	—	—

4. Exceptions: in-conversion products
5. Duration of inclusion: until 30 June 2021';
- (5) in the entry relating to '**CERES Certification of Environmental Standards GmbH**', point 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. Exceptions: in-conversion products and products covered by Annex III.';
- (6) in the entry relating to '**Ecocert SA**', point 3 is amended as follows:
 - (a) the following row is inserted in the order of the code numbers:

'NC-BIO-154	New Caledonia	x	—	—	x	—	—'
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- (b) in the row concerning Armenia, a cross is added in column B;
- (c) in the row concerning Togo, a cross is added in column E;
- (7) in the entry relating to '**Ecoglobe**', points 1 and 2 are replaced by the following:
 - '1. Address: 80 Aram Street, 0002 Yerevan, Armenia
 2. Internet address: <http://www.ecoglobe.com>';

(8) in the entry relating to 'Ekoagros', in point 3, in the row relating to Russia, a cross is added in columns B and D;

(9) in the entry relating to '**IMOcert Latinoamérica Ltda**', point 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. Exceptions: in-conversion products and products covered by Annex III.:'

(10) in the entry relating to '**LACON GmbH**', point 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. Exceptions: in-conversion products and products covered by Annex III.:'

(11) in the entry relating to '**NASAA Certified Organic Pty Ltd**', point 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. Internet address: www.nasaacertifiedorganic.com.au;

(12) in the entry relating to '**OneCert International PVT Ltd**', in point 3, the following rows are inserted in the order of the code numbers:

BJ-BIO-152	Benin	x	—	—	x	—	—
ID-BIO-152	Indonesia	x	—	—	x	—	—
NG-BIO-152	Nigeria	x	—	—	x	—	—
PH-BIO-152	Philippines	x	—	—	x	—	—
TG-BIO-152	Togo	x	—	—	x	—	—'

(13) in the entry relating to '**Oregon Tilth**', point 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. Exceptions: in-conversion products and products covered by Annex III.:'

(14) the entry relating to the '**Organic Certifiers**' is deleted;

(15) in the entry relating to '**ORSER**', point 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. Address: Prof. Dr Ahmet Taner Kislali Mah.2842 Sok.No: 4, 06810 Cayyolu, Cankaya-Ankara-TURKEY';

(16) after the entry relating to '**Overseas Merchandising Inspection Co., Ltd**', the following new entry is inserted:

"Q-check"

1. Address: 9-17 Erithrou Stavrou str., Larissa, Greece

2. Internet address: <http://www.qcheck-cert.gr>

3. Code numbers, third countries and product categories concerned:

Code number	Third country	Category of products					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
AL-BIO-179	Albania	x	—	—	x	—	—
AE-BIO-179	United Arab Emirates	x	—	—	x	—	—
EG-BIO-179	Egypt	x	—	—	x	—	—
JO-BIO-179	Jordan	x	—	—	x	—	—
RKS-BIO-179	Kosovo	x	—	—	x	—	—
LB-BIO-179	Lebanon	x	—	—	x	—	—
PE-BIO-179	Peru	x	—	—	x	—	—

Code number	Third country	Category of products					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
TR-BIO-179	Turkey	x	—	—	x	—	—
SA-BIO-179	Saudi Arabia	x	—	—	x	—	—
RS-BIO-179	Serbia	x	—	—	x	—	—

4. Exceptions: in-conversion products

5. Duration of inclusion: until 30 June 2021;

(17) the entry relating to '**Quality Partner**' is deleted;

(18) in the entry relating to '**Soil Association Certification Limited**', in point 3, the rows relating to Egypt and Iran are deleted;

(19) in the entry relating to '**Valsts SIA "Sertifikācijas un testēšanas centrs"**', in point 3, the following rows are inserted in the order of the code numbers:

BY-BIO-173	Belarus	x	—	—	—	—	—
UZ-BIO-173	Uzbekistan	x	x	—	—	—	—'

DECISIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2018/950

of 3 July 2018

amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States

(notified under document C(2018) 4321)

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU ⁽⁴⁾ lays down animal health control measures in relation to African swine fever in certain Member States, where there have been confirmed cases of that disease in domestic or feral pigs (the Member States concerned). The Annex to that Implementing Decision demarcates and lists certain areas of the Member States concerned in Parts I to IV thereof, differentiated by the level of risk based on the epidemiological situation as regards that disease. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU has been amended several times to take account of changes in the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards African swine fever that need to be reflected in that Annex.
- (2) The risk of the spread of African swine fever in wildlife is linked to the natural slow spread of that disease among feral pig populations, and also the risks linked to human activity, as demonstrated by the recent epidemiological evolution of that disease in the Union, and as documented by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in the Scientific Opinion of the Panel on Animal Health and Welfare, published on 14 July 2015; in the Scientific Report of EFSA on Epidemiological analyses on African swine fever in the Baltic countries and Poland, published on 23 March 2017; and in the Scientific Report of EFSA on Epidemiological analyses of African swine fever in the Baltic States and Poland, published on 7 November 2017 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (3) In June 2018, one-hundred and thirty-nine outbreaks of African swine fever in domestic pigs were observed in the county of Tulcea in Romania. These outbreaks of African swine fever in domestic pigs constitute an increased level of risk which should be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. Accordingly, this area of Romania affected by African swine fever should be listed in Parts I and III of that Annex.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU of 9 October 2014 concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States and repealing Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU (OJ L 295, 11.10.2014, p. 63).

⁽⁵⁾ EFSA Journal 2015;13(7):4163; EFSA Journal 2017;15(3):4732; EFSA Journal 2017;15(11):5068.

- (4) In June 2018, some cases of African swine fever in wild boar were observed in the county of Satu Mare in Romania, already affected by the outbreak of African swine fever in domestic pigs. These outbreaks of African swine fever in wild boar constitute an increased level of risk which should be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. Accordingly, this area of Romania affected by African swine fever should be listed in Parts I, Part II and III of that Annex.
- (5) In June 2018, many outbreaks of African swine fever in domestic pigs were observed in the regions of Radviliskis, Lazdijai, Raseiniai, Jubarkas, Kediainiai, Mažeikiai and Joniškis in Lithuania. These outbreaks of African swine fever in domestic pigs, as well as recent cases in wild boar in the same areas of Lithuania constitute an increased level of risk which should be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. Accordingly, these areas of Lithuania affected by African swine fever should be listed in Part III of that Annex.
- (6) In June 2018, three outbreaks of African swine fever in domestic pigs were observed in the regions of Włodawsk, Bialski and Braniewski in Poland. These outbreaks of African swine fever in domestic pigs, as well as recent cases in wild boar in the same areas of Poland constitute an increased level of risk which should be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. Accordingly, these areas of Poland affected by African swine fever should be listed in Part III of that Annex.
- (7) In June 2018, one outbreak of African swine fever in domestic pigs was observed in the region of Jelgava in Latvia. This outbreak of African swine fever in domestic pigs, as well as recent cases in wild boar in the same area of Latvia constitutes an increased level of risk which should be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. Accordingly, this area of Latvia affected by African swine fever should be listed in Part III of that Annex.
- (8) In order to take account of recent developments in the epidemiological evolution of African swine fever in the Union, and in order to combat the risks associated with the spread of that disease in a proactive manner, new high-risk areas of a sufficient size should be demarcated for Romania, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland and duly listed in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. That Annex should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 July 2018.

For the Commission
Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX

PART I

1. The Czech Republic

The following areas in the Czech Republic:

- okres Uherské Hradiště,
- okres Kroměříž,
- okres Vsetín,
- katastrální území obcí v okrese Zlín:
 - Bělov,
 - Biskupice u Luhačovic,
 - Bohuslavice nad Vláří,
 - Brumov,
 - Bylnice,
 - Divnice,
 - Dobrkovice,
 - Dolní Lhota u Luhačovic,
 - Drnovice u Valašských Klobouk,
 - Halenkovice,
 - Haluzice,
 - Hrádek na Vlárské dráze,
 - Hřivínův Újezd,
 - Jestřabí nad Vláří,
 - Kaňovice u Luhačovic,
 - Kelníky,
 - Kladná-Žilín,
 - Kochavec,
 - Komárov u Napajedel,
 - Křekov,
 - Lipina,
 - Lipová u Slavičína,
 - Ludkovice,
 - Luhačovice,
 - Machová,
 - Mirošov u Valašských Klobouk,
 - Mysločovice,
 - Napajedla,
 - Návojná,
 - Nedašov,
 - Nedašova Lhota,
 - Nevšová,
 - Otrokovice,

- Petrůvka u Slavičina,
- Pohořelice u Napajedel,
- Polichno,
- Popov nad Vláří,
- Poteč,
- Pozlovice,
- Rokytnice u Slavičina,
- Rudimov,
- Řetečov,
- Sazovice,
- Sidonie,
- Slavičín,
- Smolina,
- Spytihněv,
- Svatý Štěpán,
- Šanov,
- Šarovy,
- Štítná nad Vláří,
- Tichov,
- Tlumačov na Moravě,
- Valašské Klobouky,
- Velký Ořechov,
- Vlachova Lhota,
- Vlachovice,
- Vrbětice,
- Žlutava.

