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INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/467

of 25 September 2017

on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 186, in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ provides for the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ('PRIMA') jointly undertaken by several Member States.
- (2) PRIMA aims to implement a joint programme to build research and innovation capacities and to develop knowledge and common innovative solutions for agro-food systems, to make them sustainable, and for integrated water provision and management in the Mediterranean area, to make those systems and that provision and management more climate resilient, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally and socially sustainable, and to contribute to solving water scarcity, food security, nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems upstream.
- (3) PRIMA will be jointly undertaken by a number of Member States and third countries ('Participating States') with a high level of commitment to scientific, management and financial integration and under the same terms and conditions.
- (4) The Republic of Lebanon ('Lebanon') expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and on an equal footing with the Member States and third countries associated to Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) participating in PRIMA.
- (5) In accordance with Article 1(2) of Decision (EU) 2017/1324 Lebanon is to become a Participating State in PRIMA subject to the conclusion of an international agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the Union setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA.
- (6) On 30 May 2017, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Union, with Lebanon, on an Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) ('the Agreement'), subject to the adoption of Decision (EU) 2017/1324. The negotiations were successfully completed.

⁽¹⁾ Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2017 on the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States (OJ L 185, 18.7.2017, p. 1).

- (7) The Agreement should be signed.
- (8) In order to allow for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA from its start, the Agreement should be applied on a provisional basis, pending the completion of the procedures necessary for its entry into force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The signing on behalf of the Union of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of the said Agreement.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Article 3

The Agreement shall be applied on a provisional basis, as from the signature thereof, pending the completion of the procedures necessary for its entry into force.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2017.

For the Council
The President
M. MAASIKAS

AGREEMENT**for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)**

THE EUROPEAN UNION, hereinafter referred to as 'the Union',

of the one part,

and

THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON, hereinafter referred to as 'Lebanon',

of the other part,

hereinafter referred to as 'the Parties',

WHEREAS the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ ('the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement'), which entered into force on 1 April 2006, provides for scientific, technical and technological cooperation;

WHEREAS Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ regulates the terms and conditions for the participation of the Member States of the Union and third countries associated to Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020 ('Horizon 2020') which are Participating States of the initiative, in particular their financial obligations and participation in the governing structures of the initiative;

WHEREAS in accordance with Decision (EU) 2017/1324 Lebanon is to become a Participating State in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ('PRIMA') subject to the conclusion of an international agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the Union setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA;

WHEREAS Lebanon expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and on an equal footing with the Member States of the Union and third countries associated to Horizon 2020 participating in PRIMA;

WHEREAS an international agreement between the Union and Lebanon is needed to regulate the rights and obligations of Lebanon as a Participating State in PRIMA;

WHEREAS full cooperation and coordination between competent authorities of both Parties is essential for implementation of this Agreement,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1***The purpose**

The purpose of this Agreement is to set out the terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ('PRIMA').

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 143, 30.5.2006, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2017 on the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States (OJ L 185, 18.7.2017, p. 1).

*Article 2***Terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA**

The terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in PRIMA shall be those set out in Decision (EU) 2017/1324. The Parties shall comply with the obligations established by Decision (EU) 2017/1324 and take appropriate measures, in particular by providing all necessary assistance in order to ensure the application of Article 10(2) and Article 11(3) and (4) of that Decision. The detailed arrangements for assistance shall be agreed between the Parties, such arrangements being essential to their cooperation under this Agreement.

*Article 3***Territorial application**

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty on the European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are applied and, on the other, to the territory of Lebanon.

*Article 4***Signature and provisional application**

This Agreement shall be applied on a provisional basis from the date of its signature.

*Article 5***Entry into force and duration**

1. This Agreement shall be approved by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which both Parties have notified each other through diplomatic channels that the procedures referred to in paragraph 1 have been completed.
3. This Agreement shall remain in force for as long as Decision (EU) 2017/1324 is in force, unless terminated by either Party in accordance with Article 6.

*Article 6***Termination**

1. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by a written notice informing the other Party of the intent to terminate it.

The termination shall take effect six months after the date on which the written notice reaches its addressee.

2. Projects and activities in progress at the time of termination of this Agreement shall continue until their completion under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.
3. Parties shall settle by common consent any other consequences of termination.

*Article 7***Dispute settlement**

The dispute settlement procedure provided for in Article 82 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement shall apply to all disputes related to the application or interpretation of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Arabic languages, each text being equally authentic.

Съставено в Брюксел на двадесет и седми февруари две хиляди и осемнадесета година.
 Hecho en Bruselas, el veintisiete de febrero de dos mil dieciocho.
 V Bruselu dne dvacátého sedmého února dva tisíce osmnáct.
 Udfærdiget i Bruxelles den syvogtyvende februar to tusind og atten.
 Geschehen zu Brüssel am siebenundzwanzigsten Februar zweitausendachtzehn.
 Kahe tuhande kaheksateistkümnenda aasta veebruarikuu kahekümne seitsmendal päeval Brüsselis.
 Έγινε στις Βρυξέλλες, στις είκοσι επτά Φεβρουαρίου δύο χιλιάδες δεκαοκτώ.
 Done at Brussels on the twenty-seventh day of February in the year two thousand and eighteen.
 Fait à Bruxelles, le vingt-sept février deux mille dix-huit.
 Sastavljeno u Bruxellesu dvadeset sedmog veljače godine dvije tisuće osamnaeste.
 Fatto a Bruxelles, addì ventisette febbraio duemiladiciotto.
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 Gedaan te Brussel, zevenentwintig februari tweeduizend achttien.
 Sporządzono w Brukseli dnia dwudziestego siódmego lutego roku dwa tysiące osiemnastego.
 Feito em Bruxelas, em vinte e sete de fevereiro de dois mil e dezoito.
 Întocmit la Bruxelles la douăzeci și șapte februarie două mii optsprezece.
 V Bruseli dvadsiateho siedmeho februára dvetisícosemnásti.
 V Bruslju, dne sedemindvajsetega februarja leta dva tisoč osemnajst.
 Tehty Brysselissä kahdentenäkymmenentenäseitsemäntenä päivänä helmikuuta vuonna kaksituhattakahdeksantoista.
 Som skedde i Bryssel den tjugosjunde februari år tjugohundraarton.

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 Za Evropskou unii
 For Den Europæiske Union
 Für die Europäische Union
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 For the European Union
 Pour l'Union européenne
 Za Europejsku uniju
 Per l'Unione europea
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Pentru Republica Libaneză
Za Libanonskú republiku
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För Republiken Libanon



عن الجمهورية اللبنانية

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/468

of 21 March 2018

implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1420

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 2580/2001 of 27 December 2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 4 August 2017, the Council adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1420 ⁽²⁾ implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001, establishing an updated list of persons, groups and entities to which Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 applies ('the list').
- (2) The Council has provided all the persons, groups and entities with statements of reasons explaining why they were entered into the list, where practically possible.
- (3) By way of a notice published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, the Council informed the persons, groups and entities on the list that it had decided to keep them thereon. The Council also informed the persons, groups and entities concerned that it was possible to request a statement of the Council's reasons for entering them into the list where such a statement had not already been communicated to them.
- (4) The Council has reviewed the list as required by Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001. When carrying out that review, the Council took into account the observations submitted to it by those concerned as well as the updated information received from the competent national authorities on the status of listed individuals and entities at the national level.
- (5) The Council has verified that competent authorities as referred to in Article 1(4) of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP ⁽³⁾ have taken decisions with regards to all persons, groups and entities to the effect that they have been involved in terrorist acts within the meaning of Article 1(2) and (3) of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP. The Council has also concluded that the persons, groups and entities to which Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP apply should continue to be subject to the specific restrictive measures provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001.
- (6) The list should be updated accordingly and implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1420 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list provided for in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 is set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 344, 28.12.2001, p. 70.

⁽²⁾ Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1420 of 4 August 2017 implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism, and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/150 (OJ L 204, 5.8.2017, p. 3).

⁽³⁾ Council Common Position 2001/931/CFSP of 27 December 2001 on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism (OJ L 344, 28.12.2001, p. 93).

Article 2

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1420 is hereby repealed.

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, 21 March 2018.

