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II

(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/1915

of 14 October 2019

on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Belarus on the facilitation of the issuance of visas

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular point (a) of Article 77(2) in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 28 February 2011, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the Republic of Belarus on an Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Belarus on the facilitation of the issuance of visas ('the Agreement'), in parallel with the negotiations of an Agreement on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation. The negotiations were successfully concluded by the initialling of the Agreement via exchange of emails on 17 June 2019.
- (2) In the Eastern Partnership Summit Declaration of 7 May 2009, the Union and the partner countries expressed their political support towards liberalisation of the visa regime in a safe and secure environment and reaffirmed their intention to take gradual steps towards a visa free regime for their citizens in due course.
- (3) The purpose of the Agreement is to facilitate, on the basis of reciprocity, the issuance of visas for an intended stay of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period to the citizens of the Union and Belarus.
- (4) 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 ⁽¹⁾; the United Kingdom is therefore not taking part in its adoption and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (5) This Decision constitutes a development the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC ⁽²⁾; Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (6) 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.
- (7) The Council should decide on the conclusion of the Agreement in the light of an assessment by the Commission as to the security and integrity of Belarus' system of issuance of biometric diplomatic passports and their technical specifications.
- (8) The Agreement should be signed and the Joint Declarations attached to the Agreement be approved,

⁽¹⁾ 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).

⁽²⁾ 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).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The signing on behalf of the Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Belarus on the facilitation of the issuance of visas is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of the said Agreement ⁽³⁾.

Article 2

The Joint Declarations attached to the Agreement shall be approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 3

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Union.

Article 4

The Commission shall assess the security and integrity of Belarus' system of issuance of biometric diplomatic passports and their technical specifications, and it shall communicate its assessment to the Council. The Council shall decide, in the light of such assessment, on the conclusion of the Agreement.

Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, 14 October 2019.

For the Council
The President
J. LEPPÄ

⁽³⁾ The text of the Agreement will be published together with the decision on its conclusion.

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/1916

of 15 November 2019

laying down detailed provisions as regards the use of rear aerodynamic devices pursuant to Council Directive 96/53/EC

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 96/53/EC of 25 July 1996 laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorised dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorised weights in international traffic ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8b(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Improved aerodynamic performance of vehicles has a significant potential to reduce fuel consumption and thus to reduce CO₂ emissions. However, significant improvements in the aerodynamic performance of vehicles are not possible unless the authorised dimensions of road vehicles, including aerodynamic devices, allow this. Therefore, Directive 96/53/EC was amended in order to provide derogations to the maximum authorised length for vehicles, at the front and at the rear, subject to certain conditions.
- (2) To ensure the safety of retractable or foldable aerodynamic rear devices, the situations where such devices may be used, or closed, should be specified, in particular, with regard to the proximity of other road users, the special characteristics of the area and the speed limits. The compatibility of retractable or foldable aerodynamic rear devices with intermodal transport operations should also be ensured, notably when manoeuvring on and off intermodal transport units and to withstand wind forces when being transported on such units.
- (3) It should also be noted that vehicles or vehicle combinations which are mounted with aerodynamic rear devices shall comply with the requirements of Directive 96/53/EC, and in particular those relating to the swept circle set out in point 1.5 of its Annex I.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee referred to in Article 10i(2) of Directive 96/53/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Subject matter

This Regulation lays down detailed provisions for the use of aerodynamic rear devices mounted on vehicles and vehicle combinations in accordance with Directive 96/53/EC.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 235, 17.9.1996, p. 59.

*Article 2***Definitions**

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:

- (a) 'devices' means aerodynamic devices mounted at the rear of vehicles or vehicle combinations;
- (b) 'in-use position' means the position of devices in a deployed aerodynamic drag-reducing position;
- (c) 'closed position' means the position of devices in a folded or retracted position, which is safely secured.