2. Estonia

The following areas in Estonia:

- Hiiu maakond.

3. Hungary

The following areas in Hungary:

- Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén megye 650100, 650200, 650300, 650400, 650500, 650600, 650700, 650800, 651000, 651100, 651200, 652100, 652200, 652300, 652400, 652500, 652601, 652602, 652603, 652700, 652800, 652900 és 653403 kódszámúvalamint 656100, 656200, 656300, 656400, 656701, 657010, 657100, 657400, 657500, 657600, 657700, 657800, 657900, 658000, 658100, 658201, 658202, 658310, 658401, 658402, 658403, 658404, 658500, 658600, 658700, 658801, 658802, 658901, 658902, 659000, 659100, 659210, 659220, 659300, 659400, 659500, 659601, 659602, 659701, 659800, 659901, 660000, 660100, 660200, 660400, 660501, 660502, 660600 és 660800 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Hajdú-Bihar megye 900850, 900860, 900930, 900950 és 903350 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Heves megye 700150, 700250, 700260, 700350, 700450, 700460, 700550, 700650, 700750, 700850, 702350, 702450, 702550, 702750, 702850, 703350, 703360, 703450, 703550, 703610, 703750, 703850, 703950, 704050, 704150, 704250, 704350, 704450, 704550, 704650, 704750, 704850, 704950, 705050, 705250, 705350, 705510 és 705610 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok megye 750150, 750160, 750250, 750260, 750350, 750450, 750460, 750550, 750650, 750750, 750850, 750950 és 750960 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,

- Nógrád megye 550110, 550120, 550130, 550210, 550310, 550320, 550450, 550460, 550510, 550610, 550710, 550810, 550950, 551010, 551150, 551160, 551250, 551350, 551360, 551450, 551460, 551550, 551650, 551710, 551810, 551821, 552010, 552150, 552250, 552350, 552360, 552450, 552460, 552520, 552550, 552610, 552620, 552710, 552850, 552860, 552950, 552960, 552970, 553110, 553250, 553260 és 553350 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Pest megye 571250, 571350, 571550, 571610, 571750, 571760, 572350, 572550, 572850, 572950, 573360 és 573450 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg megye 850150, 850250, 850260, 850350, 850450, 850550, 850650, 850850, 851851, 851852, 851950, 852050, 852150, 852250, 852350, 852450, 852550, 852750, 853560, 853650, 853751, 853850, 853950, 853960, 854050, 854150, 854250, 854350, 855250, 855350, 855450, 855460, 855550, 855650, 855660, 855750, 855850, 855950, 855960, 856012, 856050, 856150, 856250, 856260, 856850, 856950, 857050, 857150, 857350, 857450 és 857550.

4. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

- Aizputes novads,
- Alsungas novads,
- Kuldīgas novada Gudenieku, Turlavas un Laidu pagasts,
- Pāvilostas novada Sakas pagasts un Pāvilostas pilsēta,
- Skrundas novada, Nikrāces un Rudbāržu pagasts un Skrundas pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz dienvidiem no autoceļa A9, Skrundas pilsēta,
- Stopiņu novada daļa, kas atrodas uz rietumiem no autoceļa V36, P4 un P5, Acones ielas, Daugulupes ielas un Daugulupītes,
- Vaiņodes novads,
- Ventspils novada Jūrkalnes pagasts.

5. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

- Jurbarko rajono savivaldybė: Eržvilko, Smalininkų ir Viešvilės seniūnijos,
- Kazlų Rūdos savivaldybė,
- Kelmės rajono savivaldybė: Kelmės, Kelmės apylinkių, Kražių, Kukečių, Liolių, Pakražančio, Šaukėnų seniūnijos, Tytuvėnų seniūnijos dalis į vakarus ir šiaurę nuo kelio Nr. 157 ir į vakarus nuo kelio Nr. 2105 ir Tytuvėnų apylinkių seniūnijos dalis į šiaurę nuo kelio Nr. 157 ir į vakarus nuo kelio Nr. 2105, Užvenčio ir Vaiguvo seniūnijos,
- Mažeikių rajono savivaldybė: Sedos, Šerkšnėnų ir Židikų seniūnijos,
- Pagėgių savivaldybė,
- Raseinių rajono savivaldybė: Girkalnio ir Kalnųjų seniūnijos dalis į šiaurę nuo kelio Nr. A1, Nemakščių, Paliepių, Raseinių, Raseinių miesto ir Viduklės seniūnijos,
- Šakių rajono savivaldybė,
- Tauragės rajono savivaldybė,
- Telšių rajono savivaldybė.

6. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

w województwie warmińsko-mazurskim:

- gmina Stare Juchy w powiecie ełckim,
- powiat gołdapski,
- powiat węgorzewski,
- gmina Ruciane – Nida i część gminy Pisz położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 58 oraz miasto Pisz w powiecie piskim,
- gminy Giżycko z miastem Giżycko, Kruklanki, Miłki, Wydminy i Ryn w powiecie giżyckim,
- gmina Mikołajki w powiecie mrągowskim,

- gminy Bisztynek i Sępólno w powiecie bartoszkim,
- gminy Barciany, Korsze i Srokowo w powiecie kętrzyńskim,
- gminy Lidzbark Warmiński z miastem Lidzbark Warmiński, Lubomino, Orneta i Kiwity w powiecie lidzbarskim,
- część gminy Wilczęta położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 509 w powiecie braniewskim,
- gminy Godkowo, Milejewo, Młynary, Pasłęk i Tolkmicko w powiecie elbląskim,
- powiat miejski Elbląg.

w województwie podlaskim:

- gminy Brańsk z miastem Brańsk, Rudka i Wyszki w powiecie bielskim,
- gmina Perlejewo w powiecie siemiatyckim,
- gminy Kolno z miastem Kolno, Mały Płock i Turośl w powiecie kolneńskim,
- gmina Poświętne w powiecie białostockim,
- gminy Kołaki Kościelne, Rutki, Szumowo, część gminy Zambrów położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr S8 i miasto Zambrów w powiecie zambrowskim,
- gminy Wiżajny i Przerośl w powiecie suwalskim,
- gminy Kulesze Kościelne, Nowe Piekuty, Szepietowo, Klukowo, Ciechanowiec, Wysokie Mazowieckie z miastem Wysokie Mazowieckie, Czyżew w powiecie wysokomazowieckim,
- gminy Miastkowo, Nowogród i Zbójna w powiecie łomżyńskim.

w województwie mazowieckim:

- gminy Cerańów, Kosów Lacki, Sabnie, Sterdyń, część gminy Bielany położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 63 i część gminy wiejskiej Sokołów Podlaski położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 63 w powiecie sokołowskim,
- gminy Grębków, Korytnica, Liw, Łochów, Miedzna, Sadowne, Stoczek, Wierzbno i miasto Węgrów w powiecie węgrowskim,
- gmina Kotuń w powiecie siedleckim,
- gminy Rzekuń, Troszyn, Lelis, Czerwin i Goworowo w powiecie ostrołęckim,
- powiat miejski Ostrołęka,
- powiat ostrowski,
- gminy Karniewo, Maków Mazowiecki, Rzewnie i Szelków w powiecie makowskim,
- gmina Krasne w powiecie przasnyskim,
- gminy Mała Wieś i Wyszogród w powiecie płockim,
- gminy Ciechanów z miastem Ciechanów, Gliniojeck, Gołym – Ośrodek, Ojrzeń, Opinogóra Górna i Sońsk w powiecie ciechanowskim,
- gminy Baboszewo, Czerwińsk nad Wisłą, Naruszewo, Płońsk z miastem Płońsk, Sochocin i Załuski w powiecie płońskim,
- gminy Gzy, Obryte, Zatory, Pułtusk i część gminy Winnica położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Wielany, Winnica i Pokrzywnica w powiecie pułtuskim,
- gminy Brańszczyk, Długosiodło, Rząśnik, Wyszów, Zabrodzie i część gminy Somianka położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 62 w powiecie wyszkowskim,
- gminy Jadów, Klembów, Poświętne, Strachówka i Tuszcz w powiecie wołomińskim,
- gminy Dobry, Jakubów, Mińsk Mazowiecki z miastem Mińsk Mazowiecki, Mrozy, Cegłów, Dęba Wielka, Halinów, Kałuszyn, Siennica i Stanisławów w powiecie mińskim,
- gminy Garwolin z miastem Garwolin, Górzno, Łaskarzew z miastem Łaskarzew, Maciejowice, Miastków Kościelny, Parysów, Pilawa, Sobolew, Trojanów, Wilga i Żelechów w powiecie garwolińskim,
- powiat kozienicki,
- gminy Baranów i Jaktorów w powiecie grodziskim,
- powiat żyrardowski,
- gminy Belsk Duży, Błędów, Goszczyn i Mogielnica w powiecie grójeckim,