For the Council

The President

E. ZAHARIEVA

ANNEX

LIST OF PERSONS, GROUPS AND ENTITIES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1

I. PERSONS

1. ABDOLLAHI Hamed (a.k.a. Mustafa Abdullahi), born 11.8.1960 in Iran. Passport number: D9004878.
2. AL-NASSER, Abdelkarim Hussein Mohamed, born in Al Ihsa (Saudi Arabia), citizen of Saudi Arabia.
3. AL YACoub, Ibrahim Salih Mohammed, born 16.10.1966 in Tarut (Saudi Arabia), citizen of Saudi Arabia.
4. ARBABSAR Manssor (a.k.a. Mansour Arbabsar), born 6.3.1955 or 15.3.1955 in Iran. Iranian and US national. Passport number: C2002515 (Iran); Passport number: 477845448 (USA). National ID No: 07442833, expiry date 15.3.2016 (USA driving licence).
5. BOUYERI, Mohammed (a.k.a. Abu ZUBAIR, a.k.a. SOBIAR, a.k.a. Abu ZOUBAIR), born 8.3.1978 in Amsterdam (The Netherlands).
6. EL HAJJ, Hassan Hassan, born 22.3.1988 in Zaghdraiya, Sidon, Lebanon, Canadian citizen. Passport number: JX446643 (Canada).
7. IZZ-AL-DIN, Hasan (a.k.a. GARBAYA, Ahmed, a.k.a. SA-ID, a.k.a. SALWWAN, Samir), Lebanon, born 1963 in Lebanon, citizen of Lebanon.
8. MELIAD, Farah, born 5.11.1980 in Sydney (Australia), Australian citizen. Passport number: M2719127 (Australia).
9. MOHAMMED, Khalid Shaikh (a.k.a. ALI, Salem, a.k.a. BIN KHALID, Fahd Bin Adballah, a.k.a. HENIN, Ashraf Refaat Nabith, a.k.a. WADOOD, Khalid Abdul), born 14.4.1965 or 1.3.1964 in Pakistan, passport number: 488555.
10. ŞANLI, Dalokay (a.k.a. Sinan), born 13.10.1976 in Pülümür (Turkey).
11. SHAHLAI Abdul Reza (a.k.a. Abdol Reza Shala'i, a.k.a. Abd-al Reza Shalai, a.k.a. Abdorreza Shahlai, a.k.a. Abdolreza Shahla'i, a.k.a. Abdul-Reza Shahlaee, a.k.a. Hajj Yusef, a.k.a. Haji Yusif, a.k.a. Hajji Yasir, a.k.a. Hajji Yusif, a.k.a. Yusuf Abu-al-Karkh), born circa 1957 in Iran. Addresses: (1) Kermanshah, Iran, (2) Mehran Military Base, Ilam Province, Iran.
12. SHAKURI Ali Gholam, born circa 1965 in Tehran, Iran.
13. SOLEIMANI Qasem (a.k.a. Ghasem Soleymani, a.k.a. Qasmi Sulayman, a.k.a. Qasem Soleymani, a.k.a. Qasem Solaimani, a.k.a. Qasem Salimani, a.k.a. Qasem Solemani, a.k.a. Qasem Sulaimani, a.k.a. Qasem Sulemani), born 11.3.1957 in Iran. Iranian national. Passport number: 008827 (Iran Diplomatic), issued 1999. Title: Major General.

II. GROUPS AND ENTITIES

1. 'Abu Nidal Organisation' — 'ANO' (a.k.a. 'Fatah Revolutionary Council', a.k.a. 'Arab Revolutionary Brigades', a.k.a. 'Black September', a.k.a. 'Revolutionary Organisation of Socialist Muslims').
2. 'Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade'.
3. 'Al-Aqsa e.V.'.
4. 'Babbar Khalsa'.
5. 'Communist Party of the Philippines', including 'New People's Army' — 'NPA', Philippines.
6. 'Gama'a al-Islamiyya' (a.k.a. 'Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya') ('Islamic Group' — 'IG').
7. 'İslami Büyük Doğu Akıncılar Cephesi' — 'İBDA-C' ('Great Islamic Eastern Warriors Front').
8. 'Hamas', including 'Hamas-Izz al-Din al-Qassem'.

9. 'Hizballah Military Wing' (a.k.a. 'Hezbollah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hizbullah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hizbollah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hezbollah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hisbollah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hizbu'llah Military Wing' a.k.a. 'Hizb Allah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Jihad Council' (and all units reporting to it, including the External Security Organisation)).
 10. 'Hizbul Mujahideen' — 'HM'.
 11. 'Khalistan Zindabad Force' — 'KZF'.
 12. 'Kurdistan Workers' Party' — 'PKK', (a.k.a. 'KADEK', a.k.a. 'KONGRA-GEL').
 13. 'Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam' — 'LTTE'.
 14. 'Ejército de Liberación Nacional' ('National Liberation Army').
 15. 'Palestinian Islamic Jihad' — 'PIJ'.
 16. 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' — 'PFLP'.
 17. 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' — 'General Command' (a.k.a. 'PFLP' — 'General Command').
 18. 'Devrimci Halk Kurtuluş Partisi-Cephesi' — 'DHKP/C' (a.k.a. 'Devrimci Sol' ('Revolutionary Left'), a.k.a. 'Dev Sol') ('Revolutionary People's Liberation Army/Front/Party').
 19. 'Sendero Luminoso' — 'SL' ('Shining Path').
 20. 'Teyrbazen Azadiya Kurdistan' — 'TAK' (a.k.a. 'Kurdistan Freedom Falcons', a.k.a. 'Kurdistan Freedom Hawks').
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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/469**of 21 March 2018****authorising the placing on the market of an extract of three herbal roots (*Cynanchum wilfordii* Hemsley, *Phlomis umbrosa* Turcz. and *Angelica gigas* Nakai) as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods, amending Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1852/2001 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 provides that only novel foods authorised and included in the Union list may be placed on the market within the Union.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 ⁽²⁾ was adopted, which establishes a Union list of authorised novel foods.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283, the Commission shall submit a draft implementing act on the placing on the Union market of a novel food and on the updating of the Union list.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 35(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283, any request for placing a novel food on the market within the Union submitted to a Member State in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾ and for which the final decision has not been taken before 1 January 2018 shall be treated as an application submitted under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.
- (5) On 13 March 2014, the company Naturalendo Tech Co., Ltd made a request to the competent authority of Ireland to place an extract of three herbal roots (*Cynanchum wilfordii* Hemsley, *Phlomis umbrosa* Turcz. and *Angelica gigas* Nakai) on the market as a novel food ingredient within the meaning of point (e) of Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97. The application requests for the novel food to be used in food supplements intended for post-menopausal women.
- (6) While the request for placing an extract of three herbal roots (*Cynanchum wilfordii* Hemsley, *Phlomis umbrosa* Turcz. and *Angelica gigas* Nakai) on the market as a novel food within the Union was submitted to a Member State in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 258/97, the application also meets the requirements laid down in Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.
- (7) On 29 July 2014, the competent authority of Ireland issued its initial assessment report. In that report it came to the conclusion that an extract of mixture of the three herbal roots meets the criteria for novel food ingredients set out in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97.
- (8) On 15 September 2014, the Commission forwarded the initial assessment report to the other Member States. Reasoned objections were raised by the other Member States within the 60-day period laid down in the first subparagraph of Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 258/97.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 11.12.2015, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 of 20 December 2017 establishing the Union list of novel foods in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods (OJ L 351, 30.12.2017, p. 72).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 1997 concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients (OJ L 43, 14.2.1997, p. 1).