*Article 3***Operational conditions**

1. Member States may prohibit the circulation of vehicles or vehicle combinations equipped with devices in the in-use position in urban or interurban areas, where this is required by the competent authorities, taking into account the special characteristics of such areas, in particular where speed limits are 50 km/h or less and where there may be vulnerable road users.
2. The devices shall be in the closed position in situations or areas where special attention or consideration is necessary. This may occur:
 - (a) while manoeuvring, reversing or parking the vehicle;
 - (b) when the vehicle is parked;
 - (c) while loading or unloading goods.
3. The use of devices in intermodal transport operations shall be subject to the following requirements:
 - (a) in preparation of and during intermodal transport the devices shall be in the closed position;
 - (b) the devices shall not protrude more than 25 mm on each side of the vehicle and the total width of the vehicle including the devices shall not exceed 2 600 mm;
4. Defective, unsafe or malfunctioning devices shall be kept in the closed position or, where possible, immediately removed.
5. By way of exception to paragraphs 2 and 3(a), devices are not required to be in the closed position where, in accordance with Part B point 1.3.1.1.3, Part C point 1.3.1.1.3, and Part D point 1.4.1.1.3 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1230/2012, they are not required to be retractable or foldable if the maximum dimensional requirements are complied with under all conditions.

*Article 4***Entry into force**

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, 15 November 2019.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/1917

of 3 December 2018

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds with regard to certain amendments to Annex 3 to the Agreement

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (the 'Agreement') entered into force on 1 November 1999 and was approved on behalf of the European Community by Council Decision 2006/871/EC⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article X(5) of the Agreement, the Meeting of the Parties may adopt amendments to Annexes to the Agreement.
- (3) During its seventh session, that will take place on 4 to 8 December 2018 in Durban, South Africa, the Meeting of the Parties is expected to adopt a resolution on the adoption of amendments to Annexes 2 and 3 to the Agreement.
- (4) The proposed amendments to Annex 3 to the Agreement submitted by Uganda and set out in draft Resolution 7.3 concerning the following nine species: Common Eider — *Somateria mollissima*, Red-breasted Merganser — *Mergus serrator*, Common Pochard — *Aythya ferina*, Eurasian Oystercatcher — *Haematopus ostralegus*, Northern Lapwing — *Vanellus vanellus*, Bar-tailed Godwit — *Limosa lapponica*, Black-tailed Godwit — *Limosa limosa*, Red Knot — *Calidris canutus*, and Spotted Redshank — *Tringa erythropus*, contribute to achieving a higher degree of protection of those populations of species that are in decline and should therefore be approved on behalf of the Union. However, in accordance with Article 3(4) of Decision 2006/871/EC, the Commission is to enter a reservation with regard to the proposed amendments concerning the above nine species, since they would require an amendment to Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽²⁾, which would not be feasible within 90 days of the date of their adoption by the Meeting of the Parties.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties with regard to the proposed amendments, as the Resolution will be binding on the Union and will be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, namely Directive 2009/147/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds shall be the following:

The Union shall approve the amendments to Annex 3 to the Agreement submitted by Uganda and set out in draft Resolution 7.3 of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties concerning the following nine species: Common Eider — *Somateria mollissima*, Red-breasted Merganser — *Mergus serrator*, Common Pochard — *Aythya ferina*, Eurasian Oystercatcher — *Haematopus ostralegus*, Northern Lapwing — *Vanellus vanellus*, Bar-tailed Godwit — *Limosa lapponica*, Black-tailed Godwit — *Limosa limosa*, Red Knot — *Calidris canutus*, and Spotted Redshank — *Tringa erythropus*.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2006/871/EC of 18 July 2005 on the conclusion on behalf of the European Community of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (OJ L 345, 8.12.2006, p. 24).

⁽²⁾ Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7).

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 3 December 2018.

For the Council
The President
N. HOFER

CORRIGENDA**Corrigendum to Council Decision 2011/299/CFSP of 23 May 2011 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran***(Official Journal of the European Union L 136 of 24 May 2011)*

On page 70, Annex I, heading II, subheading 'Entities', entry 3 ('Mehr Bank (a.k.a Mehr Finance and Credit Institute; Mehr Interest-Free Bank)'), second column ('Identifying information'):

for: '204 Taleghani Ave., Tehran, Iran',

read: 'No. 182, Shahid Tohidi St, 4th Golsetan, Pasdaran Ave, Tehran 1666943, Iran'.

Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 of 23 March 2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran and repealing Regulation (EU) No 961/2010

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