- gminy Białobrzegi, Promna, Stromiec i Wyśmierzyce w powiecie białobrzeskim,
- gminy Iłów, Młodzieszyn, Nowa Sucha, Rybno, Sochaczew z miastem Sochaczew i Teresin w powiecie sochaczewskim,
- gmina Policzna w powiecie zwoleńskim.

w województwie lubelskim:

- gminy Niemce, Garbów, Jastków, Konopnica, Wólka, Głusk w powiecie lubelskim,
- gminy Łączna, Spiczyn, część gminy Ludwin położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Puchaczów i Dratów, a następnie przez drogę nr 820 do północnej granicy gminy w powiecie łęczyńskim,
- gminy Grabowiec, Miączyn, Sitno, Skierbieszów, Stary Zamość, Komarów-Osada w powiecie zamojskim,
- gminy Trzeszczany, Werbkowice, Mircze, część gminy wiejskiej Hrubieszów położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 74 i na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 844 i miasto Hrubieszów w powiecie hrubieszowskim,
- gminy Abramów, Kamionka, Lubartów z miastem Lubartów, Serniki i część gminy Ostrów Lubelski położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę 821 biegnącą od zachodniej granicy gminy do miejscowości Ostrów Lubelski, a następnie przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Ostrów Lubelski, Głębokie i Stary Uścimów do wschodniej granicy gminy w powiecie lubartowskim,
- gminy Kłoczew, Ryki, Dęblin i Stężyca w powiecie ryckim,
- gminy Puławy z miastem Puławy, Janowiec, Kazimierz Dolny, Końskowola, Kurów, Wąwolnica, Nałęczów, Markuszów, Żyrzyn w powiecie puławskim,
- gminy Mełgiew, Rybczewice, miasto Świdnik i część gminy Piaski położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 17 biegnącą od wschodniej granicy gminy Piaski do skrzyżowania z drogą nr S12 i na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę biegnącą od skrzyżowania dróg nr 17 i nr S12 przez miejscowość Majdan Brzeziński do północnej granicy gminy w powiecie świdnickim;
- gminy Kraśniczyn, Gorzków, Krasnystaw z miastem Krasnystaw, Izbica, Siennica Różana, Żółkiewka, część gminy Fajslawice położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 17 i część gminy Łopiennik Górny położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 17 w powiecie krasnostawskim,
- gmina Tyszowce w powiecie tomaszowskim,
- powiat miejski Lublin.

7. Romania

The following areas in Romania:

- Bihor county,
- Cluj county,
- Maramureş county,
- Galaţi county,
- Vrancea county,
- Brăila county,
- Buzău county,
- Ialomiţa county,
- Călăraşi county,
- Constanţa county.

PART II

1. The Czech Republic

The following areas in the Czech Republic:

- katastrální území obcí v okrese Zlín:
 - Bohuslavice u Zlína,
 - Bratřejov u Vizovic,
 - Březnice u Zlína,

- Březová u Zlína,
- Březůvky,
- Dešná u Zlína,
- Dolní Ves,
- Doubravy,
- Držková,
- Fryšták,
- Horní Lhota u Luhačovic,
- Horní Ves u Fryštáku,
- Hostišová,
- Hrobice na Moravě,
- Hvozdná,
- Chrástěšov,
- Jaroslavice u Zlína,
- Jasenná na Moravě,
- Karlovice u Zlína,
- Kašava,
- Klečůvka,
- Kostelec u Zlína,
- Kudlov,
- Kvítkovice u Otrokovic,
- Lhota u Zlína,
- Lhotka u Zlína,
- Lhotsko,
- Lípa nad Dřevnicí,
- Loučka I,
- Loučka II,
- Louky nad Dřevnicí,
- Lukov u Zlína,
- Lukoveček,
- Lutonina,
- Lužkovice,
- Malenovice u Zlína,
- Mladcová,
- Neubuz,
- Oldřichovice u Napajedel,
- Ostrata,
- Podhradí u Luhačovic,
- Podkopná Lhota,
- Provodov na Moravě,
- Prštné,
- Příluky u Zlína,
- Racková,
- Raková,
- Salaš u Zlína,

- Sehradice,
- Slopné,
- Slušovice,
- Štípa,
- Tečovice,
- Trnava u Zlína,
- Ublo,
- Újezd u Valašských Klobouk,
- Velíková,
- Veselá u Zlína,
- Vítová,
- Vizovice,
- Vlčková,
- Všemina,
- Vysoké Pole,
- Zádveřice,
- Zlín,
- Želechovice nad Dřevnicí.

2. Estonia

The following areas in Estonia:

- Eesti Vabariik (välja arvatud Hiiu maakond).

3. Hungary

The following areas in Hungary:

- Heves megye 700860, 700950, 701050, 701111, 701150, 701250, 701350, 701550, 701560, 701650, 701750, 701850, 701950, 702050, 702150, 702250, 702260, 702950, 703050, 703150, 703250, 703370, 705150 és 705450 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg megye 850950, 851050, 851150, 851250, 851350, 851450, 851550, 851560, 851650, 851660, 851751, 851752, 852850, 852860, 852950, 852960, 853050, 853150, 853160, 853250, 853260, 853350, 853360, 853450, 853550, 854450, 854550, 854560, 854650, 854660, 854750, 854850, 854860, 854870, 854950, 855050, 855150, 856350, 856360, 856450, 856550, 856650, 856750, 856760 és 857650 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe.

4. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

- Ādažu novads,
- Aglonas novads,
- Aizkraukles novads,
- Aknīstes novads,
- Alojas novads,
- Alūksnes novads,
- Amatas novads,
- Apes novads,
- Auces novads,
- Babītes novads,
- Baldones novads,
- Baltnavas novads,
- Balvu novads,

- Bauskas novads,
- Beverīnas novads,
- Brocēnu novads,
- Burtnieku novads,
- Carnikavas novads,
- Cēsu novads,
- Cesvaines novads,
- Ciblas novads,
- Dagdas novads,
- Daugavpils novads,
- Dobeles novads,
- Dundagas novads,
- Engures novads,
- Ērgļu novads,
- Garkalnes novads,
- Gulbenes novads,
- Iecavas novads,
- Ikšķiles novads,
- Ilūkstes novads,
- Inčukalna novads,
- Jaunjelgavas novads,
- Jaunpiebalgas novads,
- Jaunpils novads,
- Jēkabpils novads,
- Jelgavas novada, Glūdas, Svētes, Zaļenieku, Vilces, Lielplatones, Elejas, Sesavas, Platones un Vircavas pagasts,
- Kandavas novads,
- Kārsavas novads,
- Ķeguma novads,
- Ķekavas novads,
- Kocēnu novads,
- Kokneses novads,
- Krāslavas novads,
- Krimuldas novads,
- Krustpils novads,
- Kuldīgas novada Ēdoles, Īvandes, Kurmāles, Padures, Pelču, Rumbas, Rendas, Kabiles, Snēpeles un Vārmes pagasts, Kuldīgas pilsēta,
- Lielvārdes novads,
- Līgatnes novads,
- Limbažu novads,
- Līvānu novads,
- Lubānas novads,
- Ludzas novads,
- Madonas novads,
- Mālpils novads,
- Mārupes novads,
- Mazsalacas novads,