- (9) In view of the objections raised by the other Member States, the Commission consulted the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on 20 April 2015, asking it to carry out an additional assessment for an extract of three herbal roots (*Cynanchum wilfordii* Hemsley, *Phlomis umbrosa* Turcz. and *Angelica gigas* Nakai) as novel food ingredient in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 258/97.
- (10) On 21 September 2016, EFSA adopted 'Scientific opinion on the safety of an extract of three herbal roots (*Cynanchum wilfordii* Hemsley, *Phlomis umbrosa* Turcz. and *Angelica gigas* Nakai) as a novel food' ⁽¹⁾. This opinion, although elaborated and adopted by EFSA under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 is in line with the requirements of Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.
- (11) In its opinion, EFSA did not establish the safety of the extract of mixture of the three herbal roots used in food supplements intended for adults at the maximum intake level of 514 mg/day as proposed by the applicant because the intake would exceed the level which is considered safe (2,5 mg/kg bw). However, EFSA concluded that the extract of mixture of the three herbal roots is safe for adults when added to food supplements at a maximum daily dose of 175 mg which corresponds to the safe level of intake for an adult person with a default body weight of 70 kg.
- (12) In view of the EFSA opinion, the applicant provided additional information to alleviate the safety concerns. On 12 January 2017, the Commission consulted EFSA to review the additional information in relation to the scientific opinion on the safety of the extract of mixture of the three herbal roots. On 4 April 2017, EFSA in its reviewed opinion on the safety of the extract of mixture of the three herbal roots ⁽²⁾, concluded that the scientific opinion initially adopted on 21 September 2016 did not need to be revised and thus, EFSA reconfirmed that the extract of mixture of the three herbal roots is safe for adults when added to food supplements at a maximum daily dose of 175 mg.
- (13) In its initial opinion, EFSA considers that the risk of allergic reaction to *Angelica gigas* Nakai is not dissimilar to that associated with celery as both plants belong to the same botanical family (i.e. *Apiaceae*). As celery is a food required to be labelled as an allergen under Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾, it is necessary that the novel food ingredient should be appropriately labelled.
- (14) Both opinions give sufficient grounds to establish that the extract of three herbal roots (*Cynanchum wilfordii* Hemsley, *Phlomis umbrosa* Turcz. and *Angelica gigas* Nakai) at the proposed uses and use levels when used as an ingredient in food supplements, complies with Article 12(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.
- (15) Taking into account the intended use and the fact that the request for authorisation is only intended for adults, food supplements containing an extract of three herbal roots (*Cynanchum wilfordii* Hemsley, *Phlomis umbrosa* Turcz. and *Angelica gigas* Nakai) should be appropriately labelled.
- (16) Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾ lays down requirements on food supplements. The use of the extract of three herbal roots (*Cynanchum wilfordii* Hemsley, *Phlomis umbrosa* Turcz. and *Angelica gigas* Nakai) should be authorised without prejudice to that Directive.
- (17) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. An extract of three herbal roots (*Cynanchum wilfordii* Hemsley, *Phlomis umbrosa* Turcz. and *Angelica gigas* Nakai) as specified in the Annex to this Regulation shall be included in the Union list of authorised novel foods as provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

⁽¹⁾ EFSA Journal 2016;14(10): 4589.

⁽²⁾ EFSA Journal 2017;15(5): 4778.

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers, amending Regulations (EC) No 1924/2006 and (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Commission Directive 87/250/EEC, Council Directive 90/496/EEC, Commission Directive 1999/10/EC, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Commission Directives 2002/67/EC and 2008/5/EC and Commission Regulation (EC) No 608/2004 (OJ L 304, 22.11.2011, p. 18).

⁽⁴⁾ Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to food supplements (OJ L 183, 12.7.2002, p. 51).

2. The entry in the Union list referred to in paragraph 1 shall include the conditions of use and labelling requirements laid down in the Annex to this Regulation.
3. The authorisation provided for in this Article shall be without prejudice to the provisions of Directive 2002/46/EC.

Article 2

The Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 3

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, 21 March 2018.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

The Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 is amended as follows:

(1) the following entry is inserted in Table 1 (Authorised novel foods) in alphabetical order:

Authorised novel food	Conditions under which the novel food may be used		Additional specific labelling requirements	Other requirements
Extract of three herbal roots (<i>Cynanchum wilfordii</i> Hemsley, <i>Phlomis umbrosa</i> Turcz. and <i>Angelica gigas</i> Nakai)	<i>Specified food category</i>	<i>Maximum levels</i>	The designation of the novel food on the labelling of the foodstuffs containing it shall be “extract of three herbal roots (<i>Cynanchum wilfordii</i> Hemsley, <i>Phlomis umbrosa</i> Turcz. and <i>Angelica gigas</i> Nakai)”. The labelling of food supplements containing the extract of mixture of the three herbal roots shall bear a statement in close proximity to the list of ingredients indicating that it should not be consumed by individuals with known celery allergy.’	
	Food Supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC for adult population	175 mg/day		

(2) the following entry is inserted in Table 2 (Specifications) in alphabetical order:

Authorised Novel Food	Specification
Extract of three herbal roots (<i>Cynanchum wilfordii</i> Hemsley, <i>Phlomis umbrosa</i> Turcz. and <i>Angelica gigas</i> Nakai)	Description/Definition: The mixture of the three herbal roots is yellowish brown fine powder produced by hot-water extraction, concentration by evaporation, and spray drying Composition of the extract of mixture of the 3 herbal roots: <i>Cynanchum wilfordii</i> root: 32,5 % (w/w) <i>Phlomis umbrosa</i> root: 32,5 % (w/w) <i>Angelica gigas</i> root: 35,0 % (w/w) Specifications: Loss on drying: NMT 100 mg/g Assay: Cinnamic acid: 0,012 – 0,039 mg/g Shanzhiside methyl ester: 0,20 – 1,55 mg/g Nodakenin: 3,35 – 10,61 mg/g Methoxsalen: < 3 mg/g Phenols: 13,0 – 40,0 mg/g Coumarins: 13,0 – 40,0 mg/g

Authorised Novel Food	Specification
	Iridoids: 13,0 – 39,0 mg/g Saponins: 5,0 – 15,5 mg/g Nutritive components: Carbohydrates: 600 – 880 mg/g Proteins: 70 – 170 mg/g Fats: < 4 mg/g Microbiological parameters: Total viable plate count: < 5 000 CFU/g Total mould and yeast: < 100 CFU/g Coliform bacteria: < 10 CFU/g <i>Salmonella</i>: Negative/25 g <i>Escherichia coli</i>: Negative/25 g <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>: Negative/25 g Heavy metals: Lead: < 0,65 mg/kg Arsenic: < 3,0 mg/kg Mercury: < 0,1 mg/kg Cadmium: < 1,0 mg/kg CFU: Colony Forming Units'

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/470**of 21 March 2018****on detailed rules on the maximum residue limit to be considered for control purposes for foodstuffs derived from animals which have been treated in the EU under Article 11 of Directive 2001/82/EC****(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 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin, repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 and amending Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 23 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 provides for the establishment of maximum residue limits ('MRLs') for pharmacologically active substances intended for use in the Union in veterinary medicinal products administered to food-producing animals and in biocidal products used in animal husbandry.
- (2) Table 1 of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 ⁽²⁾ ('Table 1') sets out the pharmacologically active substances and their classification regarding MRLs in foodstuffs of animal origin. In relation to some substances, different MRLs are set out for different species or groups of species and for different target tissues of those species or groups of species.
- (3) Article 11 of Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾ lays down rules regarding the treatment of food-producing animals affected by a condition for which no veterinary medicinal product is authorised in a Member State. In particular, paragraph 2 of that Article, read together with Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 470/2009, provides that such animals may be treated with medicinal products containing pharmacologically active substances only if those substances are included in Table 1 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010.
- (4) The Commission is required to adopt detailed rules on the MRLs to be considered for control purposes for foodstuffs derived from animals treated under Article 11 of Directive 2001/82/EC. For specific target tissues of animal species treated in the EU under Article 11 of Directive 2001/82/EC, no MRLs may be included in Table 1 of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010. In order to ensure a high level of consumer protection, specific rules are needed to specify which MRLs apply in those cases. The rules should take into account the MRLs established under Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 for different animal species and different target tissues, for which a risk assessment has demonstrated their safety to consumers. Applying the existing MRLs to tissue-species combinations for which no MRL has been set, in combination with the application of the appropriate withdrawal periods or the default minimum withdrawal periods according to Article 11, provides sufficient guarantees for consumer safety.
- (5) For treatments under Article 11 of Directive 2001/82/EC it is most appropriate to refer to MRLs, which are established in Table 1 for species that have a similar anatomy and metabolism, in order to define MRLs, for residues of veterinary medicinal products in animal species not listed in Table 1. Therefore food-producing animal species should be placed into groups and related to each other according to the different anatomical and metabolic relationships between them.
- (6) Preferentially MRLs listed in Table 1 for the same target tissue in a related or more closely related species are considered and as a last resort the lowest MRL for any target tissue in any species.
- (7) In case in Table 1 restrictions are defined regarding the application of the MRL for certain uses, these restrictions apply also to possible uses on other animal species and/or target tissues.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 152, 16.6.2009, p. 11.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 of 22 December 2009 on pharmacologically active substances and their classification regarding maximum residue limits in foodstuffs of animal origin (OJ L 15, 20.1.2010, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products (OJ L 311, 28.11.2001, p. 1).

- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

This Regulation lays down the maximum residue limit to be considered for control purposes for foodstuffs derived from animals which have been treated in the EU under Article 11 of Directive 2001/82/EC.

Article 2

1. For the purposes of this Regulation, food-producing animals shall be grouped as follows:

- (a) ruminants;
- (b) monogastric mammals;
- (c) poultry and ratites;
- (d) fin fish;
- (e) bees;
- (f) crustaceans;
- (g) molluscs.

2. For the purposes of this Regulation, animal species shall be considered to be 'related' or 'more closely related' to each other as follows:

- (a) animal species belonging, according to paragraph 1, to the same group shall be considered to be 'related' species;
- (b) within the ruminants group, ovine and caprine species shall be considered to be 'more closely related' to each other than to bovine species and bovine species shall be considered to be 'more closely related' to each other than to either ovine or caprine species;
- (c) *Equidae* and rabbits shall be considered to be equally related to monogastric mammals and ruminants. However, ruminants shall not be considered to be related to either *Equidae* or rabbits.

3. For the purposes of this Regulation, different target tissues shall be equated as follows:

- (a) the target tissue 'skin and fat' in porcine and poultry species shall be equated to the target tissue 'fat' in other animal species, and vice versa;
- (b) the target tissue 'skin and muscle' in fin fish shall be equated to the target tissue 'muscle' in other animal species, and vice versa;
- (c) the edible parts of crustaceans and molluscs shall be equated to the target tissue 'muscle' in other animal species.

Article 3

For pharmacologically active substances included in Table 1 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 ('Table 1') for which at least one MRL or provisional MRL has been established, the MRL to be considered for control purposes for a target tissue derived from an animal species treated in the EU under Article 11 of Directive 2001/82/EC ('the treated species') shall be as follows:

- (a) if at least one MRL is established in Table 1 for that target tissue in any species related to the treated species:
 - (1) the MRL to be considered for control purposes shall be the lowest of all the MRLs established in Table 1 for that target tissue in species related to the treated species;
 - (2) if, however, the treated species is a species referred to in Article 2(2)(b) of this Regulation and MRLs are established in Table 1 for that target tissue in species that are more closely related to the treated species, the MRL to be considered for control purposes shall be the lowest of the MRLs established for that target tissue in those more closely related species;
- (b) if point (a) does not apply, the MRL to be considered for control purposes shall be the lowest of all the MRLs established in Table 1 for that target tissue in species that are not related to the treated species;

- (c) if neither point (a) nor point (b) produces the MRL to be considered for control purposes, the MRL to be considered for control purpose shall be the lowest of all the MRLs established in Table 1 for other target tissues in any animal species;
- (d) in case in Table 1 restrictions are defined regarding the application of the MRL for certain uses, these restrictions equally apply when considering an MRL under article 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) for possible uses on other animal species and/or target tissues.

Article 4

For pharmacologically active substances included in Table 1 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 for which no MRL is required, in accordance with Article 14(5) of Regulation (EC) No 470/2009, there shall be no MRL required for control purposes for any target tissue derived from animal species treated in the EU under Article 11 of Directive 2001/82/EC, provided that the restrictions established in Table 1 are complied with.

Article 5

The MRLs applicable in Table 1 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 at the time of placing on the market of foodstuffs of animal origin, shall be applicable to the controlled products.

Article 6

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, 21 March 2018.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2018/471**of 21 March 2018****amending Council Regulation (EC) No 297/95 as regards the adjustment of the fees of the European Medicines Agency to the inflation rate with effect from 1 April 2018****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 297/95 of 10 February 1995 on fees payable to the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the fifth paragraph of Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 67(3) of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾, the revenue of the European Medicines Agency consists of a contribution from the Union and fees paid by undertakings to the Agency. Regulation (EC) No 297/95 lays down the categories and levels of such fees.
- (2) Those fees should be updated by reference to the inflation rate of 2017. The inflation rate in the Union, as made available by the Statistical Office of the European Union, was 1,7 % in 2017.
- (3) For the sake of simplicity, the adjusted levels of the fees should be rounded to the nearest EUR 100.
- (4) Regulation (EC) No 297/95 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) For reasons of legal certainty, this Regulation should not apply to valid applications which are pending on 1 April 2018.
- (6) In accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 297/95, the update is to be made with effect from 1 April 2018. It is therefore appropriate that this Regulation enters into force as a matter of urgency and applies from that date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 297/95 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 3 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is amended as follows:

(i) point (a) is amended as follows:

- in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 282 100' is replaced by 'EUR 286 900',
- in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 28 300' is replaced by 'EUR 28 800',
- in the third subparagraph, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';

(ii) point (b) is amended as follows:

- in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 109 500' is replaced by 'EUR 111 400',
- in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 182 400' is replaced by 'EUR 185 500',
- in the third subparagraph, 'EUR 10 900' is replaced by 'EUR 11 100',
- in the fourth subparagraph, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency (OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

- (iii) point (c) is amended as follows:
 - in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 84 700' is replaced by 'EUR 86 100',
 - in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 21 200 to EUR 63 500' is replaced by 'EUR 21 600 to EUR 64 600',
 - in the third subparagraph, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';
- (b) paragraph 2 is amended as follows:
 - (i) in the first subparagraph of point (a), 'EUR 3 000' is replaced by 'EUR 3 100' and 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';
 - (ii) point (b) is amended as follows:
 - in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 84 700' is replaced by 'EUR 86 100',
 - in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 21 200 to EUR 63 500' is replaced by 'EUR 21 600 to EUR 64 600';
- (c) in paragraph 3, 'EUR 14 000' is replaced by 'EUR 14 200';
- (d) in the first subparagraph of paragraph 4, 'EUR 21 200' is replaced by 'EUR 21 600';
- (e) in paragraph 5, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';
- (f) paragraph 6 is amended as follows:
 - (i) in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 101 200' is replaced by 'EUR 102 900';
 - (ii) in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 25 200 to EUR 75 800' is replaced by 'EUR 25 600 to EUR 77 100';
- (2) in the first paragraph of Article 4, 'EUR 70 200' is replaced by 'EUR 71 400';
- (3) Article 5 is amended as follows:
 - (a) paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
 - (i) point (a) is amended as follows:
 - in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 141 300' is replaced by 'EUR 143 700',
 - in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 14 000' is replaced by 'EUR 14 200',
 - in the third subparagraph, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200',
 - in the fourth subparagraph, 'EUR 70 200' is replaced by 'EUR 71 400' and 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';
 - (ii) point (b) is amended as follows:
 - in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 70 200' is replaced by 'EUR 71 400',
 - in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 119 200' is replaced by 'EUR 121 200',
 - in the third subparagraph, 'EUR 14 000' is replaced by 'EUR 14 200',
 - in the fourth subparagraph, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200',
 - in the fifth subparagraph, 'EUR 35 300' is replaced by 'EUR 35 900' and 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';
 - (iii) point (c) is amended as follows:
 - in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 35 300' is replaced by 'EUR 35 900',
 - in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 8 800 to EUR 26 500' is replaced by 'EUR 8 900 to EUR 27 000',
 - in the third subparagraph, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';

