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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2021/1819**of 18 October 2021****amending Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic ⁽¹⁾**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 215 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP of 23 December 2013 concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic ⁽¹⁾,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 10 March 2014, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 ⁽²⁾ in order to give effect to certain measures provided for in Decision 2013/798/CFSP.
- (2) On 29 July 2021, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted Resolution 2588 (2021). That Resolution extends the exemptions to the arms embargo and broadens the scope of the restrictive measures.
- (3) On 18 October 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/1823 ⁽³⁾, which amends Decision 2013/798/CFSP in accordance with UNSC Resolution 2588 (2021).
- (4) Certain of those amendments fall within the scope of the Treaty and regulatory action at the level of the Union is therefore necessary in order to implement them together with technical adjustments in light of previous UNSC Resolutions, in particular with a view to ensuring their uniform application by economic operators in all Member States.
- (5) Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 51.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 of 10 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic (OJ L 70, 11.3.2014, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/1823 of 18 October 2021 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic (see page 11 of this Official Journal).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 3, point (e) is replaced by the following:

‘(e) related to weapons with a calibre of 14,5 mm or less and ammunition and components specially designed for such weapons, and to unarmed ground military vehicles and ground military vehicles mounted with weapons with a calibre of 14,5 mm or less, and their spare parts, and to rocket-propelled grenades, and ammunition specially designed for such weapons, and of mortars with a calibre of 60 mm and 82 mm, and ammunition specially designed for such weapons, to the CAR security forces, including state civilian law enforcement institutions, where such weapons, ammunition, components and vehicles are intended solely for support of, or use in, the CAR process of SSR, provided that the provision of such assistance or services has been notified at least 20 days in advance to the Sanctions Committee;’;

(2) in Article 5(3), the following point is added:

‘(k) involved in planning, directing, sponsoring or committing acts in the CAR that violate international humanitarian law, including attacks against medical personnel or humanitarian personnel.’.

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 Luxembourg, 18 October 2021.

For the Council

The President

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/1820**of 18 October 2021****amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/325 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of high tenacity yarns of polyesters originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 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) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Imports into the Union of high tenacity yarns of polyesters originating in the People's Republic of China are subject to the anti-dumping measures from 5,1 % to 9,8 % for the sampled exporting producers from the PRC. For the cooperating exporting producers that were not included in the sample, a duty rate of 5,3 % was imposed. Furthermore, a countrywide duty rate of 9,8 % was imposed on imports of high tenacity yarns of polyesters by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1105/2010 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Following an expiry review, the original measures were prolonged for five more years by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/325 ⁽³⁾.
- (3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1706 ⁽⁴⁾ concluded that the company Wuxi Solead Technology Development Co., Ltd (Wuxi Solead) met the criteria to be considered as a new exporting producer and added its name to the list of cooperating companies not included in the sample.
- (4) The company, following a change of its name ⁽⁵⁾ on 16 January 2020, requested on 26 May 2020 the Commission to confirm that the change of name did not affect the right of the company to benefit from the individual anti-dumping duty rate applied to it under its previous name.
- (5) The Commission examined the information supplied and concluded that the change of name did not affect the findings of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1706 and in particular the anti-dumping duty rate applicable to Wuxi Solead.
- (6) On 8 July 2021 the Commission informed interested parties regarding its above findings and invited them to comment within a specified deadline. No comments were received.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1105/2010 of 29 November 2010 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of high tenacity yarn of polyesters originating in the People's Republic of China and terminating the proceeding concerning imports of high tenacity yarn of polyesters originating in the Republic of Korea and Taiwan (OJ L 315, 1.12.2010, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/325 of 24 February 2017 imposing a definitive antidumping duty on imports of high tenacity yarns of polyesters originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 49, 25.2.2017, p. 6).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1706 of 10 October 2019 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/325 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of high tenacity yarns of polyesters originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 260, 11.10.2019, p. 42).

⁽⁵⁾ Yixing Market Supervision Administration –Notice on Approval for Registration of Alternation of Foreign-invested company [02821322-6] Corrigendum of Foreign-invested Company [2020] No 01160001 Unified Social Credit Identifier: 91320282330802782

- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. In the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/325, the reference to:

'Wuxi Solead Technology Development Co., Ltd.	Yixing City'
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should be read as:

'Jiangsu Solead New Material Group Co., Ltd.	Yixing City'
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2. The TARIC additional code A977 applicable to non-sampled Chinese cooperating exporting producers shall apply to Jiangsu Solead New Material Group Co., Ltd, Yixing City' as of 16 January 2020. Any definitive duty paid on imports of products manufactured by Jiangsu Solead New Material Group Co., Ltd., Yixing City in excess of the anti-dumping duty established in Article 1(2) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/325 as regards Wuxi Solead Technology Development Co., Ltd. shall be repaid or remitted in accordance with the applicable customs legislation.

