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II

(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/267

of 12 February 2016

on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Arab Emirates on the short-stay visa waiver

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 point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph 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) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Union an agreement with the United Arab Emirates on the short-stay visa waiver (the 'Agreement').
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2015/785 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement has been signed and is applied on a provisional basis as from 6 May 2015.
- (3) The Agreement sets up a Joint Committee of experts for the management of the Agreement. The Union is to be represented within that Joint Committee by the Commission, which should be assisted by the representatives of the Member States.
- (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 ⁽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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 15 December 2015 (not yet published in the Official Journal)

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/785 of 20 April 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Arab Emirates on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 125, 21.5.2015, 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).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the United Arab Emirates on the short-stay visa waiver is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give, on behalf of the Union, the notification provided for in Article 8(1) of the Agreement ⁽¹⁾.

Article 3

The Commission, assisted by the representatives of the Member States, shall represent the Union within the Joint Committee of experts set up pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 12 February 2016.

For the Council

The President

J.R.V.A. DIJSSELBLOEM

⁽¹⁾ 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.

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/268**of 12 February 2016****on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Saint Lucia on the short-stay visa waiver**

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 point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph 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) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Union an agreement with Saint Lucia on the short-stay visa waiver (the 'Agreement').
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2015/1031 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement has been signed and is applied on a provisional basis as from 28 May 2015.
- (3) The Agreement sets up a Joint Committee of experts for the management of the Agreement. The Union is to be represented within that Joint Committee by the Commission, which should be assisted by the representatives of the Member States.
- (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 ⁽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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and Saint Lucia on the short-stay visa waiver is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give, on behalf of the Union, the notification provided for in Article 8(1) of the Agreement ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 15 December 2015 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1031 of 7 May 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and Saint Lucia on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 173, 3.7.2015, p. 10).

⁽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⁾ 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.

Article 3

The Commission, assisted by the representatives of the Member States, shall represent the Union within the Joint Committee of experts set up pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 12 February 2016.

For the Council

The President

J.R.V.A. DIJSSELBLOEM

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/269**of 12 February 2016****on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Commonwealth of Dominica on the short-stay visa waiver**

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 point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph 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) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Union an agreement with the Commonwealth of Dominica on the short-stay visa waiver (the 'Agreement').
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2015/1032 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement has been signed and is applied on a provisional basis as from 28 May 2015.
- (3) The Agreement sets up a Joint Committee of experts for the management of the Agreement. The Union is to be represented within that Joint Committee by the Commission, which should be assisted by the representatives of the Member States.
- (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 ⁽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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Commonwealth of Dominica on the short-stay visa waiver is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give, on behalf of the Union, the notification provided for in Article 8(1) of the Agreement ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 15 December 2015 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1032 of 7 May 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Commonwealth of Dominica on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 173, 3.7.2015, p. 19).

⁽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⁾ 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.

Article 3

The Commission, assisted by the representatives of the Member States, shall represent the Union within the Joint Committee of experts set up pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 12 February 2016.

For the Council

The President

J.R.V.A. DIJSSELBLOEM

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/270**of 12 February 2016****on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Grenada on the short-stay visa waiver**

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 point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph 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) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Union an Agreement with Grenada on the short-stay visa waiver (the 'Agreement').
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2015/1033 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement has been signed and is applied on a provisional basis as from 28 May 2015.
- (3) The Agreement sets up a Joint Committee of experts for the management of the Agreement. The Union is to be represented within that Joint Committee by the Commission, which should be assisted by the representatives of the Member States.
- (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 ⁽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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and Grenada on the short-stay visa waiver is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 15 December 2015 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1033 of 7 May 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and Grenada on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 173, 3.7.2015, p. 28).

⁽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).

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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/271**of 12 February 2016****on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on the short-stay visa waiver**

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 point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph 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) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Union an agreement with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on the short-stay visa waiver (the 'Agreement').
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2015/1034 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement has been signed and is applied on a provisional basis as from 28 May 2015.
- (3) The Agreement sets up a Joint Committee of experts for the management of the Agreement. The Union is to be represented within that Joint Committee by the Commission, which should be assisted by the representatives of the Member States.
- (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 ⁽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.
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- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on the short-stay visa waiver is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 15 December 2015 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1034 of 7 May 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 173, 3.7.2015, p. 37).