- (b) paragraph 2 is amended as follows:
- (i) in the first subparagraph of point (a), 'EUR 3 000' is replaced by 'EUR 3 100' and 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';
 - (ii) point (b) is amended as follows:
 - in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 42 300' is replaced by 'EUR 43 000';
 - in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 10 600 to EUR 31 900' is replaced by 'EUR 10 800 to EUR 32 400';
 - in the third subparagraph, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';
- (c) in paragraph 3, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';
- (d) in the first subparagraph of paragraph 4, 'EUR 21 200' is replaced by 'EUR 21 600';
- (e) in paragraph 5, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200';
- (f) paragraph 6 is amended as follows:
- (i) in the first subparagraph, 'EUR 33 800' is replaced by 'EUR 34 400';
 - (ii) in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 8 400 to EUR 25 200' is replaced by 'EUR 8 500 to EUR 25 600';
- (4) in the first paragraph of Article 6, 'EUR 42 300' is replaced by 'EUR 43 000';
- (5) Article 7 is amended as follows:
- (a) in the first paragraph, 'EUR 70 200' is replaced by 'EUR 71 400';
 - (b) in the second paragraph, 'EUR 21 200' is replaced by 'EUR 21 600';
- (6) Article 8 is amended as follows:
- (a) paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
 - (i) in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 84 700' is replaced by 'EUR 86 100';
 - (ii) in the third subparagraph, 'EUR 42 300' is replaced by 'EUR 43 000';
 - (iii) in the fourth subparagraph, 'EUR 21 200 to EUR 63 500' is replaced by 'EUR 21 600 to EUR 64 600';
 - (iv) in the fifth subparagraph, 'EUR 10 600 to EUR 31 900' is replaced by 'EUR 10 800 to EUR 32 400';
 - (b) paragraph 2 is amended as follows:
 - (i) in the second subparagraph, 'EUR 282 100' is replaced by 'EUR 286 900';
 - (ii) in the third subparagraph, 'EUR 141 300' is replaced by 'EUR 143 700';
 - (iii) in the fifth subparagraph, 'EUR 3 000 to EUR 243 200' is replaced by 'EUR 3 100 to EUR 247 300';
 - (iv) in the sixth subparagraph, 'EUR 3 000 to EUR 121 700' is replaced by 'EUR 3 100 to EUR 123 800';
 - (c) in the first subparagraph of paragraph 3, 'EUR 7 100' is replaced by 'EUR 7 200'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall not apply to valid applications pending on 1 April 2018.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 April 2018.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 March 2018.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNKER

DECISIONS

**COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2018/472
of 19 March 2018
appointing a member of the Court of Auditors**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 286(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to the proposal by the Kingdom of Belgium,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The term of office of Mr Karel PINXTEN as a member of the Court of Auditors expired on 28 February 2018.
- (2) A new member should therefore be appointed to the Court of Auditors,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ms Annemie TURTELBOOM is hereby appointed member of the Court of Auditors for the period from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2024.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 19 March 2018.

For the Council
The President
R. PORODZANOV

⁽¹⁾ Opinion of 1 March 2018 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/473**of 19 March 2018****appointing a member, proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the German Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 January 2015, 5 February 2015 and 23 June 2015, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2015/116 ⁽¹⁾, (EU) 2015/190 ⁽²⁾ and (EU) 2015/994 ⁽³⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020.
- (2) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Hans-Josef VOGEL,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following is hereby appointed as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:

— Dr Eckhard RUTHEMEYER, *Bürgermeister der Stadt Soest*.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 19 March 2018.

For the Council

The President

R. PORODZANOV

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/116 of 26 January 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 42).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/190 of 5 February 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 31, 7.2.2015, p. 25).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/994 of 23 June 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 159, 25.6.2015, p. 70).

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/474**of 19 March 2018****appointing a member and an alternate member, proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the German Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 January 2015, 5 February 2015 and 23 June 2015, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2015/116 ⁽¹⁾, (EU) 2015/190 ⁽²⁾ and (EU) 2015/994 ⁽³⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020.
- (2) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Mr Markus TÖNS.
- (3) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Mr Stefan ENGSTFELD,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:

(a) as a member:

— Dr Mark SPEICH, *Staatssekretär für Bundes- und Europaangelegenheiten sowie Internationales (Nordrhein-Westfalen)*,
and

(b) as an alternate member:

— Mr Dietmar BROCKES, *Mitglied des Landtags Nordrhein-Westfalen*.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 19 March 2018.

For the Council

The President

R. PORODZANOV

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/116 of 26 January 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 42).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/190 of 5 February 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 31, 7.2.2015, p. 25).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/994 of 23 June 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 159, 25.6.2015, p. 70).

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2018/475**of 21 March 2018****updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1426**

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 27 December 2001, the Council adopted Common Position 2001/931/CFSP ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) On 4 August 2017, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/1426 ⁽²⁾ updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP ('the list').
- (3) In accordance with Article 1(6) of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP, it is necessary to review the names of persons, groups and entities on the list at regular intervals to ensure that there are grounds for keeping them thereon.
- (4) This Decision sets out the result of the review that the Council has carried out in respect of persons, groups and entities to which Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP apply.
- (5) The Council has verified that competent authorities as referred to in Article 1(4) of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP have taken decisions with regard to all persons, groups and entities on the list to the effect that they have been involved in terrorist acts within the meaning of Article 1(2) and (3) of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP. The Council has also concluded that the persons, groups and entities to which Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP apply should continue to be subject to the specific restrictive measures provided for therein.
- (6) The list should be updated accordingly and Decision (CFSP) 2017/1426 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The list of persons, groups and entities to which Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP apply is set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2017/1426 is repealed.

⁽¹⁾ Council Common Position 2001/931/CFSP of 27 December 2001 on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism (OJ L 344, 28.12.2001, p. 93).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1426 of 4 August 2017 updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2017/154 (OJ L 204, 5.8.2017, p. 95).

Article 3

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, 21 March 2018.

For the Council
The President
E. ZAHARIEVA

ANNEX

LIST OF PERSONS, GROUPS AND ENTITIES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1

I. PERSONS

1. ABDOLLAHI Hamed (a.k.a. Mustafa Abdullahi), born 11.8.1960 in Iran. Passport number: D9004878.
2. AL-NASSER, Abdelkarim Hussein Mohamed, born in Al Ihsa (Saudi Arabia), citizen of Saudi Arabia.
3. AL YACOUB, Ibrahim Salih Mohammed, born 16.10.1966 in Tarut (Saudi Arabia), citizen of Saudi Arabia.
4. ARBABSAR Manssor (a.k.a. Mansour Arbabsar), born 6.3.1955 or 15.3.1955 in Iran. Iranian and US national. Passport number: C2002515 (Iran); Passport number: 477845448 (USA). National ID No: 07442833, expiry date 15.3.2016 (USA driving licence).
5. BOUYERI, Mohammed (a.k.a. Abu ZUBAIR, a.k.a. SOBIAR, a.k.a. Abu ZOUBAIR), born 8.3.1978 in Amsterdam (The Netherlands).
6. EL HAJJ, Hassan Hassan, born 22.3.1988 in Zaghdraiya, Sidon, Lebanon, Canadian citizen. Passport number: JX446643 (Canada).
7. IZZ-AL-DIN, Hasan (a.k.a. GARBAYA, Ahmed, a.k.a. SA-ID, a.k.a. SALWWAN, Samir), Lebanon, born 1963 in Lebanon, citizen of Lebanon.
8. MELIAD, Farah, born 5.11.1980 in Sydney (Australia), Australian citizen. Passport number: M2719127 (Australia).
9. MOHAMMED, Khalid Shaikh (a.k.a. ALI, Salem, a.k.a. BIN KHALID, Fahd Bin Adballah, a.k.a. HENIN, Ashraf Refaat Nabith, a.k.a. WADOOD, Khalid Abdul), born 14.4.1965 or 1.3.1964 in Pakistan, passport number: 488555.
10. ŞANLI, Dalokay (a.k.a. Sinan), born 13.10.1976 in Pülümür (Turkey).
11. SHAHLAI Abdul Reza (a.k.a. Abdol Reza Shala'i, a.k.a. Abd-al Reza Shalai, a.k.a. Abdorreza Shahlai, a.k.a. Abdolreza Shahla'i, a.k.a. Abdul-Reza Shahlaee, a.k.a. Hajj Yusef, a.k.a. Haji Yusif, a.k.a. Hajji Yasir, a.k.a. Hajji Yusif, a.k.a. Yusuf Abu-al-Karkh), born circa 1957 in Iran. Addresses: (1) Kermanshah, Iran, (2) Mehran Military Base, Ilam Province, Iran.
12. SHAKURI Ali Gholam, born circa 1965 in Tehran, Iran.
13. SOLEIMANI Qasem (a.k.a. Ghasem Soleymani, a.k.a. Qasmi Sulayman, a.k.a. Qasem Soleymani, a.k.a. Qasem Solaimani, a.k.a. Qasem Salimani, a.k.a. Qasem Solemani, a.k.a. Qasem Sulaimani, a.k.a. Qasem Sulemani), born 11.3.1957 in Iran. Iranian national. Passport number: 008827 (Iran Diplomatic), issued 1999. Title: Major General.