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, 18 October 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/1821**of 18 October 2021****accepting a request for new exporting producer treatment with regard to the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union (the 'basic Regulation') ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 of 12 July 2019 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China ⁽²⁾, and, in particular, Article 2 thereof,

Whereas,

A. MEASURES IN FORCE

- (1) On 13 May 2013, the Council imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware ('the product concerned') originating in the People's Republic of China (the PRC) by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 412/2013 ('the original Regulation') ⁽³⁾.
- (2) On 12 July 2019, following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of the basic Regulation, the Commission extended the measures of the original regulation for another five years by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198.
- (3) On 28 November 2019, following an anti-circumvention investigation pursuant to Article 13(3) of the basic Regulation, the Commission amended Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2131 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (4) In the original investigation, sampling was applied for investigating the exporting producers in the PRC in accordance with Article 17 of the basic Regulation.
- (5) The Commission imposed individual anti-dumping duty rates ranging from 13,1 % to 23,4 % ⁽⁵⁾ on imports of the product concerned for the sampled exporting producers from PRC. For the cooperating exporting producers that were not included in the sample, a duty rate of 17,9 % was imposed. The cooperating exporting producers not included in the sample are listed in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 as amended by Regulation (EU) 2019/2131. Furthermore, a country-wide duty rate of 36,1 % was imposed on the product concerned from companies in the PRC which either did not make themselves known or did not cooperate with the investigation.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198, the Commission may amend Annex I to that Regulation, by granting a new exporting producer the duty rate applicable to the cooperating companies not included in the sample, namely the weighted average duty rate of 17,9 %, where any new exporting producer in the PRC provides sufficient evidence to the Commission that:
 - (a) it did not export to the Union the product concerned during the period of investigation on which the measures are based, that is from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 ('the original investigation period');

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 15.7.2019, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 131, 15.5.2013, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 321, 12.12.2019, p. 139.

⁽⁵⁾ After the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2019/2131, the individual rates range between 13,1 % and 18,3 %.

- (b) it is not related to any exporter or producer in the PRC which is subject to the anti-dumping measures imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198; and
- (c) it has actually exported to the Union the product concerned or has entered into an irrevocable contractual obligation to export a significant quantity to the Union after the end of the original investigation period.

B. REQUEST FOR NEW EXPORTING PRODUCER TREATMENT

- (7) The company Liling Taichang Ceramics Co., Ltd ('Taichang' or the 'applicant') submitted a request to the Commission to be granted new exporting producer treatment ('NEPT') and hence be subject to the duty rate applicable to the cooperating companies in the PRC not included in the sample, which is 17,9 %. The applicant claimed that it met all three conditions set out in Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198.
- (8) In order to determine whether the applicant fulfilled the conditions for being granted NEPT, as set out in Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 ('the NEPT conditions'), the Commission first sent a questionnaire to the applicant requesting evidence showing that it met the NEPT conditions.
- (9) Following the analysis of the questionnaire reply, the Commission requested further information and supporting evidence, which was submitted by the applicant.
- (10) The Commission sought to verify all information it deemed necessary for the purpose of determining whether the applicant met the NEPT conditions. To this end, the Commission analysed the evidence submitted by the applicant in its questionnaire reply, consulting various online databases including Qichacha ⁽⁹⁾ and cross-checking company information with publicly available information on the internet. In parallel, the Commission also informed the Union industry about the applicant's request and invited it to provide any comments if needed. The Union industry provided comments which were taken into consideration.

C. ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST

- (11) With regard to the condition set out in Article 2(a) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 that the applicant did not export the product concerned to the Union during the period of investigation on which the measures are based, during the investigation the Commission established that the applicant did not exist as a company at the time. The Articles of Association of Taichang and its business license date from March 2016. Therefore, the applicant could not have exported the product concerned to the Union during the period of investigation and thus fulfils this condition.
- (12) With regard to the condition set out in Article 2(b) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 that the applicant is not related to any exporter or producer which is subject to the anti-dumping measures imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198, during the investigation the Commission established that Taichang is not related to any of the Chinese exporting producers which are subject to the anti-dumping measures. According to Qichacha, the main shareholder of Taichang, Mr Zhou Jianxiang, does not own or hold shares in any company dealing with the production, processing, sale or purchase of the product concerned other than Taichang itself. The remaining company shares are owned by the related company Liling Taichang Carton Factory ('Taichang Carton'), whose sole shareholder is also Mr Zhou Jianxiang.

