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II

(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

**Information concerning the entry into force of the renewal of the agreement on cooperation
between the European Community and Ukraine**

The renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine, signed on 4 July 2002 ⁽¹⁾ and renewed in 2003 ⁽²⁾, 2011 ⁽³⁾ and 2015 ⁽⁴⁾, has, in accordance with Article 12(a) thereof, entered into force on 17 August 2015. The renewal of the Agreement for a further period of 5 years, in accordance with Article 12(b) thereof, is effective as from 8 November 2014.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 36, 12.2.2003, p. 31.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 267, 17.10.2003, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 79, 25.3.2011, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 60, 4.3.2015, p. 37.

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2015/1494

of 4 September 2015

amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards benzene

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 131 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Paragraph 3 of entry 5 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 prohibits the placing on the market or use of benzene as a substance or as a constituent of other substances, or in mixtures, in concentrations equal to or greater than 0,1 % by weight.
- (2) Due to geological particularities, natural gas from certain reservoirs contains more than 0,1 % of benzene by weight but less than 0,1 % by volume.
- (3) The techniques available to reduce the concentration of benzene in this natural gas to less than 0,1 % by weight would entail capital expenditure close to EUR 1 billion and operational expenditure of around EUR 60 million per year.
- (4) A risk assessment carried out in 2013 by the Dutch Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment) concluded that natural gas that is placed on the market for use by consumers and has a limit for benzene above 0,1 % by weight, but below 0,1 % by volume, does not pose an unacceptable health risk.
- (5) The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) confirmed in its opinion ⁽²⁾ of 28 November 2014 that consumer exposure to benzene concentrations in natural gas above 0,1 % by weight, but below 0,1 % by volume, does not pose a risk to the health of consumers that is not adequately controlled.
- (6) The high cost of reducing the concentration of benzene in natural gas to below 0,1 % by weight would be disproportionate and, in the light of the RAC opinion, unnecessary for the purposes of risk management. Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 should therefore be amended to allow for the placing on the market and the use of natural gas with a concentration of benzene below 0,1 % by volume.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13641/rac_opinion_adopted_benzene_in_natural_gas_en.pdf

- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 133 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 is amended in accordance with the Annex 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, 4 September 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNKER

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In Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, the following point (c) is added to paragraph 4 of column 2 of entry 5:

- ‘(c) natural gas placed on the market for use by consumers, provided that the concentration of benzene remains below 0,1 % volume/volume’.

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/1495**of 4 September 2015****establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 136(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in Annex XVI, Part A thereto.
- (2) The standard import value is calculated each working day, in accordance with Article 136(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, taking into account variable daily data. Therefore this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 136 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 are fixed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 4 September 2015.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,*

*Jerzy PLEWA
Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 157, 15.6.2011, p. 1.

ANNEX

Standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	MA	191,0
	MK	41,5
	XS	30,8
	ZZ	87,8
0707 00 05	TR	116,3
	XS	42,0
	ZZ	79,2
0709 93 10	TR	132,5
	ZZ	132,5
0805 50 10	AR	137,1
	BO	147,4
	CL	146,5
	UY	119,9
	ZA	142,7
	ZZ	138,7
0806 10 10	BA	74,4
	EG	240,1
	MA	201,0
	MK	63,9
	TR	137,2
	ZZ	143,3
0808 10 80	AR	166,6
	BR	81,1
	CL	129,9
	NZ	130,9
	US	163,0
	UY	110,5
	ZA	110,1
	ZZ	127,4
0808 30 90	AR	189,8
	CL	100,0
	CN	88,6
	TR	131,5
	ZA	103,7
	ZZ	122,7

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0809 30 10, 0809 30 90	MK	68,9
	TR	148,1
	ZZ	108,5
0809 40 05	BA	55,4
	IL	336,8
	MK	55,1
	XS	68,2
	ZZ	128,9

⁽¹⁾ Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1106/2012 of 27 November 2012 implementing Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries, as regards the update of the nomenclature of countries and territories (OJ L 328, 28.11.2012, p. 7). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

DECISIONS

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2015/1496

of 23 July 2015

extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) (EUAM UKRAINE/3/2015)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular the third paragraph of Article 38 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2014/486/CFSP of 22 July 2014 on the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Decision 2014/486/CFSP, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) is authorised, in accordance with Article 38 of the Treaty, to take the relevant decisions concerning the political control and strategic direction of the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine), including the decision to appoint a Head of Mission.
- (2) On 24 July 2014, the PSC adopted Decision 2014/644/CFSP ⁽²⁾ appointing Mr Kálmán MIZSEI as Head of Mission of EUAM Ukraine from 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015.
- (3) The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has proposed to extend the mandate of Mr Kálmán MIZSEI as Head of Mission of EUAM Ukraine from 1 August 2015 to 30 November 2015,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Kálmán MIZSEI as Head of Mission of the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) is hereby extended until 30 November 2015.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 23 July 2015.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

W. STEVENS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 217, 23.7.2014, p. 42.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision 2014/644/CFSP of 24 July 2014 on the appointment of the Head of Mission of the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) (EUAM Ukraine/1/2014) (OJ L 267, 6.9.2014, p. 6).