⁽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).

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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/272**of 12 February 2016****on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Vanuatu on the short-stay visa waiver**

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 point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph 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) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Union an agreement with the Republic of Vanuatu on the short-stay visa waiver (the 'Agreement').
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2015/1035 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement has been signed and is applied on a provisional basis as from 28 May 2015.
- (3) The Agreement sets up a Joint Committee of experts for the management of the Agreement. The Union is to be represented within that Joint Committee by the Commission, which should be assisted by the representatives of the Member States.
- (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 ⁽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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Vanuatu on the short-stay visa waiver is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give, on behalf of the Union, the notification provided for in Article 8(1) of the Agreement ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 15 December 2015 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1035 of 7 May 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Vanuatu on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 173, 3.7.2015, p. 46).

⁽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).

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Done at Brussels, 12 February 2016.

For the Council

The President

J.R.V.A. DIJSSELBLOEM

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/273**of 12 February 2016****on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on the short-stay visa waiver**

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 point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph 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) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Union an Agreement with the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on the short-stay visa waiver (the 'Agreement').
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2015/1030 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement has been signed and is applied on a provisional basis as from 28 May 2015.
- (3) The Agreement sets up a Joint Committee of experts for the management of the Agreement. The Union is to be represented within that Joint Committee by the Commission, which should be assisted by the representatives of the Member States.
- (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 ⁽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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on the short-stay visa waiver is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 15 December 2015 (not yet published in the Official Journal)

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1030 of 7 May 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 173, 3.7.2015, 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).

Article 2

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Done at Brussels, 12 February 2016.

For the Council

The President

J.R.V.A. DIJSSELBLOEM

⁽¹⁾ 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.

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/274**of 12 February 2016****on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Independent State of Samoa on the short-stay visa waiver**

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 point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph 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) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Union an agreement with the Independent State of Samoa on the short-stay visa waiver (the 'Agreement').
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2015/1036 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement has been signed and is applied on a provisional basis as from 28 May 2015.
- (3) The Agreement sets up a Joint Committee of experts for the management of the Agreement. The Union is to be represented within that Joint Committee by the Commission, which should be assisted by the representatives of the Member States.
- (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 ⁽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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Independent State of Samoa on the short-stay visa waiver is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give, on behalf of the Union, the notification provided for in Article 8(1) of the Agreement ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 15 December 2015 (not yet published in the *Official Journal*).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1036 of 7 May 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Independent State of Samoa on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 173, 3.7.2015, p. 55).

⁽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⁾ 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.

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Article 4

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Done at Brussels, 12 February 2016.

For the Council

The President

J.R.V.A. DIJSSELBLOEM

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/275**of 12 February 2016****on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the short-stay visa waiver**

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 point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph 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) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Union an agreement with the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the short-stay visa waiver (the 'Agreement').
- (2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2015/1037 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement has been signed and is applied on a provisional basis as from 28 May 2015.
- (3) The Agreement sets up a Joint Committee of experts for the management of the Agreement. The Union is to be represented within that Joint Committee by the Commission, which should be assisted by the representatives of the Member States.
- (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 ⁽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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the short-stay visa waiver is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

⁽¹⁾ Consent given on 15 December 2015 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1037 of 7 May 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 173, 3.7.2015, p. 64).

⁽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).

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give, on behalf of the Union, the notification provided for in Article 8(1) of the Agreement ⁽¹⁾.

Article 3

The Commission, assisted by the representatives of the Member States, shall represent the Union within the Joint Committee of experts set up pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 12 February 2016.

For the Council

The President

J.R.V.A. DIJSSELBLOEM

⁽¹⁾ 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

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/276

of 25 February 2016

implementing Article 8a(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 of 18 May 2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8a(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 May 2006, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 765/2006.
- (2) On 25 February 2016, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/280 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus ⁽²⁾, extending the application of the restrictive measures until 28 February 2017 and amending Annex I and deleting Annex II to that Decision.
- (3) Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

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, 25 February 2016.

For the Council
The President
K.H.D.M. DIJKHOFF

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 134, 20.5.2006, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/280 of 25 February 2016 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus (see page 30 of this Official Journal).