- Mērsraga novads,
- Naukšēnu novads,
- Neretas novads,
- Ogres novads,
- Olaines novads,
- Ozolnieku novada Ozolnieku un Cenu pagasts,
- Pārgaujas novads,
- Pļaviņu novads,
- Preiļu novads,
- Priekule novads,
- Raunas novads,
- republikas pilsēta Daugavpils,
- republikas pilsēta Jelgava,
- republikas pilsēta Jēkabpils,
- republikas pilsēta Jūrmala,
- republikas pilsēta Rēzekne,
- republikas pilsēta Valmiera,
- Rēzeknes novads,
- Riebiņu novads,
- Rojas novads,
- Ropažu novads,
- Rugāju novads,
- Rundāles novads,
- Rūjienas novads,
- Salacgrīvas novads,
- Salas novads,
- Salaspils novads,
- Saldus novada Jaunlutriņu, Lutriņu, Šķēdes, Nīgrandes, Saldus, Jaunauces, Rubas, Vadakstes, Zaņas, Ezeres, Pampāļu un Zirņu pagasts un Saldus pilsēta,
- Saulkrastu novads,
- Sējas novads,
- Siguldas novads,
- Skrīveru novads,
- Skrundas novada Raņķu pagasts un Skrundas pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz Ziemeļiem no autoceļa A9
- Smiltenes novads,
- Stopiņu novada daļa, kas atrodas uz austrumiem no autoceļa V36, P4 un P5, Acones ielas, Dauguļupes ielas un Dauguļupītes,
- Strenču novads,
- Talsu novads,
- Tērvetes novads,
- Tukuma novads,
- Valkas novads,
- Varakļānu novads,
- Vārkavas novads,
- Vecpiebalgas novads,

- Vecumnieku novads,
- Ventspils novada Ances, Tārgales, Popes, Vārves, Užavas, Piltenes, Puzes, Ziru, Ugāles, Usmas un Zlēku pagasts, Piltenes pilsēta,
- Viesītes novads,
- Viļakas novads,
- Viļānu novads,
- Zilupes novads.

5. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

- Akmenės rajono savivaldybė: Naujosios Akmenės kaimiškoji, Kruopių, Naujosios Akmenės miesto, Papilės seniūnijos,
- Alytaus miesto savivaldybė,
- Alytaus rajono savivaldybė: Alytaus, Krokialaukio, Miroslavo, Nemunaičio, Punios ir Simno seniūnijos,
- Anykščių rajono savivaldybė,
- Birštono savivaldybė,
- Biržų miesto savivaldybė,
- Biržų rajono savivaldybė,
- Druskininkų savivaldybė,
- Elektrėnų savivaldybė,
- Ignalinos rajono savivaldybė,
- Jonavos rajono savivaldybė,
- Jurbarko rajono savivaldybė: Jurbarko miesto, Jurbarkų, seniūnijos,
- Kaišiadorių miesto savivaldybė,
- Kaišiadorių rajono savivaldybė,
- Kalvarijos savivaldybė,
- Kauno miesto savivaldybė,
- Kauno rajono savivaldybė: Akademijos, Alšėnų, Babtų, Batniavos, Domeikavos, Ežerėlio, Garliavos, Garliavos apylinkių, Kačerginės, Karmėlavos, Kulautuvos, Lapių, Linksmakalnio, Neveronių, Raudondvario, Ringaudų, Rokų, Samylų, Taurakiemio, Užliedžių, Vandžiogalos ir Zapyškio seniūnijos,
- Kėdainių rajono savivaldybė: Gudžiūnų, Surviliškio, Šėtos, Truskavos ir Vilainių seniūnijos,
- Kupiškio rajono savivaldybė,
- Marijampolės savivaldybė,
- Molėtų rajono savivaldybė,
- Pakruojo rajono savivaldybė: Klovainių seniūnija, Linkuvos seniūnijos dalis į rytus nuo kelio Nr. 151 ir kelio Nr. 211, ir Rozalimo seniūnija,
- Panevėžio rajono savivaldybė,
- Pasvalio rajono savivaldybė,
- Radviliškio rajono savivaldybė: Aukštelkų, Baisogalos, Pakalniškių, Radviliškio, Radviliškio miesto, Sidabravo, Skėmių, Šeduvos miesto ir Tyrulių seniūnijos,
- Prienų miesto savivaldybė,
- Prienų rajono savivaldybė,
- Rokiškio rajono savivaldybė,
- Šalčininkų rajono savivaldybė,
- Šiaulių miesto savivaldybė,
- Šiaulių rajono savivaldybė,
- Širvintų rajono savivaldybė,
- Švenčionių rajono savivaldybė,

- Ukmergės rajono savivaldybė,
- Utenos rajono savivaldybė,
- Vilniaus miesto savivaldybė,
- Vilniaus rajono savivaldybė,
- Vilkaviškio rajono savivaldybė,
- Visagino savivaldybė,
- Zarasų rajono savivaldybė.

6. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

w województwie warmińsko-mazurskim:

- gminy Kalinowo, Prostki i gmina wiejska Elk w powiecie elckim,
- powiat olecki,
- gminy Orzysz, Biała Piska i część gminy Pisz położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 58 w powiecie piskim,
- gminy Górowo Iławeckie z miastem Górowo Iławeckie, Bartoszyce z miastem Bartoszyce w powiecie bartoszyckim,
- gmina Frombork, część gminy wiejskiej Braniewo położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr E28 i S22 i miasto Braniewo, część gminy Wilczęta położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę 509 w powiecie braniewskim.

w województwie podlaskim:

- powiat grajewski,
- gminy Jasionówka, Jaświły, Knyszyn, Krypno, Mońki i Trzcianne w powiecie monieckim,
- gminy Łomża, Piątnica, Śniadowo, Jedwabne, Przytuły i Wizna w powiecie łomżyńskim,
- powiat miejski Łomża,
- gminy, Grodzisk, Drohiczyn, Dziadkowice, Milejczyce i Siemiatycze z miastem Siemiatycze w powiecie siemiatyckim,
- gminy Białowieża, Czeremcha, Narew, Narewka, część gminy Dubicze Cerkiewne położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 685, część gminy Kleszczele położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogi nr 685, a następnie nr 66 i nr 693, część gminy Hajnówka położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 689 i na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 685 i miasto Hajnówka w powiecie hajnowskim,
- gminy Kobylin-Borzymy i Sokoły w powiecie wysokomazowieckim,
- część gminy Zambrów położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr S8 w powiecie zambrowskim,
- gminy Grabowo i Stawiski w powiecie kolneńskim,
- gminy Czarna Białostocka, Dobrzyniewo Duże, Gródek, Juchnowiec Kościelny, Łapy, Michałowo, Supraśl, Suraż, Turośń Kościelna, Tykocin, Wasilków, Zabłudów, Zawady i Choroszcz w powiecie białostockim,
- gmina Boćki i część gminy Bielsk Podlaski położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 19 i miasto Bielsk Podlaski w powiecie bielskim,
- gmina Puńsk, część gminy Krasnopol położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 653, część gminy Sejny położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 653 i na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 663 i miasto Sejny w powiecie sejneńskim,
- gminy Bakalarzewo, Filipów, Jeleniewo, Raczki, Rutka-Tartak, Suwałki i Szypliszki w powiecie suwalskim,
- powiat miejski Suwałki,
- powiat augustowski,
- gminy Korycin, Krynki, Kuźnica, Sokółka, Szudziałowo, część gminy Nowy Dwór położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 670, część gminy Janów położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 671 biegnącą od wschodniej granicy gminy do miejscowości Janów i na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Janów, Trofimówka i Kizielany i część gminy Suchowola położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 8 biegnącą od północnej granicy gminy do miejscowości Suchowola, a następnie przedłużonej drogą łączącą miejscowości Suchowola i Dubasiewszczyzna biegnącą do południowo-wschodniej granicy gminy w powiecie sokólskim,
- powiat miejski Białystok.

w województwie mazowieckim:

- gminy Przesmyki, Suchożebry, Mokobody, Mordy, Wodynie, część gminy Siedlce położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 2 biegnącą od zachodniej granicy gminy do granicy powiatu miejskiego Siedlce i następnie na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 698 do przecięcia z ulicą Majową w miejscowości Stok Lacki Folwark, ulicę Majową i ulicę Pałacową przez miejscowość Grubale do granicy gminy i część gminy Zbuczyn położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę biegnącą od północno-wschodniej do południowej granicy gminy i łączącą miejscowości Tarcze, Choja, Zbuczyn, Grodzisk, Dziewule i Smolanka w powiecie siedleckim, gminy Repki, Jabłonna Lacka, część gminy Bielany położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 63 i część gminy wiejskiej Sokołów Podlaski położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 63 w powiecie sokołowskim,
- powiat łosicki,
- gmina Brochów w powiecie sochaczewskim,
- gminy Czosnów, Leoncin, Pomiechówek, Zakroczym i miasto Nowy Dwór Mazowiecki w powiecie nowodworskim,
- gmina Joniec w powiecie płońskim,
- gmina Pokrzywnica w powiecie pułuskim,
- gminy Dąbrówka, Kobyłka, Marki, Radzymin, Wołomin, Zielonka i Żąbki w powiecie wołomińskim,
- część gminy Somianka położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 62 w powiecie wyszkowskim,
- gminy Latowicz i Sulejówek w powiecie mińskim,
- gmina Borowie w powiecie garwolińskim,
- powiat warszawski zachodni,
- powiat legionowski,
- powiat otwocki,
- powiat piaseczyński,
- powiat pruszkowski,
- gmina Chynów, Grójec, Jasieniec, Pniewy i Warka w powiecie grójeckim,
- gminy Milanówek, Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Podkowa Leśna i Żabia Wola w powiecie grodziskim,
- powiat miejski Siedlce,
- powiat miejski Warszawa.

w województwie lubelskim:

- powiat radzyński,
- gminy Krzywda, Stanin, Stoczek Łukowski z miastem Stoczek Łukowski, Wojcieszków, Wola Mysłowska, Trzebieszów, miasto Łuków i część gminy wiejskiej Łuków położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę biegnącą od północnej granicy gminy przez miejscowość Wólka Świątkowa do północnej granicy miasta Łuków, a następnie na wschód i południe od linii stanowiącej granicę miasta Łuków do jej przecięcia się z drogą nr 76 i na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 76 biegnącą do zachodniej granicy gminy wiejskiej Łuków w powiecie łukowskim,
- gmina Wiryki, część gminy Urszulin położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 82, część gminy Stary Brus położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 82 i część gminy wiejskiej Włodawa położona na północ od granicy miasta Włodawa w powiecie włodawskim,
- gminy Rossosz, Łomazy, Konstantynów, Piszczac, Rokitno, Biała Podlaska, Zalesie, Terespol z miastem Terespol, Drelów, Międzyrzec Podlaski z miastem Międzyrzec Podlaski w powiecie białskim,
- powiat miejski Biała Podlaska,
- część gminy Sosnowica położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 819, a następnie drogę nr 820 biegnącą od północnej granicy gminy do miejscowości Nowy Orzechów i na południe od drogi biegnącej z miejscowości Nowy Orzechów w kierunku zachodnim do granicy gminy, część gminy Siemień położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 815 i część gminy Milanów położona na zachód od drogi nr 813 w powiecie parczewskim,
- gminy Niedźwiada, Ostrówek, część gminy Firlej położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 19 i część gminy Uścimów położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę biegnącą od zachodniej granicy gminy łączącą miejscowości Głębokie i Stary Uścimów i dalej w kierunku wschodnim do granicy gminy w powiecie lubartowskim,

- gmina Trawniki i część gminy Piaski położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 17 biegnącą od wschodniej granicy gminy Piaski do skrzyżowania z drogą nr S12 i na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę biegnącą od skrzyżowania dróg nr 17 i nr S12 przez miejscowość Majdan Brzezicki do północnej granicy gminy w powiecie świdnickim;
- część gminy Fajslawice położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 17 i część gminy Łopiennik Górny położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 17 w powiecie krasnostawskim,
- gminy Milejów, Puchaczów, część gminy Ludwin położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Puchaczów i Dratów, a następnie przez drogę nr 820 do północnej granicy gminy i część gminy Cyców położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 82 i na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 841 biegnącą od wschodniej granicy gminy do skrzyżowania z drogą nr 82 w miejscowości Wólka Cycowska w powiecie łączyńskim,
- gminy Uchanie, Horodło i część gminy wiejskiej Hrubieszów położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 74 i na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 844 w powiecie hrubieszowskim,
- gminy Białopole, Dubienka, Leśniowice, Wojsławice, Żmudź, Siedliszcze, Rejowiec, Rejowiec Fabryczny z miastem Rejowiec Fabryczny i część gminy wiejskiej Chełm położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 812 biegnącą od zachodniej granicy tej gminy do granicy powiatu miejskiego Chełm, a następnie południową granicę powiatu miejskiego Chełm do wschodniej granicy gminy w powiecie chełmskim.

7. Romania

The following areas in Romania:

- Sălaj county.

PART III

1. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

- Jelgavas novads Jaunsvirlaukas, Valgundes, Kalnciema, Līv bērzes, pagasts,
- Ozolnieku novads Salgaļes pagasts,
- Saldus novads Novadnieku, Kursiņu un Zvārdes pagasts.

2. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

- Akmenės rajono savivaldybė: Akmenės ir Ventos seniūnijos,
- Alytaus rajono savivaldybė: Alovės, Butrimonių, Daugų, Pivašiūnų ir Raitininkų seniūnijos,
- Jurbarko rajono savivaldybė: Girdžių, Juodaičių, Raudonės, Seredžiaus, Skirsnemunės, Šimkaičių ir Veliuonos seniūnijos,
- Joniškio rajono savivaldybė
- Kauno rajono savivaldybė: Babtų, Čekiškės, Vilkijos ir Vilkijos apylinkių seniūnijos,
- Kėdainių rajono savivaldybė: Dotnuvos, Josvainių, Kėdainių miesto, Krakių, Pelėdnagių ir Pernaravos seniūnijos,
- Kelmės rajono savivaldybė: Tytuvėnų seniūnijos dalis į rytus ir pietus nuo kelio Nr. 157 ir į rytus nuo kelio Nr. 2105 ir Tytuvėnų apylinkių seniūnijos dalis į pietus nuo kelio Nr. 157 ir į rytus nuo kelio Nr. 2105,
- Lazdijų rajono savivaldybė,
- Mažeikių rajono savivaldybės: Laižuvos, Mažeikių apylinkės, Mažeikių, Reivyčių, Tirkšlių ir Viekšnių seniūnijos,
- Pakruojo rajono savivaldybė: Guostagalio seniūnija, Linkuvos seniūnijos dalis į vakarus nuo kelio Nr. 151 ir kelio Nr. 211, Lygumų, Pakruojo, Pašvitinio ir Žeimelio seniūnijos,
- Radviliškio rajono savivaldybė: Grinkiškio, Šaukoto ir Šiaulėnų seniūnijos,
- Raseinių rajono savivaldybė: Ariogalos, Betygalos, Pagojukų Šiluvos, Kalnų seniūnijos ir Girkalnio seniūnijos dalis į pietus nuo kelio Nr. A1,
- Trakų rajono savivaldybė,
- Varėnos rajono savivaldybė.

3. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

w województwie warmińsko-mazurskim:

- gminy Lelkowo, Pieniężno, Płoskinia i część gminy wiejskiej Braniewo położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr E28 i S22 w powiecie braniewskim

w województwie podlaskim:

- gminy Dąbrowa Białostocka, Sidra, część gminy Nowy Dwór położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 670, część gminy Janów położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 671 biegnącą od wschodniej granicy gminy do miejscowości Janów i na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Janów, Trofimówka i Kizielany i część gminy Suchowola położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 8 biegnącą od północnej granicy gminy do miejscowości Suchowola, a następnie przedłużonej drogą łączącą miejscowości Suchowola i Dubasiewszczyzna biegnącą do południowo-wschodniej granicy gminy w powiecie sokólskim,
- gmina Giby, część gminy Krasnopol położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 653 i część gminy Sejny położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 653 oraz południowo - zachodnią granicę miasta Sejny i na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 663 w powiecie sejneńskim,
- gmina Orla, część gminy Bielsk Podlaski położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 19 w powiecie bielskim,
- gminy Czyże, część gminy Dubicze Cerkiewne położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 685, część gminy Kleszczewo położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogi nr 685, a następnie nr 66 i nr 693 i część gminy Hajnówka położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 689 i na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 685 w powiecie hajnowskim,
- gmina Goniądz w powiecie monieckim
- gminy Mielnik i Nurzec-Stacja w powiecie siemiatyckim.

w województwie mazowieckim:

- gmina Nasielsk w powiecie nowodworskim,
- gmina Świercze i część gminy Winnica położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Bielany, Winnica i Pokrzywnica w powiecie pułuskim,
- gmina Nowe Miasto w powiecie płońskim,
- gminy Domanice, Korczew, Paprotnia, Skórzec, Wiśniew, część gminy Siedlce położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 2 biegnącą od zachodniej granicy gminy do granicy powiatu miejskiego Siedlce i następnie na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 698 do przecięcia z ulicą Majową w miejscowości Stok Lacki Folwark, ulicę Majową i ulicę Pałacową przez miejscowość Grubale do granicy gminy i część gminy Zbuczyn położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę biegnącą od północno-wschodniej do południowej granicy gminy i łączącą miejscowości: Tarcze, Choja, Zbuczyn, Grodzisk, Dziewule i Smolanka w powiecie siedleckim,
- powiat miejski Siedlce,

w województwie lubelskim:

- gminy Wierzbica, Sawin, Ruda Huta, Dorohusk, Kamień i część gminy wiejskiej Chełm położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 812 biegnącą od zachodniej granicy tej gminy do granicy powiatu miejskiego Chełm, a następnie północną granicę powiatu miejskiego Chełm do wschodniej granicy gminy w powiecie chełmskim,
- powiat miejski Chełm,
- gminy Hanna, Hańsk, Wola Uhruska, część gminy Urszulín położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 82, część gminy Stary Brus położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 82 i część gminy wiejskiej Włodawa położona na południe od granicy miasta Włodawa w powiecie włodawskim,
- część gminy Cyców położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 82 i na północ od drogi nr 841 w powiecie łęczyńskim,
- gminy Jabłoń, Podedwórze, Dębowa Kłoda, Parczew, część gminy Sosnowica położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 819, a następnie drogę nr 820 biegnącą od północnej granicy gminy do miejscowości Nowy Orzechów i na północ od drogi biegnącej z miejscowości Nowy Orzechów w kierunku zachodnim do granicy gminy, część gminy Siemień położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 815 i część gminy Milanów położona na wschód od drogi nr 813 w powiecie parczewskim,

- gminy Janów Podlaski, Leśna Podlaska, Kodeń, Sławatycze, Sosnówka, Tucznia i Wisznice w powiecie białskim,
- gminy Jeziorzany, Michów, Kock, część gminy Firlej położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 19, część gminy Ostrów Lubelski położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę 821 biegnącą od zachodniej granicy gminy do miejscowości Ostrów Lubelski, a następnie przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Ostrów Lubelski, Głębokie i Stary Uścimów i część gminy Uścimów położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę biegnącą od zachodniej granicy gminy łączącą miejscowości Głębokie i Stary Uścimów i dalej w kierunku wschodnim do granicy gminy w powiecie lubartowskim, gminy Adamów, Serokomla i część gminy wiejskiej Łuków położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę biegnącą od północnej granicy gminy przez miejscowość Wólka Świątkowa do północnej granicy miasta Łuków, a następnie na północ i zachód od linii stanowiącej północną i zachodnią granicę miasta Łuków do jej przecięcia się z drogą nr 76 i na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 76 biegnącą od zachodniej granicy miasta Łuków do zachodniej granicy gminy wiejskiej Łuków w powiecie łukowskim,
- gmina Baranów w powiecie puławskim,
- gminy Nowodwór i Ułęż w powiecie ryckim.

4. Romania

The following areas in Romania:

- Satu Mare county,
- Tulcea county.

PART IV

Italy

The following areas in Italy:

- tutto il territorio della Sardegna.'
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RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (EU) 2018/951

of 22 June 2018

on standards for equality bodies

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 292 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) It follows from Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union that the Union is founded on the value of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.
- (2) Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provides that in all its activities, the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women.
- (3) Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union prohibits any discrimination on any grounds, such as sex, race, ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation. Article 23 of the Charter enshrines the right to equality between men and women in all areas, including employment, work and pay. Its Article 26 recognises and respects the right of persons with disabilities to benefit from measures designed to ensure their independence, social and occupational integration and participation in the life of the community. Moreover, the equality of everyone before the law is enshrined in Article 20 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 19 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Council, acting unanimously in accordance with a special legislative procedure and after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament, may take appropriate action to combat discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, without prejudice to the other provisions of the Treaties and within the limits of the powers conferred upon the Union. Under Article 157(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the European Parliament and the Council shall adopt measures to ensure the application of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation, including the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value.
- (5) Several Directives on the prohibition of discrimination in the relevant areas have been adopted on the basis of these provisions.
- (6) Council Directive 2000/43/EC ⁽¹⁾ prohibits direct and indirect discrimination based on racial or ethnic origin, including harassment. It applies to all persons, as regards both the public and private sectors, including public bodies, in relation to (a) conditions for access to employment, to self-employment and to occupation, including selection criteria and recruitment conditions, whatever the branch of activity and at all levels of the professional hierarchy, including promotion; (b) access to all types and to all levels of vocational guidance, vocational training, advanced vocational training and retraining, including practical work experience; (c) employment and working conditions, including dismissals and pay; (d) membership of and involvement in an organisation of workers or

⁽¹⁾ Council Directive 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000 implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin (OJ L 180, 19.7.2000, p. 22).

employers, or any organisation whose members carry on a particular profession, including the benefits provided for by such organisations; (e) social protection, including social security and healthcare; (f) social advantages; (g) education; and (h) access to and supply of goods and services which are available to the public, including housing.

- (7) Council Directive 2000/78/EC ⁽¹⁾ prohibits direct or indirect discrimination, including harassment, on the grounds of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation as regards employment, occupation and vocational training. It applies to all persons, as regards both the public and private sectors, including public bodies, in relation to points (a)-(d) cited in the previous recital.
- (8) Council Directive 2004/113/EC ⁽²⁾ prohibits direct and indirect discrimination based on sex, including harassment and sexual harassment, in access to and supply of goods and services.
- (9) Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾ on sex equality provides for a prohibition against direct and indirect discrimination based on sex, including harassment and sexual harassment, in matters of access to employment, including promotion, and to vocational training, working conditions, including pay, and occupational social security schemes.
- (10) Directive 2010/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾ prohibits direct and indirect discrimination, including harassment and sexual harassment, between men and women engaged in an activity in a self-employed capacity. The scope of the Directive covers all types of discrimination, but social protection and maternity benefits are specifically mentioned.
- (11) All the abovementioned Directives (hereinafter 'the equality Directives') have been transposed by the Member States. The equality Directives, except for Directive 2000/78/EC, provide that Member States shall designate a body or bodies for the promotion, including the analysis, monitoring and support of equal treatment of all persons without discrimination on the grounds covered by the respective Directives (hereinafter 'equality bodies'). Accordingly, all Member States have established equality bodies.
- (12) The present Recommendation applies to the equality bodies set up under the abovementioned equality Directives.
- (13) Where the equality Directives provide for such equality bodies to be established, they require Member States to ensure that the competences of these bodies include providing independent assistance to victims, conducting independent surveys concerning discrimination, publishing independent reports and making recommendations on any issue relating to such discrimination.
- (14) In addition, on 2 July 2008 the Commission adopted a proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation ⁽⁵⁾. The scope of the proposal covers (a) social protection, including social security and healthcare; (b) social advantages; (c) education; and (d) access to and supply of goods and services which are available to the public, including housing. Under the proposed Directive Member States are obliged to designate a body or bodies for equal treatment also in those areas, which may be the same bodies as those already established under the equality Directives. Although the proposal has not been adopted to date, Member States should be encouraged to designate equality bodies in those areas, since experience shows that designation of such bodies strengthens protection from discrimination.

⁽¹⁾ Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation (OJ L 303, 2.12.2000, p. 16).

⁽²⁾ Council Directive 2004/113/EC of 13 December 2004 implementing the principle of equal treatment between men and women in the access to and supply of goods and services (OJ L 373, 21.12.2004, p. 37).

⁽³⁾ Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation (OJ L 204, 26.7.2006, p. 23).

⁽⁴⁾ Directive 2010/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 on the application of the principle of equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity in a self-employed capacity and repealing Council Directive 86/613/EEC (OJ L 180, 15.7.2010, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ COM(2008)426 final.