II. GROUPS AND ENTITIES

1. 'Abu Nidal Organisation' — 'ANO' (a.k.a. 'Fatah Revolutionary Council', a.k.a. 'Arab Revolutionary Brigades', a.k.a. 'Black September', a.k.a. 'Revolutionary Organisation of Socialist Muslims').
2. 'Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade'.
3. 'Al-Aqsa e.V.'.
4. 'Babbar Khalsa'.
5. 'Communist Party of the Philippines', including 'New People's Army' — 'NPA', Philippines.
6. 'Gama'a al-Islamiyya' (a.k.a. 'Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya') ('Islamic Group' — 'IG').
7. 'İslami Büyük Doğu Akıncılar Cephesi' — 'İBDA-C' ('Great Islamic Eastern Warriors Front').
8. 'Hamas', including 'Hamas-Izz al-Din al-Qassem'.

9. 'Hizballah Military Wing' (a.k.a. 'Hezbollah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hizbullah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hizbollah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hezbollah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hisbollah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Hizbu'llah Military Wing' a.k.a. 'Hizb Allah Military Wing', a.k.a. 'Jihad Council' (and all units reporting to it, including the External Security Organisation)).
 10. 'Hizbul Mujahideen' — 'HM'.
 11. 'Khalistan Zindabad Force' — 'KZF'.
 12. 'Kurdistan Workers' Party' — 'PKK', (a.k.a. 'KADEK', a.k.a. 'KONGRA-GEL').
 13. 'Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam' — 'LTTE'.
 14. 'Ejército de Liberación Nacional' ('National Liberation Army').
 15. 'Palestinian Islamic Jihad' — 'PIJ'.
 16. 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' — 'PFLP'.
 17. 'Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine' — 'General Command' (a.k.a. 'PFLP' — 'General Command').
 18. 'Devrimci Halk Kurtuluş Partisi-Cephesi' — 'DHKP/C' (a.k.a. 'Devrimci Sol' ('Revolutionary Left'), a.k.a. 'Dev Sol') ('Revolutionary People's Liberation Army/Front/Party').
 19. 'Sendero Luminoso' — 'SL' ('Shining Path').
 20. 'Teyrbazen Azadiya Kurdistan' — 'TAK' (a.k.a. 'Kurdistan Freedom Falcons', a.k.a. 'Kurdistan Freedom Hawks').
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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2018/476
of 21 March 2018
amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya

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 31 July 2015, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 ⁽¹⁾ concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya.
- (2) On 28 September 2017, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/1776 ⁽²⁾ amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.
- (3) In view of the continuing instability and gravity of the situation in Libya the Council has decided that the restrictive measures concerning three persons should be extended for a further period of 6 months.
- (4) Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 17 of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, paragraphs 3 and 4 are replaced by the following:

- ‘3. The measures referred to in Article 8(2) shall apply with regard to entries 16, 17 and 18 in Annex II until 2 October 2018.
4. The measures referred to in Article 9(2) shall apply with regard to entries 21, 22 and 23 in Annex IV until 2 October 2018.’.

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, 21 March 2018.

For the Council
The President
E. ZAHARIEVA

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 of 31 July 2015 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya, and repealing Decision 2011/137/CFSP (OJ L 206, 1.8.2015, p. 34).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1776 of 28 September 2017 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya (OJ L 251, 29.9.2017, p. 28).

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2018/477**of 15 March 2018****concerning exemptions from the extended anti-dumping duty on certain bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 88/97***(notified under document C(2018) 1506)*

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 13(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 71/97 of 10 January 1997 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93 on bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of certain bicycle parts from the People's Republic of China, and levying the extended duty on such imports registered under Regulation (EC) No 703/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 88/97 of 20 January 1997 on the authorisation of the exemption of imports of certain bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China from the extension by Council Regulation (EC) No 71/97 of the anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Articles 4 to 7 thereof,

After informing the Member States,

Whereas:

- (1) Currently an anti-dumping duty applies on imports into the Union of essential bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China ('China') ('the extended duty') as a result of the extension by Regulation (EC) No 71/97 of the anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in China. The extended duty was lastly maintained by Council Regulation (EU) No 502/2013 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) Under Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 71/97, the Commission is empowered to adopt the necessary measures to authorise the exemption of imports of essential bicycle parts which do not circumvent the anti-dumping duty.
- (3) Those implementing measures are set forth in Regulation (EC) No 88/97 establishing the specific exemption system.
- (4) On this basis the Commission has exempted a number of bicycle assemblers from the extended duty ('the exempted parties').
- (5) As provided for in Article 16(2) of Regulation (EC) No 88/97, the Commission has published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* subsequent lists of the exempted parties ⁽⁵⁾.
- (6) The most recent Commission Implementing Decision concerning exemptions under Regulation (EC) No 88/97 was adopted on 22 February 2017 ⁽⁶⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 16, 18.1.1997, p. 55.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 17, 21.1.1997, p. 17.

⁽⁴⁾ Council Regulation (EU) No 502/2013 of 29 May 2013 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 990/2011 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China following an interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 (OJ L 153, 5.6.2013, p. 17).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 45, 13.2.1997, p. 3, OJ C 112, 10.4.1997, p. 9, OJ C 220, 19.7.1997, p. 6, OJ L 193, 22.7.1997, p. 32, OJ L 334, 5.12.1997, p. 37, OJ C 378, 13.12.1997, p. 2, OJ C 217, 11.7.1998, p. 9, OJ C 37, 11.2.1999, p. 3, OJ C 186, 2.7.1999, p. 6, OJ C 216, 28.7.2000, p. 8, OJ C 170, 14.6.2001, p. 5, OJ C 103, 30.4.2002, p. 2, OJ C 35, 14.2.2003, p. 3, OJ C 43, 22.2.2003, p. 5, OJ C 54, 2.3.2004, p. 2, OJ L 343, 19.11.2004, p. 23, OJ C 299, 4.12.2004, p. 4, OJ L 17, 21.1.2006, p. 16, OJ L 313, 14.11.2006, p. 5, OJ L 81, 20.3.2008, p. 73, OJ C 310, 5.12.2008, p. 19, OJ L 19, 23.1.2009, p. 62, OJ L 314, 1.12.2009, p. 106, OJ L 136, 24.5.2011, p. 99, OJ L 343, 23.12.2011, p. 86, OJ L 119, 23.4.2014, p. 67, OJ L 132, 29.5.2015, p. 32, OJ L 331, 17.12.2015, p. 30, OJ L 47, 24.2.2017, p. 13.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 47, 24.2.2017, p. 13.

1. REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION

- (7) The Commission received from the parties listed in Tables 1 and 3 below requests for exemption with all the information required to determine that these were admissible in accordance with Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 88/97.
- (8) The parties requesting exemptions were given an opportunity to comment on the Commission's conclusions as for the admissibility of their requests.
- (9) In accordance with Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 88/97, pending a decision on the merits of requests from the parties requesting exemptions, the payment of the extended duty in respect of any imports of essential bicycle parts declared for free circulation by these parties was suspended as from the day on which the Commission received their requests.

2. AUTHORISATION OF EXEMPTION

- (10) The examination of the merits of the requests from the parties listed in Table 1 below has been concluded.

Table 1

TARIC additional code	Name	Address
C003	Interbike Spółka z o.o.	ul. Śląska 6/5, PL-42-200 Częstochowa, Poland
C102	Uno Bike B.V.	Bovendijk 213, NL-3045 PD Rotterdam, The Netherlands
C128	Slavomir Sladek Velosprint S	Trnavská 40, SK-949 01 Nitra, Slovak Republic

- (11) The Commission established during this examination that the value of the parts originating in China constituted less than 60 % of the total value of the parts of all the bicycles assembled by each one of these parties. This was also the case for the majority of the assembled bicycles by each party.
- (12) Consequently, their assembly operations fall outside the scope of Article 13(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036.
- (13) For that reason, and in accordance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 88/97, the parties listed in Table 1 above should be exempted from the extended duty.
- (14) In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 88/97, the exemptions should take effect as from the date of receipt of the requests. The customs debts in respect of the extended duty from the parties requesting exemptions should therefore be considered void from the same date.
- (15) The parties requesting exemptions were informed of the Commission's conclusions on the merits of their requests and were given an opportunity to comment thereon.
- (16) Since the exemptions apply only to the parties specifically referred to in Table 1 above, the exempted parties should notify the Commission ⁽¹⁾ without delay of any changes to these (for instance, following a change in the name, legal form or address or following the setting up of new assembly entities).
- (17) In case of change in references, the party should provide all relevant information, in particular on any modification in its activities linked to assembly operations. Where appropriate, the Commission will update the references to such party.

