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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/1061

of 28 June 2021

extending the reference period of Regulation (EU) 2020/1429 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing measures for a sustainable rail market in view of the COVID-19 outbreak**(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2020/1429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 October 2020 establishing measures for a sustainable rail market in view of the COVID-19 outbreak ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a sharp drop in rail traffic because of a significant fall in demand and direct measures taken by the Member States to contain the pandemic.
- (2) Those circumstances are beyond the control of railway undertakings that have continuously faced considerable liquidity problems, major losses and in some cases are risking insolvency.
- (3) In order to counteract the negative economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and support railway undertakings, Regulation (EU) 2020/1429 enables Member States to authorise infrastructure managers to reduce, waive or defer charges for accessing rail infrastructure. That possibility had been granted from 1 March 2020 until 31 December 2020 and was extended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/2180 ⁽²⁾ until 30 June 2021 ('the reference period').
- (4) Limitations imposed on mobility during the period of the pandemic had a significant impact on the use of rail passenger services. Rail freight services were also impacted but in a more limited way. Based on the data provided by Union rail infrastructure managers, the pandemic hit harder the passenger service segment and, in particular the commercial passenger service segment, with a significant reduction of its offer across all Member States, which has still not come back to its 2019 levels. Between March 2020 and February 2021, passenger services expressed in train-km decreased by 11,5 % compared to the same period 2019-20, freight services by 6,1 %. Between March 2020 and February 2021, passenger services operated under public service obligations expressed in train-km decreased by 5,9 % compared to the same period 2019-20, commercial passenger services by 33,1 %. In the fourth quarter of 2020, the passenger traffic in passenger-km decreased by 56 % and the number of passengers halved compared to the same period in 2019. That trend may have a significant impact on competition in the rail passenger markets, the realisation of a truly single European rail area and, ultimately the move towards a more sustainable transport sector with more people and goods moving by rail. The freight traffic in tonne-km increased by 5 % in the fourth quarter of 2020 compared to 2019 and the amount of tonnes moved by train increased by 3 %.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 333, 12.10.2020, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/2180 of 18 December 2020 extending the reference period of Regulation (EU) 2020/1429 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing measures for a sustainable rail market in view of the COVID-19 outbreak (OJ L 433, 22.12.2020, p. 37).

- (5) The World Health Organisation data shows that the number of daily recorded cases of COVID-19 in Europe is still very high as the cases reported on 9 May 2021 were at the level of 107 253 on that day only.
- (6) At the end of April 2021, the European Centre for Disease Control highlighted that 'Europe is at a critical juncture in its fight against COVID-19. Many countries are currently relaxing restrictions, some against a backdrop of increasing numbers of cases and with new variants emerging, while still rolling out nationwide vaccination programmes.'
- (7) The reduction in the level of rail traffic as compared to the level in the corresponding period in the previous years is persisting and is likely to continue at least until the conclusion of the vaccination process. That this situation is the result of the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- (8) It is therefore necessary to extend the reference period established in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1429 until the end of December 2021.
- (9) If the European Parliament and the Council were to scrutinise this Regulation for the full period of objection provided for in Article 6(6) of Regulation (EU) 2020/1429, this Regulation would only enter into force after the end of the reference period currently envisaged in Article 1 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1429. In order to avoid legal uncertainty this Regulation should be adopted under the urgency procedure provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1429, and should enter into force as a matter of urgency on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Regulation (EU) 2020/1429 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

This Regulation lays down temporary rules on the levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure as set out in Chapter IV of Directive 2012/34/EU. It applies to the use of railway infrastructure for domestic and international rail services covered by that Directive, during the period from 1 March 2020 until 31 December 2021 ("the reference period").

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 28 June 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/1062**of 28 June 2021****correcting the Swedish language version of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 31 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Swedish language version of Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 ⁽²⁾ contains errors in Annex VII [Part-NCO], subpart E, Section 6, points NCO.SPEC.MCF.100, NCO.SPEC.MCF.110, NCO.SPEC.MCF.120 and NCO.SPEC.MCF.125 and in Annex VIII [Part-SPO], subpart E, Section 5, points SPO.SPEC.MCF.100 and SPO.SPEC.MCF.125 as regards incorrect headings and an incorrect reference.
- (2) The Swedish language version of Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 should therefore be corrected accordingly. The other language versions are not affected.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee referred to in Article 127 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1**(does not concern the English language)**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, 28 June 2021.

*For the Commission**The President*

Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 of 5 October 2012 laying down technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 296, 25.10.2012, p. 1).