- (15) Directives 2006/54/EC and 2010/41/EU in addition require Member States to ensure that the tasks of the equality bodies include exchange of information available with corresponding European bodies.
- (16) In a number of Member States, the mandate of equality bodies also covers hate crime and hate speech. This bears relevance, in particular, as regards ensuring effective implementation of Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA ⁽¹⁾ on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law, setting minimum standards for the criminalisation, prosecution and sanctioning of racist hate speech and crime.
- (17) In addition to their obligations under the Directives to establish equality bodies, most Member States have extended the mandate of their equality bodies' to encompass generally the scope of application of discrimination on the grounds of gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation in the areas of employment and occupation, access to and supply of goods and services, education, social protection and social advantages, therefore covering the scope of Directive 2000/78/EC, as well as other areas.
- (18) The text of the equality Directives leaves a wide margin of discretion to Member States on the structure and functioning of equality bodies. This results in significant differences between the equality bodies established in the Member States, in terms of the bodies' mandate, competences, structures, resources and operational functioning. This in turn sometimes leads to unsatisfactory access to protection for citizens, a protection which is unequal from one Member State to another ⁽²⁾.
- (19) Some Member States have founded more than one equality body, which requires creating clear mechanisms for their coordination and cooperation.
- (20) In some Member States existing equality bodies have seen their mandate extended to the most diverse fields without an appropriate increase in resources. A number of equality bodies have even faced significant reductions in their budgets, which may result in weakening their capacities to carry out their tasks ⁽³⁾.
- (21) Cases of equality bodies lacking independence and effectiveness, for instance due to external pressure or inadequate staffing have been pointed out in studies ⁽⁴⁾.
- (22) In practice, independence could be affected in particular when the equality body is set up as part of a ministry taking instructions directly from the Government.
- (23) Equality bodies should not concentrate to a disproportionate extent on some tasks to the detriment of others ⁽⁵⁾.
- (24) To help groups or individuals that are discriminated against to make use of their rights, equality bodies should also raise the general public's awareness of their existence, of the anti-discrimination rules in force and of ways to seek redress. For this purpose, it should be easy for all to access equality bodies, physically and online. Submission of complaints should also be facilitated by confidentiality and simple procedures which are free of charge.
- (25) To help ensure that equality bodies function properly and in an equivalent way across the Union, it appears appropriate to recommend Member States standards for equality bodies.

⁽¹⁾ Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law (OJ L 328, 6.12.2008, p. 55).

⁽²⁾ See, among others, Human European Consultancy in partnership with the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, October 2010, A Study on Equality Bodies set up under Directives 2000/43/EC, 2004/113/EC, and 2006/54/EC, page 177, and European Network of Equality Bodies, October 2012, Equality Bodies. Current Challenges.

⁽³⁾ Human European Consultancy, op.cit., pages 78, 125, 142, and European Network of Equality Bodies, op.cit., pages 8 and 17. See also European Network of Equality Bodies, Strategic Role of Equality Bodies, 2009, pages 43-44 and 52.

⁽⁴⁾ Human European Consultancy, op.cit., pages 70-145 and European Network of Equality Bodies, op.cit., pages 8 and 13-20.

⁽⁵⁾ European Commission, 2006, Catalysts for Change? Equality bodies according to Directive 2000/43/EC — existence, independence and effectiveness, page 57.

- (26) The need for standards for equality bodies was further underlined in the 2014 Joint report on the application of Directives 2000/43/EC and 2000/78/EC ⁽¹⁾, the 2015 Report on the application of Directive 2004/113/EC ⁽²⁾ as well as in the evaluation report of the 2014 Pay Transparency Recommendation and the EU Action Plan 2017-2019 'Tackling the gender pay gap' ⁽³⁾. In addition, the European Parliament called for equality bodies' standards in its 2015 resolution ⁽⁴⁾
- (27) Standards for equality bodies and human rights institutions have already been adopted by the United Nations ⁽⁵⁾, the European Network of Equality Bodies ⁽⁶⁾ and the Council of Europe ⁽⁷⁾.
- (28) The present Recommendation is addressed to Member States. It aims to contribute to closing the gap in standards between equality bodies across Europe.
- (29) The Recommendation sets out standards regarding the mandate, independence, effectiveness, accessibility, and coordination of equality bodies and regarding access to them, with a view to ensuring that they can effectively perform their functions.
- (30) This Recommendation builds on the Commission's commitment to encourage and help Member States to improve their capacity to enforce Union legislation and provide remedies to ensure that individuals and groups that are discriminated against and protected by Union law can fully enjoy their rights, in line with the Communication 'EU law: Better results through better application' ⁽⁸⁾. Independent equality bodies play an essential role in implementing Union legislation effectively and enforcing it comprehensively and consistently. Equality bodies are also valuable institutions for the sustained development of equal and inclusive democratic societies.
- (31) In the areas covered by Union competence, the standards for equality bodies also have to comply with the accessibility requirements enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This Convention was approved on behalf of the European Community by Council Decision 2010/48/EC ⁽⁹⁾, and is thus an integral part of the EU legal order prevailing over EU secondary law.
- (32) Directives 2000/43/EC, 2000/78/EC, 2004/113/EC and 2006/54/EC contain an obligation for Member States to communicate all available information on their application so that the Commission can draft a report assessing of the measures they have taken under the relevant Directives. The communication is to take place within certain pre-established intervals ⁽¹⁰⁾ in order to enable the Commission to adopt and publish the report. Including in that communication information on the Member States' compliance with the present Recommendation would enable an assessment of its impact.

⁽¹⁾ Joint report on the application of Directives 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000 implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin ('Racial Equality Directive') and of Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation ('Employment Equality Directive'), COM(2014) 2 final.

⁽²⁾ Report on the application of Directive 2004/113/EC implementing the principle of equal treatment between men and women in the access to and supply of goods and services, COM(2015) 190 final. This need was also mentioned in the Midterm review of the EU framework for national Roma integration strategies, COM(2017) 458 final; by the Fundamental Rights Agency's Fundamental Rights Report of May 2017; in the Report on the implementation of Commission Recommendation on strengthening the principle of equal pay between men and women through transparency, COM(2017) 671 final.

⁽³⁾ Report on the implementation of Commission Recommendation on strengthening the principle of equal pay between men and women through transparency, op.cit.; EU Action Plan 2017-2019 Tackling the gender pay gap, COM(2017) 678 final.

⁽⁴⁾ European Parliament resolution of 8 October 2015 on the application of Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation (2014/2160(INI)).

⁽⁵⁾ Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN General Assembly Principles relating to the Status of National Institutions (The Paris Principles), Resolution 48/134, 20 December 1993, and the General Observations on the interpretation and implementation of these principles by the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, in their wording of 21 February 2018.

⁽⁶⁾ European Network of Equality Bodies, 2016, Developing Standards for Equality Bodies. An Equinet Working Paper.

⁽⁷⁾ European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), General Policy Recommendation No2 revised on Equality Bodies to combat racism and intolerance at national level, CRI(2018) 06, adopted on 7 December 2017.

⁽⁸⁾ C(2016) 8600.

⁽⁹⁾ Council Decision 2010/48/EC of 26 November 2009 concerning the conclusion, by the European Community, of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OJ L 23, 27.1.2010, p. 35).

⁽¹⁰⁾ Every four years under Directive 2006/54/EC and every five years under Directives 2000/43/EC, 2000/78/EC and 2004/113/EEC.

- (33) At Union level, the present Recommendation is without prejudice to the principles of national procedural law and the legal traditions of the Member States. It does not entail an extension of the Union's powers as defined by the Treaties and by secondary Union law,

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

CHAPTER I

PURPOSE AND SUBJECT MATTER

- (1) The purpose of this Recommendation is to set out measures that Member States may apply to help improve the equality bodies' independence and effectiveness, in particular as regards their capacity to ensure that individuals and groups that are discriminated against can fully enjoy their rights.
- (2) All Member States should ensure that equality bodies can carry out their functions, as set out in Directives 2000/43/EC, 2004/113/EC, 2006/54/EC and 2010/41/EU, in an independent and effective way.

CHAPTER II

RECOMMENDED MEASURES

1.1. Mandate of the equality bodies

1.1.1. *Grounds and scope covered by the equality bodies' mandate*

- (1) In addition to their obligations under Directives 2000/43/EC, 2004/113/EC, 2006/54/EC and 2010/41/EU as regards designating bodies for the promotion of equal treatment (hereinafter 'equality bodies'), all Member States should consider designating an equality body to cover the discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation within the scope of application of Directive 2000/78/EC.
- (2) Member States should consider extending the equality bodies' mandate so that it covers, for all prohibited grounds of discrimination, the areas of employment and occupation, access to and supply of goods and services, education, social protection and social advantages, including hate speech related to these grounds in these areas.
- (3) Both for single-mandate bodies and for equality bodies which have several mandates and/or deal with several grounds, equality bodies' internal structure should ensure a focus on each part of the mandate and a focus on each ground. This should be proportionate to the impact of the related ground of discrimination, and resources should be balanced appropriately.