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Persons referred to in Article 2(1)

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3.	Sheiman, Viktar Uladzimiravich (Sheyman, Viktar Uladzimiravich) Sheiman, Viktor Vladimirovich (Sheyman, Viktor Vladimirovich)	ШЭЙМАН, Віктар Уладзіміравіч	ШЕЙМАН, Виктор Владимирович	DOB: 26.5.1958 POB: Hrodna region Address: Управление Делами Президента ул. К.Маркса, 38 220016, г. Минск	Head of the Management Department of the President's Administration. Responsible for the unresolved disappearances of Yuri Zakharenko, Viktor Gonchar, Anatoly Krasovski and Dmitri Zavadski in Belarus in 1999-2000. Former Secretary of the Security Council. Sheiman remains a Special Assistant/Aid to the President.

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COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2016/277
of 25 February 2016
amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus

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 2012/642/CFSP of 15 October 2012 concerning restrictive measures against Belarus ⁽¹⁾,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 ⁽²⁾ provides for a freezing of the assets of President Lukashenko and certain officials of Belarus, as well as of assets of persons responsible for serious violations of human rights or the repression of civil society and democratic opposition, and of persons and entities benefiting from or supporting the Lukashenko regime, including, in particular, persons and entities providing financial or material support to that regime.
- (2) The application of the asset freeze should be maintained in respect of four persons listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006.
- (3) All persons and entities listed in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 in respect of which the application of the asset freeze was suspended should be deleted, and the suspension of the application of the prohibition should be brought to an end.
- (4) This measure falls within the scope of the Treaty and regulatory action at the level of the Union is therefore necessary in order to give effect to it, in particular with a view to ensuring its uniform application by economic operators in all Member States.
- (5) Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 2, paragraph 6 is deleted;
- (2) Article 8b is deleted;
- (3) Annex IV is deleted.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 285, 17.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 of 18 May 2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus (OJ L 134, 20.5.2006, p. 1).

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

Done at Brussels, 25 February 2016.

For the Council
The President
K.H.D.M. DIJKHOFF

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/278**of 26 February 2016****repealing the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in the People's Republic of China, as extended to imports of certain iron or steel fasteners consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/476 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 on the measures that the Union may take following a report adopted by the WTO Dispute Settlement Body concerning anti-dumping and anti-subsidy matters ⁽¹⁾ ('the WTO enabling Regulation'), and in particular Article 1(1)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

A. MEASURES IN FORCE

- (1) The Council by Regulation (EC) No 91/2009 ⁽²⁾ imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in the People's Republic of China ('China').
- (2) On 28 July 2011, the Dispute Settlement Body ('DSB') of the World Trade Organisation ('WTO') adopted the Appellate Body Report and the Panel Report as modified by the Appellate Body Report in the dispute 'European Communities — Definitive anti-dumping measures on certain iron or steel fasteners from China' ⁽³⁾ ('original reports'). Following a review to implement the original reports, the Council adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) No 924/2012 ⁽⁴⁾ which amended Regulation (EC) No 91/2009.
- (3) By Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/519 ⁽⁵⁾ the European Commission ('Commission'), following an expiry review conducted under Article 11(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 ⁽⁶⁾, maintained the measures as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 924/2012.
- (4) The measures maintained by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/519 took the form of an *ad valorem* duty established for individual sampled Chinese exporting producers at the level of 0,0 % to 69,7 %. At the same time the anti-dumping duty for the cooperating, non-sampled Chinese exporting producers was set at a level of 54,1 % while residual duty for non-cooperating Chinese exporting producers amounted to 74,1 %.
- (5) By Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 723/2011 ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 693/2012 ⁽⁸⁾, the measures were extended to imports of certain iron or steel fasteners consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not.

B. COMPLIANCE REPORTS OF THE DSB OF THE WTO

- (6) As referred to in recital 2 the Council implemented the original reports by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 924/2012.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 83, 27.3.2015, p. 6.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 29, 31.1.2009, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ WTO, Report of the Appellate Body, AB-2011-2, WT/DS397/AB/R, 15 July 2011. WTO, Report of the Panel, WT/DS397/R, 3 December 2010.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 275, 10.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 82, 27.3.2015, p. 78.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 51.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 194, 26.7.2011, p. 6.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 203, 31.7.2012, p. 23.