⁽¹⁾ The parties are advised to use the following e-mail address: TRADE-BICYCLE-PARTS@ec.europa.eu

3. UPDATE OF REFERENCES TO EXEMPTED PARTIES

- (18) The exempted parties listed in Table 2 below notified the Commission on changes in their references (names, legal forms and addresses). The Commission, after having examined the information submitted, concluded that those changes in no way affect the assembly operations with regard to the conditions of exemption set forth in Regulation (EC) No 88/97.
- (19) While the exemption of these parties from the extended duty authorised in accordance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 88/97 remain unaffected, the references to these parties should be updated.

Table 2

TARIC additional code	Former reference	Change
8009	MIFA-Bike GmbH Kyselhäuser Strasse 23 DE-06526 Sangerhausen, Germany	The name and legal form of the company have been changed to: Sachsenring Bike Manufaktur GmbH
A571	Sprick Rowery Sp. z o.o. ul. Świerczewskiego 76 PL-66-200 Świebodzin, Poland	The address of the company has been changed to: ul. Zachodnia 76 PL-66-200 Świebodzin, Poland
C053	Firma Handlowo-Usługowo-Produkcyjna 'Trans- Rower' Roman Tylec Dąbie 47, PL-39-311 Zdzierzec, Poland	The name and address of the company have been changed to: Trans-Rower Roman Tylec Dąbie 54d, PL-39-311 Zdzierzec, Poland

4. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS OF THE DUTIES FOR PARTIES UNDER EXAMINATION

- (20) The examination of the merits of the request from the parties listed in Table 3 below is ongoing. Pending a decision on the merits of their requests, the payment of extended duty by these parties is suspended.
- (21) Since the suspensions apply only to the parties specifically referred to in Table 3 below, these parties should notify the Commission ⁽¹⁾ without delay of any changes to these (for instance following a change in the name, legal form or address or following the setting up of new assembly entities).
- (22) In case of change in references, the party should provide all relevant information, in particular on any modification in its activities linked to assembly operations. Where appropriate, the Commission will update the references to such party.

Table 3

TARIC additional code	Name	Address
C049	Cycles Sport North Ltd	363 Leach Place, Walton Summit Centre, GB-PR5 8AS Preston, United Kingdom
C170	Hermann Hartje KG	Deichstrasse 120-122, DE-27318 Hoya, Germany
C202	Vanmoof B.V.	Mauritskade 55, NL-1092 AD Amsterdam, The Netherlands

⁽¹⁾ The parties are advised to use the following e-mail address: TRADE-BICYCLE-PARTS@ec.europa.eu

TARIC additional code	Name	Address
C207	Kenstone Metal Company GmbH	Heideland 1-7, DE-24976 Handewitt-Weding, Germany
C209	Gor Kolesa, proizvodnja koles, d.o.o.	Partizanska cesta 12, SI-3320 Velenje, Slovenia
C220	Matex International Aquitaine	6 avenue Gay Lussac, FR-33370 Artigues-près-Bordeaux, France
C307	Merida Polska Sp. z o.o.	ul. Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie 35, PL-41-800 Zabrze, Poland
C311	Juan Luna Cabrera	C/Alhama 64, ES-14900 Lucena (Cordoba), Spain

5. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS OF THE DUTIES FOR PARTIES UNDER EXAMINATION LIFTED

- (23) The suspension of payment of the duties for parties under examination should be lifted for the party listed in Table 4 below.

Table 4

TARIC additional code	Name	Address
C169	Pelago MFG oy	Tyynenmerenkatu 6 L3, FI-00220 Helsinki, Finland

- (24) The Commission received from the party in question a request to withdraw the application for an exemption while the examination of its merits was ongoing and the payment of the extended duty was suspended.
- (25) The Commission accepted the withdrawal and consequently the suspension of the payment of the extended duty should be lifted. The extended duty should be collected as from the date of receipt of the request for exemption submitted by this party, namely the date on which the suspension took effect (23 September 2016).
- (26) The party was informed of the Commission's conclusions and was given an opportunity to comment thereon. No comments were submitted within the deadline.

6. AUTHORISATION OF EXEMPTION REVOKED

- (27) The exempted party listed in Table 5 below notified the Commission the closing down of its activities and the renunciation of the exemption from the payment of extended duty.
- (28) Consequently, in accordance with the principle of good administration, the authorisation of exemption from the payment of the extended duty should be revoked.

Table 5

TARIC additional code	Name	Address
A549	Alliance Bikes Sp. z o.o.	ul. Tadeusza Borowskiego 2, PL-03-475 Warszawa, Poland

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the purposes of this Decision, the definitions set out in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 88/97 shall apply.

Article 2

The parties listed in Table 1 below are hereby exempted from the extension by Regulation (EC) No 71/97 of the definitive anti-dumping duty on bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China imposed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93 ⁽¹⁾ to imports of certain bicycle parts from the People's Republic of China.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 88/97 the exemptions shall take effect as from the dates of receipt of the parties' requests. These dates are provided for in the column headed 'Date of effect' in Table 1 below.

The exemptions shall apply only to the parties specifically referred to in Table 1 with their names and addresses.

The exempted parties shall notify the Commission without delay of any change to these, providing all relevant information, in particular on any modification in the party's activities linked to assembly operations with regard to the conditions of exemption.

Table 1

Exempted parties

TARIC additional code	Name	Address	Date of effect
C003	Interbike Spółka z o.o.	ul. Śląska 6/5, PL-42-200 Częstochowa, Poland	18.12.2014
C102	Uno Bike B.V.	Bovendijk 213, NL-3045 PD Rotterdam, The Netherlands	24.11.2015
C128	Slavomir Sladek Velosprint S	Trnavská 40, SK-949 01 Nitra, Slovak Republic	14.4.2016

Article 3

Updated references to the exempted parties listed in Table 2 below are provided for in the column headed 'New reference'. These updates shall take effect as from the dates provided for in the column headed 'Date of effect'.

The corresponding TARIC additional codes previously attributed to these exempted parties as provided for in the column headed 'TARIC additional code' in Table 2 below remain unchanged.

Table 2

Exempted parties for which the reference shall be updated

TARIC additional code	Former reference	New reference	Date of effect
8009	MIFA-Bike GmbH Kyselhäuser Strasse 23 DE-06526 Sangerhausen, Germany	Sachsenring Bike Manufaktur GmbH Kyselhäuser Strasse 23 DE-06526 Sangerhausen, Germany	24.8.2017

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93 of 8 September 1993 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports into the Community of bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China and collecting definitively the provisional anti-dumping duty (OJ L 228, 9.9.1993, p. 1).

TARIC additional code	Former reference	New reference	Date of effect
A571	Sprick Rowery Sp. z o.o. ul. Świerczewskiego 76 PL-66-200 Świebodzin, Poland	Sprick Rowery Sp. z o.o. ul. Zachodnia 76 PL-66-200 Świebodzin, Poland	20.7.2017
C053	Firma Handlowo-Uslugowo-Produkcyjna 'Trans- Rower' Roman Tylec Dąbie 47, PL-39-311 Zdzierzec, Poland	Trans-Rower Roman Tylec Dąbie 54d, PL-39-311 Zdzierzec, Poland	19.9.2017

Article 4

The parties listed in Table 3 below are under examination in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 88/97.

The suspensions of payment of the extended anti-dumping duty in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 88/97 shall be effective as from the dates of receipt of these parties' requests. These dates are provided for in the column headed 'Date of effect' in Table 3 below.

These suspensions shall apply only to the parties under examination specifically referred to in Table 3 with their names and addresses.

The parties under examination shall notify the Commission without delay of any change to these, providing all relevant information, in particular on any modification in the party's activities linked to assembly operations with regard to the conditions of suspension.