⁽⁹⁾ Qichacha is a private, for-profit Chinese-owned database that delivers business data, credit information, and analytics on China-based private and public companies to consumers/professionals.

- (13) Taichang Carton, established in January 2014, i.e. after the original investigation period, was involved in the processing of the product concerned for third companies until March 2017. In March 2017, Taichang Carton transferred the relevant production facilities to the applicant as its capital contribution as shareholder. After that, Taichang Carton stopped its own operation. The Commission did not identify any relationship as defined by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 ⁽⁷⁾. Therefore, the applicant fulfils this condition.
- (14) With regard to the condition set out in Article 2(c) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198, that the applicant has actually exported the product concerned to the Union or has entered into an irrevocable contractual obligation to export a significant quantity to the Union after the original investigation period, during the investigation the Commission established that the applicant exported to the Union in 2019 and 2020, therefore after the original investigation period. The applicant submitted invoices, bills of lading and receipts of payment for three orders placed by a company in France. Therefore, the applicant fulfils this condition.
- (15) Accordingly, the applicant fulfils all three conditions to be granted NEPT, as set out in Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 and the request should therefore be accepted. Consequently, the applicant should be subject to an anti-dumping duty of 17,9 % for cooperating companies not included in the sample of the original investigation.

D. DISCLOSURE

- (16) The applicant and the Union industry were informed of the essential facts and considerations based on which it was considered appropriate to grant the anti-dumping duty rate applicable to the cooperating companies not included in the sample of the original investigation to Liling Taichang Ceramics Co., Ltd.
- (17) The parties were granted the possibility to submit comments. No comments were received.
- (18) The Regulation is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following company is added to Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 containing the list of cooperating companies not included in the sample:

Company	TARIC additional code
Liling Taichang Ceramics Co., Ltd	C685

⁽⁷⁾ Article 127 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 (OJ L 343, 29.12.2015, p. 558) (the EU Customs Code), stipulates that two persons shall be deemed to be related if one of the following conditions is fulfilled: (a) they are officers or directors of the other person's business; (b) they are legally recognised partners in business; (c) they are employer and employee; (d) a third party directly or indirectly owns or controls or holds 5 % or more of the outstanding voting stock or shares of both of them; (e) one of them directly or indirectly controls the other; (f) both of them are directly or indirectly controlled by a third person; (g) together they control a third person directly or indirectly; (h) they are members of the same family. Persons who are associated in business with one another in that one is the sole agent, sole distributor or sole concessionaire, however described, of the other shall be deemed to be related only if they fall within the criteria referred to in the preceding sentence.

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, 18 October 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

DECISIONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2021/1822

of 15 October 2021

on the appointment of the Chair of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/77/EC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 48(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 48(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010, which was amended by Regulation (EU) 2019/2175 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾, on the basis of a shortlist of qualified candidates drawn up by the ESMA's Board of Supervisors, the Council shall adopt a decision to appoint the Chairperson, after confirmation by the European Parliament.
- (2) On 26 November 2020, the Council received the shortlist of three candidates selected by the ESMA's Board of Supervisors for the position of ESMA Chair.
- (3) On 11 December 2020, the three candidates were interviewed by the Presidency on behalf of the Member States.
- (4) On 22 September 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed on one of the shortlisted candidates for the position of ESMA Chair: Ms Verena ROSS.
- (5) On 29 September 2021, the Council sent a letter to the European Parliament stating that, should the European Parliament confirm Ms Verena ROSS for the position of Chairperson of ESMA, the Council would adopt a decision to appoint her as the Chairperson of ESMA.
- (6) On 5 October 2021, the European Parliament confirmed Ms Verena ROSS for the position of Chairperson of ESMA,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ms Verena ROSS is hereby appointed as Chair of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) for a period of 5 years from 1 November 2021.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 84.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2019/2175 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority), Regulation (EU) No 1094/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority), Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 on markets in financial instruments, Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds, and Regulation (EU) 2015/847 on information accompanying transfers of funds (OJ L 334, 27.12.2019, p. 1).