- (7) China, however, considered that the measure taken by the European Union through the Implementing Regulation (EU) No 924/2012 to implement the original reports was inconsistent with various provisions of the Anti-Dumping Agreement ('ADA') and the GATT 1994. On 30 October 2013, China requested consultations with the European Union pursuant to Articles 4 and 21.5 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ('DSU') of the WTO. On 5 December 2013, China requested the establishment of a panel under Article 21.5 of the DSU ('compliance panel'). On 27 March 2014, the Director-General of the WTO composed the compliance panel.
- (8) On 7 August 2015, the compliance panel report ⁽¹⁾ was circulated to Members of the WTO. On 9 September 2015, the European Union notified the DSB pursuant to Articles 16.4 and 17 of the DSU of its decision to appeal to the Appellate Body certain issues of law covered in the compliance panel report and certain legal interpretations developed by the panel. On 14 September 2015, China notified the DSB of its decision to cross-appeal.
- (9) On 18 January 2016, the compliance Appellate Body report ⁽²⁾ was circulated to Members of the WTO. The compliance panel report circulated on 7 August 2015 and the compliance Appellate Body report circulated on 18 January 2016 are referred to as 'compliance reports'.
- (10) In the compliance reports, it was found, inter alia, that the EU acted inconsistently with:
- Article 2.4 of the ADA with respect to the treatment of certain information regarding the characteristics of the analogue country producer's products that were used in determining normal values, with respect to differences in taxation, and with respect to differences relating to access to raw materials, use of self-generated electricity, efficiency in raw material consumption, efficiency in electricity consumption and productivity per employee,
 - Article 2.4.2 of the ADA with respect to export transactions for which there was no match in the analogue country producer's sales,
 - Articles 4.1 and 3.1 of the ADA with respect to the definition of domestic industry and injury,
 - Article 6.1.2 of the ADA with respect to whether the analogue country producer should have been treated as an interested party and with respect to the disclosure to the Chinese producers of information provided by the analogue country producer concerning the list and characteristics of its products,
 - Articles 6.4, 6.2 and Articles 6.5 and 6.5.1 of the ADA with regard to the treatment of certain information relating to the product characteristics of the analogue country producer.
- (11) In the compliance Appellate Body report, the Appellate Body recommended that the DSB request the European Union to bring its measures found to be inconsistent with the ADA into conformity with its obligations under the ADA.
- (12) On 12 February 2016, the DSB adopted the compliance reports.
- (13) In view of the findings referred to in recital (10) the Commission considers that in accordance with Article 1(1)(a) of the WTO enabling Regulation it is appropriate to repeal the anti-dumping duties imposed by Regulation (EC) No 91/2009, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 924/2012 and maintained by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/519 ('the disputed measures').
- (14) The repeal of the disputed measures should take effect from the date of its entry into force and, therefore, does not provide any basis for the reimbursement of the duties collected prior to that date.
- (15) The Committee established by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 did not deliver an opinion,

⁽¹⁾ WTO, Report of the Panel, WT/DS397/RW, 7 August 2015.

⁽²⁾ WTO, Report of the Appellate Body, AB-2015-7, WT/DS397/AB/RW, 18 January 2016.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners, other than of stainless steel, i.e. wood screws (excluding coach screws), self-tapping screws, other screws and bolts with heads (whether or not with their nuts or washers, but excluding screws turned from bars, rods, profiles or wire, of solid section, of a shank thickness not exceeding 6 mm and excluding screws and bolts for fixing railway track construction material), and washers, currently falling within CN codes 7318 12 90, 7318 14 91, 7318 14 99, 7318 15 59, 7318 15 69, 7318 15 81, 7318 15 89, ex 7318 15 90, ex 7318 21 00 and ex 7318 22 00 (TARIC codes 7318 15 90 21, 7318 15 90 29, 7318 15 90 71, 7318 15 90 79, 7318 15 90 91, 7318 15 90 98, 7318 21 00 31, 7318 21 00 39, 7318 21 00 95, 7318 21 00 98, 7318 22 00 31, 7318 22 00 39, 7318 22 00 95 and 7318 22 00 98) and originating in the People's Republic of China, as extended to imports consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not, are hereby repealed and the proceeding concerning these imports is terminated.

Article 2

The repeal of the anti-dumping duties referred to in Article 1 shall take effect from the date of the entry into force of this Regulation as provided for in Article 3 and shall not serve as a basis for the reimbursement of the duties collected prior to that date.