1.1.2. *Functions covered by the equality bodies' mandate*

Independent assistance

- (1) Member States should take into consideration the following aspects of providing independent assistance to victims: receiving and handling individual or collective complaints; providing legal advice to victims, including in pursuing their complaints; engaging in activities of mediation and conciliation; representing complainants in court; and acting as *amicus curiae* or expert where required.
- (2) Member States should also take into consideration that independent assistance to victims can include granting equality bodies the possibility to engage or assist in litigation, in order to address structural and systematic discrimination in cases selected by the bodies themselves because of their abundance, their seriousness or their need for legal clarification. Such litigation could take place either in the body's own name or in the name of the victims or organisations representing the victims, in accordance with national procedural law.

- (3) Member States should also take into consideration that assistance to victims can include issuing recommendations or, where so authorised under national law, legally binding decisions in individual or collective cases of discrimination, as well as following up on them to ensure implementation.
- (4) Member States should make it possible for equality bodies to gather relevant evidence and information, in accordance with national law.
- (5) Where equality bodies have the legal capacity to take binding decisions, the Member State should also grant them the capacity to issue adequate, effective and proportionate sanctions.
- (6) The exercise of the powers conferred on equality bodies should be subject to appropriate safeguards, including, where relevant, effective judicial remedy and due process. In particular, the right to appeal before the courts against binding decisions of equality bodies, where they have the competence to take such decisions under national law, should be explicitly spelled out in national law.

Independent surveys

- (7) Member States should enable equality bodies to carry out independent surveys regularly. The scope and design of surveys should ensure the gathering of a sufficient amount of sound quantitative and qualitative data on discrimination to enable the analysis necessary to draw evidence-based conclusions on where the main challenges lie and how to address them.

Independent reports

- (8) Member States should enable equality bodies to publish independent reports regularly and present them to the public institutions concerned, including the relevant national or regional governments and parliaments where appropriate. Their scope should be broad enough to make possible an overall assessment of the situation regarding discrimination in the Member State for each of the grounds covered.
- (9) For the purpose of obtaining independent reports of high quality, Member States should enable equality bodies to conduct independent research. This could include collecting data in particular on the number of complaints per discrimination ground; the duration of administrative proceedings from submission of the complaint to the closure of the case; the outcome of administrative proceedings; and the number, duration and outcome of judicial cases in which the equality bodies are involved.

Recommendations of equality bodies

- (10) Member States should ensure that their public authorities take into account, to the extent possible, recommendations from equality bodies on legislation, policy, procedure, programmes and practice. It should be ensured that the public authorities inform the equality bodies of how the recommendations have been taken into account and make this information public.

Promotion of equality

- (11) To promote equality and diversity, Member States should enable equality bodies to contribute to preventing discrimination, in particular by providing training, information, advice, guidance and support to duty bearers having obligations under the equality Directives, institutions and individuals, and raising awareness both of the bodies' existence to the general public and of the content of the existing anti-discrimination rules and of how to seek redress.
- (12) For the same purpose, Member States should also enable equality bodies to engage in public debate, have a regular dialogue with public authorities, communicate with discriminated groups and stakeholders, and promote good practices and positive actions.

1.2. Independence and effectiveness

1.2.1. Independence

- (1) To guarantee the independence of the equality bodies in carrying out their tasks, Member States should consider such elements as the organisations of those bodies, their place in the overall administrative structure, the allocation of their budget, their procedures for handling resources, with particular focus on the procedures for appointing and dismissing staff, including persons holding leadership positions. Such consideration should be without prejudice to Member States' particular national organisational structures.
- (2) Member States should ensure that the staff of equality bodies, including persons holding leadership positions and board members, are prevented from engaging in any action incompatible with their duties and do not, during their terms of office, engage in any conflicting activity whether gainful or not.

1.2.2. Resources

- (1) The Member States should ensure that each equality body is provided with the human, technical and financial resources, premises and infrastructure necessary to perform its tasks and exercise its powers effectively. The resources allocated to equality bodies should take into account the competences and tasks allocated. Resources can only be considered adequate if they allow equality bodies to carry out each of their equality functions effectively, within reasonable time and within the deadlines established by national law.
- (2) Member States should ensure that the equality bodies' staff is sufficiently numerous and adequately qualified in terms of skills, knowledge and experience, to fulfil adequately and effectively each of the equality bodies' functions.
- (3) Member States should enable equality bodies to monitor effectively the execution of their own decisions as well as decisions by institutions, adjudicatory bodies and courts in relation to discrimination cases. To that effect, they should be promptly informed of such decisions and the measures taken to implement them.

1.2.3. Complaint submission, access and accessibility

- (1) Member States should ensure that it is possible to submit complaints to equality bodies orally, in written form and on-line, in a language of the complainant's choosing which is common in the Member State where the equality body is located.
- (2) Member States should ensure that the procedure to submit complaints to equality bodies is simple and free of charge.
- (3) Member States should provide for an obligation for equality bodies to offer confidentiality to witnesses and whistle-blowers and, as far as possible, to complainants about discrimination.
- (4) Member States should ensure that it is easy for all persons to access the equality bodies' physical premises, their information and communication including information technologies, and services and products such as documents and audio-visual material or meetings and events open or provided to the public. They should in particular be accessible for persons with disabilities, for whom in addition reasonable accommodation as defined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be provided, to ensure to persons with disabilities access to equality bodies on an equal basis with others.
- (5) Where this is necessary for geographical or other reasons, Member States should consider enabling equality bodies to establish local and/or regional offices of equality bodies or local and/or regional outreach initiatives for a regular temporary presence.
- (6) Member States should provide sufficient budget and resources to equality bodies to enable them to carry out effective awareness-raising aimed at informing the general public of their existence and of the possibility to submit complaints about discrimination.

1.3. Coordination and cooperation

- (1) Where several equality bodies exist in the same Member State, Member States should enable them to set up regular and effective coordination in order to ensure that they apply non-discrimination principles in a consistent way. Equality bodies should not concentrate to a disproportionate extent on some tasks to the detriment of other tasks. When awareness-raising activities are carried out, other competent bodies should be involved to the extent possible in order to fully inform the general public.
- (2) Member States should enable equality bodies to engage in dialogue and cooperate effectively with relevant national authorities and bodies in the same Member State. This also implies ensuring that equality bodies are consulted in good time and transparently on policy and legislative proposals and developments related to matters covered by their mandate.
- (3) Member States should grant equality bodies the capacity to collaborate at European and at international level with other equality bodies and other organisations, including via shared surveys.
- (4) Member States should enable equality bodies to cooperate with relevant bodies. These include the National Frameworks designated under Article 33(2) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; National Roma Contact Points; civil society organisations; and, to ensure that funds are not distributed to projects flawed by discrimination, the managing authorities of European Structural and Investment Funds.

CHAPTER III

COMMUNICATION BY MEMBER STATES

Member States are invited to include information on how they take the present Recommendation into account in their communications on the application of Directives 2000/43/EC, 2000/78/EC, 2004/113/EC and 2006/54/EC.

Done at Brussels, 22 June 2018.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

CORRIGENDA**Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1103 of 24 June 2016 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of matrimonial property regimes**

(Official Journal of the European Union L 183 of 8 July 2016)

On the Contents Page and on page 1, the title:

for: 'Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1103 of 24 June 2016 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of matrimonial property regimes',

read: 'Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1103 of 24 June 2016 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of matrimonial property regimes'.

On page 24, Article 53(1):

for: '1. When a decision must be recognised in accordance with this Chapter, nothing shall prevent the applicant from availing himself of provisional, including protective, measures in accordance with the law of the Member State of enforcement without a declaration of enforceability under Article 46 being required.',

read: '1. When a decision must be recognised in accordance with this Chapter, nothing shall prevent the applicant from availing himself of provisional, including protective, measures in accordance with the law of the Member State of enforcement without a declaration of enforceability under Article 47 being required.'.

Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/774 of 28 May 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria

(Official Journal of the European Union L 131 of 29 May 2018)

On page 4, in the Annex (concerning amendments to Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012), entry No 68 (concerning Bassam Sabbagh) is deleted.

Corrigendum to Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/778 of 28 May 2018 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria

(Official Journal of the European Union L 131 of 29 May 2018)

On page 19, the Annex (concerning amendments to Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP), entry No 68 (concerning Bassam Sabbagh) is deleted.