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 15 October 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. CIGLER KRALJ

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/1823**of 18 October 2021****amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 23 December 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/798/CFSP ⁽¹⁾, concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic.
- (2) On 29 July 2021, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 2588 (2021), which extends the exemptions to the arms embargo and broadens the scope of the restrictive measures.
- (3) Further action by the Union is needed in order to implement certain measures.
- (4) Decision 2013/798/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2013/798/CFSP is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 2(1), point (g) is replaced by the following:

‘(g) the sale, supply, transfer or export of weapons with a calibre of 14,5 mm or less and ammunition and components specially designed for such weapons, and of unarmed ground military vehicles and ground military vehicles mounted with weapons with a calibre of 14,5 mm or less, and their spare parts, and of rocket-propelled grenades, and ammunition specially designed for such weapons, and of mortars with a calibre of 60 mm and 82 mm, and ammunition specially designed for such weapons, and the provision of related assistance, to the CAR security forces, including state civilian law enforcement institutions, where such weapons, ammunition, components and vehicles are intended solely for support of, or use in, the CAR process of SSR, as notified in advance to the Committee;’;

- (2) in Article 2a(1), the following point is added:

‘(k) involved in planning, directing, sponsoring or committing acts in the CAR that violate international humanitarian law, including attacks against medical personnel or humanitarian personnel;’;

- (3) in Article 2b(1), the following point is added:

‘(k) involved in planning, directing, sponsoring or committing acts in the CAR that violate international humanitarian law, including attacks against medical personnel or humanitarian personnel.’;

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP of 23 December 2013 concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 51).

Article 2

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, 18 October 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/1824**of 18 October 2021****amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/1515 establishing a European Security and Defence College (ESDC)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 28(1) and 42(4) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 19 October 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1515 ⁽¹⁾, establishing a European Security and Defence College (ESDC).
- (2) A new financial reference amount for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 should be established.
- (3) Decision (CFSP) 2020/1515 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 16(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2020/1515 is replaced by the following:

‘2. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure of the ESDC during the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 shall be EUR 1 975 752,04.

The financial reference amount to cover the expenditure of the ESDC for subsequent periods shall be decided by the Council.’.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 18 October 2021.

For the Council

The President

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1515 of 19 October 2020 establishing a European Security and Defence College, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2016/2382 (OJ L 348, 20.10.2020, p. 1).

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/1825**of 18 October 2021****amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 September 2016, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The restrictive measures set out in Article 2(2) and Article 3(3) and (4) of Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 apply until 31 October 2021. On the basis of a review of that Decision, the restrictive measures should be extended until 31 October 2022.
- (3) Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 6 of Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693, paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:

‘5. The measures referred to in Article 2(2) and Article 3(3) and (4) shall apply until 31 October 2022.’.

Article 2

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, 18 October 2021.

For the Council

The President

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 of 20 September 2016 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them and repealing Common Position 2002/402/CFSP (OJ L 255, 21.9.2016, p. 25).

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/1826
of 18 October 2021
amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in
Burundi

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 1 October 2015, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 ⁽¹⁾, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi.
- (2) On the basis of a review of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763, the restrictive measures should be renewed until 31 October 2022.
- (3) Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 6 of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

‘This Decision shall apply until 31 October 2022.’.

Article 2

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, 18 October 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 of 1 October 2015 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi (OJ L 257, 2.10.2015, p. 37).

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2021/1827**of 18 October 2021****on standards for postal services and the improvement of quality of service in support of Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council****(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 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 20 of Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ Member States are to ensure that universal service providers refer to the standards published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* where necessary in the interests of users and in particular when they supply the information referred to in Article 6 of that Directive.
- (2) The Commission issued a standardisation mandate, M/428, in the field of postal services on 9 October 2008. By Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 4876 ⁽³⁾ the Commission made a request to the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) for the drafting and revision of European standards or European standardisation deliverables in support of the implementation of Article 20 of Directive 97/67/EC and in support of Action 5 of the Commission Communication titled 'A roadmap for completing the single market for parcel delivery Build trust in delivery services and encourage online sales' ⁽⁴⁾.
- (3) On the basis of the request set out in Implementing Decision C(2016) 4876, CEN revised standard EN 13850:2012 on measurement of the transit time of end-to-end services for single piece priority mail and first class mail and replaced it with EN 13850:2020; revised EN 14012:2008 on complaints handling principles and replaced it with EN 14012:2019; revised EN 14615:2005 on digital postage marks to adapt it to the new requirements of secured data printing and replaced it with EN 14615:2017; revised EN 14142-1:2011 and CEN/TR 14142-2:2011 to adapt them to the new international standard ISO 19160-4:2017 on addressing (International postal address components and template language) and replaced them with EN ISO 19160-4:2017.
- (4) On the basis of the request set out in standardisation mandate M/428 of 9 October 2008, CEN revised standard EN 14508:2003+A1:2007 on transit time for non-priority mail and replaced it with EN 14508:2016; revised EN 14534:2003+A1:2007 on transit time for bulk mail and replaced it with EN 14534:2016 as corrected by EN 14534:2016/AC:2017, and corrected EN 13724:2013 on apertures of private letter boxes and letter plates by publishing a corrigendum EN 13724:2013/AC:2016.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 1997 on common rules for the development of the internal market of Community postal services and the improvement of quality of service (OJ L 15, 21.1.1998, p. 14).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 4876 of 1 August 2016 on a standardisation request to the European Committee of Standardization as regards postal services and the improvement of quality of service in support of Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 1997.