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/1063**of 28 June 2021****approving alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 3 and 4****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 89(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014 ⁽²⁾ establishes a list of existing active substances to be evaluated for their possible approval for use in biocidal products. That list includes alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride (ADBAC/BKC (C₁₂-C₁₆)) to be renamed for the purposes of this Regulation as alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride as a result of its evaluation.
- (2) Alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride has been evaluated for use in biocidal products of product-type 3, veterinary hygiene biocidal products and product-type 4, food and feed area disinfectants, as defined in Annex V to Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾, which correspond respectively to product-types 3 and 4 as defined in Annex V to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.
- (3) Italy was designated as the rapporteur Member State and its evaluating competent authority submitted the assessment report together with its conclusions to the Commission on 10 September 2012.
- (4) In accordance with Article 7(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014, the Biocidal Products Committee adopted the opinions of the European Chemical Agency ⁽⁴⁾ ('the Agency') on 6 October 2020, having regard to the conclusions of the evaluating competent authority.
- (5) According to those opinions, biocidal products of product-types 3 and 4 containing alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride may be expected to satisfy the requirements laid down in Article 5(1)(b), (c) and (d) of Directive 98/8/EC, provided that certain specifications and conditions concerning their use are complied with.
- (6) Taking into account the opinions of the Agency, it is appropriate to approve alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 3 and 4, subject to compliance with certain specifications and conditions.
- (7) A reasonable period should be allowed to elapse before an active substance is approved in order to permit interested parties to take the preparatory measures necessary to meet the new requirements.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Biocidal Products,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014 of 4 August 2014 on the work programme for the systematic examination of all existing active substances contained in biocidal products referred to in Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 294, 10.10.2014, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market (OJ L 123, 24.4.1998, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Biocidal Products Committee Opinions on the applications for approval of the active substance alkyl(C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride; Product types: 3 and 4; ECHA/BPC/267/2020 and ECHA/BPC/268/2020, adopted on 6 October 2020.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride is approved as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 3 and 4 subject to the specifications and conditions set out in the Annex.

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, 28 June 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Common Name	IUPAC Name Identification Numbers	Minimum degree of purity of the active substance ⁽¹⁾	Date of approval	Expiry date of approval	Product type	Specific conditions
Alkyl (C ₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride	IUPAC name: not applicable EC No: 270-325-2 CAS No: 68424-85-1	Minimum purity of the active substance evaluated: 972 g/kg dry weight	1 November 2022	31 October 2032	3	The authorisation of biocidal products is subject to the following conditions: (a) The product assessment shall pay particular attention to the exposures, the risks and the efficacy linked to any uses covered by an application for authorisation, but not addressed in the Union level risk assessment of the active substance. (b) In the light of the outcome of the risk assessment for the uses assessed, the product assessment shall pay particular attention to: (1) professional users; (2) sediment following disinfection of vehicles used for animal transport and disinfection in hatcheries after fogging treatment; (3) soil following disinfection of vehicles used for animal transport, footwear disinfection and disinfection in hatcheries after fogging treatment. (c) For products that may lead to residues in food or feed, the need to set new or to amend existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ or Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾ shall be verified, and any appropriate risk mitigation measures shall be taken to ensure that the applicable MRLs are not exceeded.
					4	The authorisation of biocidal products is subject to the following conditions: (a) The product assessment shall pay particular attention to the exposures, the risks and the efficacy linked to any uses covered by an application for authorisation, but not addressed in the Union level risk assessment of the active substance. (b) In the light of the outcome of the risk assessment for the uses assessed, the product assessment shall pay particular attention to: (1) professional users;

						(2) sediment and soil following disinfection in slaughterhouses and butcheries. (c) For products that may lead to residues in food or feed, the need to set new or to amend existing MRLs in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 or Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 shall be verified, and any appropriate risk mitigation measures shall be taken to ensure that the applicable MRLs are not exceeded. (d) Alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride shall not be incorporated in materials and articles intended to come into contact with food falling within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾, unless the Commission has established specific limits on the migration of alkyl (C₁₂₋₁₆) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride into food or it has been established pursuant to that Regulation that such limits are not necessary.
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⁽¹⁾ The purity indicated in this column was the minimum degree of purity of the active substance evaluated. The active substance in the product placed on the market can be of equal or different purity if it has been proven to be technically equivalent to the evaluated active substance.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin, repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 and amending Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 152, 16.6.2009, p. 11).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC (OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and repealing Directives 80/590/EEC and 89/109/EEC (OJ L 338, 13.11.2004, p. 4).

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/1064**of 28 June 2021****amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 with regard to the configuration of the animal identification code for the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals for the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 120(1) and Article 120(2), points (c), (d) and (f), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 lays down rules for the prevention and control of animal diseases that are transmissible to animals or humans. Part IV, Title I, Chapters 1 and 2 of that Regulation provide the rules for establishments keeping terrestrial animals and hatcheries, and for the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals and hatching eggs within the Union. Regulation (EU) 2016/429 also empowers the Commission to adopt rules to supplement certain non-essential elements of that Regulation by means of delegated acts.
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 ⁽²⁾ supplements Regulation (EU) 2016/429 by providing the rules for registered and approved establishments for kept terrestrial animals and hatching eggs, and for the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals and hatching eggs. Part III of that Delegated Regulation includes rules for the traceability of kept terrestrial animals, and more specifically Part III, Titles I and II, lay down rules for the traceability of kept bovine, ovine and caprine animals.
- (3) To ensure the uniform application in the Union of the traceability rules laid down in Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035, implementing rules on the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals are laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 ⁽³⁾.
- (4) In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community ('Withdrawal Agreement'), and in particular Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol, Regulation (EU) 2016/429, as well as the Commission acts based on it, apply to and in the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland after the end of the transition period provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement. Consequently, the rules laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 apply in the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland. For the sake of clarity, it is appropriate to refer to the Withdrawal Agreement in Article 1 of that Implementing Regulation.
- (5) In addition, Article 12, point (a) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 lays down rules for the configuration of the identification code of kept bovine, ovine, caprine, camelid and cervid animals. The first element of the identification code is the country code of the Member State where the means of identification was first applied to the animals, in the format of either the two-letter code in accordance with International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standard 3166-1 alpha-2, except for Greece, for which the two-letter code 'EL' is to be used, or the three-digit country code in accordance with ISO standard 3166-1 numeric. Since there are no subdivisions