Article 3

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, 26 February 2016.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/279**of 26 February 2016****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, 26 February 2016.

*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	IL	236,2
	MA	83,8
	SN	149,8
	TN	116,3
	TR	109,4
	ZZ	139,1
0707 00 05	JO	206,0
	MA	83,5
	TR	171,2
	ZZ	153,6
0709 91 00	TN	173,6
	ZZ	173,6
0709 93 10	MA	42,6
	TR	105,5
	ZZ	74,1
0805 10 20	EG	47,0
	IL	78,2
	MA	56,1
	TN	56,9
	TR	63,4
	ZZ	60,3
0805 20 10	IL	112,1
	MA	84,8
	TR	84,6
	ZZ	93,8
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	IL	136,2
	JM	161,2
	MA	110,7
	TR	68,2
	US	146,9
	ZZ	124,6
0805 50 10	EG	90,7
	MA	85,9
	TR	96,6
	ZZ	91,1

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0808 10 80	CL	93,2
	US	128,0
	ZZ	110,6
0808 30 90	CL	132,6
	CN	90,6
	TR	156,1
	ZA	102,7
	ZZ	120,5

⁽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

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2016/280

of 25 February 2016

amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus

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 of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 15 October 2012, the Council adopted Decision 2012/642/CFSP ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) On the basis of a review of Decision 2012/642/CFSP, the restrictive measures against Belarus should be extended until 28 February 2017.
- (3) The application of the travel ban and asset freeze should be maintained in respect of four persons listed in Annex I to Decision 2012/642/CFSP.
- (4) Decision 2012/642/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2012/642/CFSP is amended as follows:

- (1) throughout the Decision, the term 'Annex I' is replaced by the term 'Annex';
- (2) in Article 6, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. The Council, acting upon a proposal by a Member State or the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, shall adopt amendments to the list contained in the Annex as required by political developments in Belarus.';

- (3) Article 8 is replaced by the following:

'Article 8

1. This Decision shall apply until 28 February 2017.
2. This Decision shall be kept under constant review and shall be renewed, or amended as appropriate, if the Council deems that its objectives have not been met.';

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2012/642/CFSP of 15 October 2012 concerning restrictive measures against Belarus (OJ L 285, 17.10.2012, p. 1).

- (4) Annex I is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision;
- (5) Annex II is deleted.

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 Brussels, 25 February 2016.

For the Council
The President
K.H.D.M. DIJKHOFF

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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2016/281**of 26 February 2016****determining the date from which the Visa Information System (VIS) is to start operations at external border crossing points**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 concerning the Visa Information System (VIS) and the exchange of data between Member States on short-stay visas (VIS Regulation) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 48(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) According to Commission Decision 2010/49/EC ⁽²⁾, external border crossing points, as defined by Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾, constitute a separate region where the collection and transmission of data to the Visa Information System (VIS) for all applications should start.
- (2) Member States have notified the Commission that they have made the necessary technical and legal arrangements to collect and transmit the data referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 to the VIS for all applications in this region.
- (3) The condition laid down by the first sentence of Article 48(3) of Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 thus being fulfilled, it is therefore necessary to determine the date from which the VIS is to start operations at external border crossing points.
- (4) Given that Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 builds upon the Schengen *acquis*, Denmark, in accordance with Article 5 of the Protocol on the position of Denmark annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community, decided to implement Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 in its national law. Denmark is therefore bound under international law to implement this Decision.
- (5) 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 ⁽⁴⁾; the United Kingdom is therefore not bound by this Decision or subject to its application.
- (6) 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 ⁽⁵⁾; Ireland is therefore not bound by this Decision or subject to its application.
- (7) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* ⁽⁶⁾, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC ⁽⁷⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 218, 13.8.2008, p. 60.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision 2010/49/EC of 30 November 2009 determining the first regions for the start of operations of the Visa Information System (VIS) (OJ L 23, 27.1.2010, p. 62).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) (OJ L 105, 13.4.2006, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ 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).

⁽⁵⁾ 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).

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36.

⁽⁷⁾ Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31).