⁽⁴⁾ COM(2013) 886 final of 16 December 2013.

- (5) The references of standards EN 13850:2012, EN 14012:2008, EN 14142:2011, EN 14508:2003+A1:2007, EN 14534:2003+A1:2007, EN 14615:2005 and EN 13724:2013 have been published by Commission communication 2015/C 159/01 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (6) The Commission, together with CEN, has assessed whether the standards EN 13850:2020, EN 14012:2019, EN 14615:2017, and EN ISO 19160-4:2017 comply with the request set out in Implementing Decision C(2016) 4876.
- (7) The Commission, together with CEN, has assessed whether the standards EN 14508:2016 and EN 14534:2016 as corrected by EN 14534:2016/AC:2017 comply with the request set out in standardisation mandate M/428 of 9 October 2008.
- (8) Standards EN 13850:2020, EN 14012:2019, EN 14615:2017, EN ISO 19160-4:2017, EN 14508:2016 and EN 14534:2016 corrected by EN 14534:2016/AC:2017 satisfy the requirement of continued harmonisation of technical standards as referred to in Directive 97/67/EC. It is therefore appropriate to publish the references of those standards and the corrigendum EN 13724:2013/AC:2016 to EN 13724:2013 in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (9) Standards EN 13850:2020, EN 14012:2019, EN 14615:2017, EN ISO 19160-4:2017, EN 14508:2016 and EN 14534:2016 as corrected by EN 14534:2016/AC:2017 replace standards EN 13850:2012, EN 14012:2008, EN 14615:2005, EN 14142-1:2011, EN 14508:2003+A1:2007 and EN 14534:2003+A1:2007. It is therefore necessary to withdraw the references of standards EN 13850:2012, EN 14012:2008, EN 14615:2005, EN 14142-1:2011, EN 14508:2003+A1:2007 and EN 14534:2003+A1:2007 from the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (10) In the interests of clarity and legal certainty, a complete list of references of technical standards drafted in support of Directive 97/67/EC should be published in one act. The other references of technical standards published by Communication 2015/C 159/01 should therefore also be included in this Decision. It is therefore appropriate to repeal that Communication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The references of technical standards for postal services and the improvement of quality of service drafted in support of Directive 97/67/EC and listed in the Annex to this Decision are hereby published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 2

Communication 2015/C 159/01 is repealed.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 18 October 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽⁵⁾ Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 1997 on common rules for the development of the internal market of Community postal services and the improvement of quality of service (Publication of titles and references of technical standards within the meaning of Article 20 of the Directive) (OJ C 159, 13.5.2015, p. 1).

ANNEX

No	Reference of the standard
1.	EN 13619:2002 Postal services – Mail item processing – Optical characteristics for processing letters
2.	EN 13724:2013 Postal services – Apertures of private letter boxes and letter plates – Requirements and test methods EN 13724:2013/AC:2016
3.	EN 13850:2020 Postal services – Quality of services – Measurement of the transit time of end-to-end services for single piece priority mail and first class mail
4.	EN 14012:2019 Postal services – Quality of service – Complaints handling principles
5.	EN 14508:2016 Postal services – Quality of service – Measurement of the transit time of end-to-end services for single piece non-priority mail and second class mail
6.	EN 14534:2016 Postal services – Quality of service – Measurement of the transit time of end-to-end services for bulk mail EN 14534:2016/AC:2017
7.	EN 14615:2017 Postal services – Digital postage marks – Applications, security and design
8.	EN ISO 19160-4:2017 Addressing – Part 4: International postal address components and template language (ISO 19160-4:2017)

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