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 of 28 June 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for establishments keeping terrestrial animals and hatcheries, and the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals and hatching eggs (OJ L 314, 5.12.2019, p. 115).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 of 24 March 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals (OJ L 104, 25.3.2021, p. 39).

for the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland in the ISO standards referred to in Article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2021/520, that Regulation should be amended so as to lay down which country code should be the first element of the identification code of kept bovine, ovine, caprine, camelid and cervid animals identified in that region of the United Kingdom.

- (6) Annex I to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1470 (*) sets out the nomenclature of countries and territories for the European Statistics on international trade in goods, and it lays down that 'XI' is the two-letter code to be used if the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland needs to be distinguished according to the conditions laid down in the relevant Union provisions. That code should therefore be referred to in Article 12(a)(i) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 for the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland.
- (7) Furthermore, a corresponding three-digit code has not been defined for use when the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland needs to be distinguished. The three-digit code '899' is not assigned in the ISO standard 3166-1 numeric. That code should therefore be referred to in Article 12(a)(ii) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 for the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland.
- (8) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/520 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 1, the introductory phrase is replaced by the following:

'This Regulation lays down rules for Member States (*) concerning:

(*) In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol, for the purposes of this Regulation, references to Member States or to the Union include the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland.;

- (2) in Article 12, point (a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) the first element of the identification code shall be the country code of the Member State where the means of identification was first applied to the animals, in the format of either:

- (i) the two-letter code in accordance with ISO standard 3166-1 alpha-2, except for Greece, for which the two-letter code 'EL' shall be used, and for the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland, for which the two-letter code 'XI' shall be used; or
- (ii) the three-digit country code in accordance with ISO standard 3166-1 numeric, except for the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland, for which '899' shall be used;'

Article 2

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

(*) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1470 of 12 October 2020 on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the European statistics on international trade in goods and on the geographical breakdown for other business statistics (OJ L 334, 13.10.2020, p. 2).

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

Done at Brussels, 28 June 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/1065

of 28 June 2021

amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 12 December 2005, the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP ⁽¹⁾, establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah).
- (2) On 30 June 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/955 ⁽²⁾, amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP and extending it until 30 June 2021.
- (3) On 4 March 2021, in the context of the Strategic Review of EU BAM Rafah, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) agreed that EU BAM Rafah should be extended for a further period of 24 months, until 30 June 2023.
- (4) On 1 June 2021, the PSC further noted that, taking into account information provided by Israel and the Palestinian Authority, EU BAM Rafah should at this stage be extended by one year, until 30 June 2022.
- (5) Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) EU BAM Rafah will be conducted in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 13(1), the following subparagraph is added:

‘The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EU BAM Rafah for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 shall be EUR 2 460 000.’;

- (2) in Article 16, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

‘It shall expire on 30 June 2022.’.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ Council Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP of 25 November 2005 on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (OJ L 327, 14.12.2005, p. 28).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/955 of 30 June 2020 amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (OJ L 212, 3.7.2020, p. 18).

It shall apply from 1 July 2021.

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2021.

For the Council
The President
M. do C. ANTUNES

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/1066**of 28 June 2021****amending Decision 2013/354/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 3 July 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/354/CFSP ⁽¹⁾, which continued EUPOL COPPS as from 1 July 2013.
- (2) On 29 June 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/902 ⁽²⁾ amending Decision 2013/354/CFSP and extending it from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2021.
- (3) On 4 March 2021, in the context of the Strategic Review of EUPOL COPPS, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) agreed that EUPOL COPPS should be extended for a further period of 24 months, until 30 June 2023.
- (4) On 1 June 2021, the PSC further noted that, taking into account information provided by Israel and the Palestinian Authority, EUPOL COPPS should at this stage be extended by one year, until 30 June 2022.
- (5) Decision 2013/354/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) EUPOL COPPS will be conducted in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2013/354/CFSP is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 12(1), the following subparagraph is added:

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EUPOL COPPS for the period from 1 July 2021 until 30 June 2022 shall be EUR 12 600 000.';

- (2) in Article 15, the third paragraph is replaced by the following:

'It shall expire on 30 June 2022.'.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2013/354/CFSP of 3 July 2013 on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) (OJ L 185, 4.7.2013, p. 12).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/902 of 29 June 2020 amending Decision 2013/354/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) (OJ L 207, 30.6.2020, p. 30).

It shall apply from 1 July 2021.

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2021.

For the Council
The President
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