- (8) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* ⁽¹⁾, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC ⁽²⁾.
- (9) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* ⁽³⁾, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU ⁽⁴⁾.
- (10) This Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise related to, the Schengen *acquis* within respectively, the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession, of Article 4(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession and of Article 4(2) of the 2011 Act of Accession.
- (11) In view of the need to set the date for the start of the VIS at the external border crossing points in the very near future, this Decision should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Visa Information System shall start operations at external border crossing points region determined by Decision 2010/49/EC on 29 February 2016.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision shall apply in accordance with the Treaties.

Done at Brussels, 26 February 2016.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 2008/146/EC of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision 2011/350/EU of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*, relating to the abolition of checks at internal borders and movement of persons (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 19).

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/2265 of 7 December 2015 opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2016-2018

(Official Journal of the European Union L 322 of 8 December 2015)

On page 8, Annex, entry No 4 concerning Order No 09.2760:

for:

'09.2760	ex 0303 66 11	10	Hake (<i>Merluccius</i> spp. excluding <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> , <i>Urophycis</i> spp.) and pink cusk-eel (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i> and <i>Genypterus capensis</i>), frozen, for processing ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	15 000	0 %	1.1.2016–31.12.2018'
	ex 0303 66 12	10				
	ex 0303 66 13	10				
	ex 0303 66 19	11				
	ex 0303 89 70	91				
		10				
	ex 0303 89 90	30				

read:

'09.2760	ex 0303 66 11	10	Hake (<i>Merluccius</i> spp. excluding <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> , <i>Urophycis</i> spp.) and pink cusk-eel (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i> and <i>Genypterus capensis</i>), frozen, for processing ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	15 000	0 %	1.1.2016–31.12.2018';
	ex 0303 66 12	10				
	ex 0303 66 13	10				
	ex 0303 66 19	11				
		91				
	ex 0303 89 70	10				
	ex 0303 89 90	30				

on page 9, Annex, entry No 4 concerning Order No 09.2786, column headed 'CN code':

for: 'ex 0307 49 59

ex 0307 99 11',

read: 'ex 0307 49 59

ex 0307 99 11

ex 0307 99 17';

on page 11, Annex, footnote (3):

for: ⁽³⁾ Products under CN codes 0306 16 99 (TARIC subdivisions 20 and 30), 0306 26 90 (TARIC subdivisions 12, 14, 92 and 93), 1605 21 90 (TARIC subdivisions 45 and 62), 1605 29 00 (TARIC subdivisions 50 and 55), 0306 17 92 (TARIC subdivision 20), 0306 27 99 (TARIC subdivision 30), 0306 17 99 (TARIC subdivision 10) and 0306 27 99 (TARIC subdivision 20) shall, notwithstanding footnote (2), qualify (...).’,

read: ⁽³⁾ Products under CN codes 0306 16 99 (TARIC subdivisions 20 and 30), 0306 26 90 (TARIC subdivisions 12, 14, 92 and 93), 1605 21 90 (TARIC subdivisions 45, 55 and 62), 1605 29 00 (TARIC subdivisions 50, 55 and 60), 0306 17 92 (TARIC subdivision 20), 0306 27 99 (TARIC subdivision 30), 0306 17 99 (TARIC subdivision 10) and 0306 27 99 (TARIC subdivision 20) shall, notwithstanding footnote (2), qualify (...).’.

Corrigendum to Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 amending Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) as regards depositary functions, remuneration policies and sanctions

(Official Journal of the European Union L 257 of 28 August 2014)

On page 195, in Article 1, amendment to Directive 2009/65/EC, paragraph (2) ‘Article 14b’:

for: ^(m) subject to the legal structure of the UCITS and its fund rules or instruments of incorporation, a substantial portion, and in any event at least 50 %, of any variable remuneration component consists of units of the UCITS concerned, equivalent ownership interests, or share-linked instruments or equivalent non-cash instruments with equally effective incentives as any of the instruments referred to in this point, unless the management of the UCITS accounts for less than 50 % of the total portfolio managed by the management company, in which case the minimum of 50 % does not apply.’,

read: ^(m) subject to the legal structure of the UCITS and its fund rules or instruments of incorporation, a substantial portion, and in any event at least 50 %, of any variable remuneration component consists of units of the UCITS concerned, equivalent ownership interests, or share-linked instruments or equivalent non-cash instruments with equally effective incentives as any of the instruments referred to in this point, unless the management of UCITS accounts for less than 50 % of the total portfolio managed by the management company, in which case the minimum of 50 % does not apply.’.