Table 3

Parties under examination

TARIC additional code	Name	Address	Date of effect
C049	Cycles Sport North Ltd	363 Leach Place, Walton Summit Centre, GB-PR5 8AS Preston, United Kingdom	27.4.2015
C170	Hermann Hartje KG	Deichstrasse 120-122, DE-27318 Hoya, Germany	29.9.2016
C202	VANMOOF B.V.	Mauritskade 55, NL-1092 AD Amsterdam, The Netherlands	19.12.2016
C207	Kenstone Metal Company GmbH	Heideland 1-7, DE-24976 Handewitt-Weding, Germany	20.3.2017
C209	Gor Kolesa, proizvodnja koles, d.o.o.	Partizanska cesta 12, SI-3320 Velenje, Slovenia	26.4.2017
C220	Matex International Aquitaine	6 avenue Gay Lussac, FR-33370 Artigues-près-Bordeaux, France	9.6.2017
C307	Merida Polska Sp. z o.o.	ul. Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie 35, PL-41-800 Zabrze, Poland	14.6.2017
C311	Juan Luna Cabrera	C/Alhama 64, ES-14900 Lucena (Cordoba), Spain	4.10.2017

Article 5

The suspension of the payment of the extended anti-dumping duty pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 88/97 is hereby lifted for the party listed in Table 4 below.

The extended duty should be collected as from the date on which the suspension took effect. This date is provided for in the column headed 'Date of effect' in Table 4 below.

*Table 4***Party for which the suspension is lifted**

TARIC additional code	Name	Address	Date of effect
C169	Pelago MFG oy	Tyynenmerenkatu 6 L3, FI-00220 Helsinki, Finland	23.9.2016

Article 6

The authorisation of the exemption of payment of the extended anti-dumping duty is hereby revoked the party listed in Table 5 below.

The extended duty should be collected as from the date on which the revocation of the authorisation took effect. This date is provided for in the column headed 'Date of effect' in Table 5 below.

*Table 5***Party for which the exemption is revoked**

TARIC additional code	Name	Address	Date of effect
A549	Alliance Bikes Sp. z o.o.	ul. Tadeusza Borowskiego 2, PL-03-475 Warszawa, Poland	21.2.2017

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Member States and to the parties listed in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. It is also published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 15 March 2018.

For the Commission
Cecilia MALMSTRÖM
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2018/478**of 20 March 2018****amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States***(notified under document C(2018) 1592)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU ⁽⁴⁾ lays down animal health control measures in relation to African swine fever in certain Member States, where there have been confirmed cases of that disease in domestic or feral pigs (the concerned Member States). Parts I to IV of the Annex to that Implementing Decision demarcates and lists certain areas of the concerned Member States, differentiated by the level of risk based on the epidemiological situation as regards that disease.
- (2) The risk of the spread of African swine fever in wildlife is linked to the natural slow spread of that disease among wild boar populations, and also the risks linked to human activity, as demonstrated by the recent epidemiological evolution of that disease in the Union, and as documented by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in the Scientific Opinion of the Panel on Animal Health and Welfare, published on 14 July 2015; in the Scientific Report of the EFSA on Epidemiological analyses on African swine fever in the Baltic countries and Poland, published on 23 March 2017; and in the Scientific Report of the EFSA on Epidemiological analyses of African swine fever in the Baltic States and Poland, published on 7 November 2017 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (3) The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU has been amended several times to take account of changes in the epidemiological situation as regards African swine fever in the Union that needed to be reflected in that Annex. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU was recently amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/169 ⁽⁶⁾ to take account of changes in the epidemiological situation in the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU was also subsequently amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/263 ⁽⁷⁾ to take account of changes in the epidemiological situation in Poland.
- (4) Since 7 February 2017, there has been no notification of any outbreak of African swine fever in domestic pigs in certain areas west of Riga of Latvia which are currently listed in Part III of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. In addition, the surveillance data provided by that Member State demonstrate that the supervision

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU of 9 October 2014 concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States and repealing Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU (OJ L 295, 11.10.2014, p. 63).

⁽⁵⁾ EFSA Journal 2015;13(7):4163 [92 pp.]; EFSA Journal 2017;15(3):4732 [73 pp.]; and EFSA Journal 2017;15(11): 5068 [30 pp.].

⁽⁶⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/169 of 1 February 2018 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (OJ L 31, 3.2.2018, p. 88).

⁽⁷⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/263 of 20 February 2018 amending Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (OJ L 49, 22.2.2018, p. 66).

of biosecurity measures has been implemented in a satisfactory manner in holdings in those areas, based on national programmes for biosecurity aimed at the prevention of the spread of that virus. These facts indicate an improvement in the epidemiological situation in Latvia.

- (5) In February 2018, an outbreak of African swine fever in domestic pigs occurred in gminy Jabłoń in Poland. That area is currently listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. That outbreak constitutes an increased level of risk that should be reflected in the Annex to that Implementing Decision.
- (6) In February 2018, a number of cases of African swine fever in wild boar were observed at the Southern edge of the area in the Czech Republic listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. These cases constitute an increased level of risk that should be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- (7) In January and February 2018, a number of cases of African swine fever in wild boar were observed in the Northern part of Lithuania bordering Latvia and in the Southern part of Lithuania bordering Poland. These cases constitute an increased level of risk for certain areas in the Northern and in Southern part of Lithuania that should be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- (8) In February 2018, a number of cases of African swine fever in wild boar were observed in certain areas at the Northern edge of the area listed in Part I and located at East in Latvia and in certain areas listed in Part I in Latvia bordering Lithuania. These cases constitute an increased level of risk that should be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- (9) In order to focus the animal health control measures provided for in Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU, and thus prevent the further spread of African swine fever, while at the same time preventing any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union, and also avoiding any unjustified barriers to trade being established by third countries, the Union list of areas subject to the animal health control measures set out in the Annex to that Implementing Decision should be updated to take account of the changes in the epidemiological situation as regards that disease in the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.
- (10) In order to take account of recent developments in the epidemiological evolution of African swine fever in the Union, and in order to combat the risks associated with the spread of that disease in a proactive manner, higher risk areas of a sufficient size should be demarcated for the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland and included in the lists in Parts I and II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- (11) In addition, some of the areas affected by the recent cases of African swine fever in wild boar in the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland that are currently listed in Part I of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU should now be listed instead in Part II of that Annex.
- (12) Furthermore, the specific areas of Latvia that are currently listed in Part III of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU, where there have been no recent notifications of outbreaks of African swine fever, should now be listed instead in Part II of that Annex.
- (13) In addition, the specific area of Poland that is currently listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU, where there has been recent notification of an outbreak of African swine fever, should now be listed instead in Part III of that Annex. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (14) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 2018.

For the Commission
Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX

PART I

1. The Czech Republic

The following areas in the Czech Republic:

- okres Uherské Hradiště,
- okres Kroměříž,
- okres Vsetín,
- katastrální území obcí v okrese Zlín:
 - Bělov,
 - Biskupice u Luhačovic,
 - Bohuslavice nad Vlárí,
 - Bohuslavice u Zlína,
 - Brumov,
 - Březůvky,
 - Bylnice,
 - Divnice,
 - Dobrkovice,
 - Dolní Lhota u Luhačovic,
 - Doubravy,
 - Drnovice u Valašských Klobouk,
 - Halenkovice,
 - Haluzice,
 - Horní Lhota u Luhačovic,
 - Hrádek na Vlárské dráze,
 - Hřivínův Újezd,
 - Jestřabí nad Vlárí,
 - Kaňovice u Luhačovic,
 - Karlovice u Zlína,
 - Kelníky,
 - Kladná-Žilín,
 - Kochavec,
 - Komárov u Napajedel,
 - Křekov,
 - Kvítkovice u Otrokovic,
 - Lhota u Zlína,
 - Lipina,
 - Lipová u Slavičína,
 - Loučka I,
 - Loučka II,
 - Ludkovice,

- Luhačovice,
- Machová,
- Mirošov u Valašských Klobouk,
- Mysločovice,
- Napajedla,
- Návojná,
- Nedašov,
- Nedašova Lhota,
- Nevšová,
- Oldřichovice u Napajedel,
- Otrokovice,
- Petrůvka u Slavičína,
- Podhradí u Luhačovic,
- Pohořelice u Napajedel,
- Polichno,
- Popov nad Vláří,
- Poteč,
- Pozlovice,
- Provodov na Moravě,
- Rokytnice u Slavičína,
- Rudimov,
- Řetechov,
- Salaš u Zlína,
- Sazovice,
- Sehradice,
- Sidonie,
- Slavičín,
- Slopné,
- Smolina,
- Spytihněv,
- Svatý Štěpán,
- Šanov,
- Šarovy,
- Štítná nad Vláří,
- Tichov,
- Tlumačov na Moravě,
- Újezd u Valašských Klobouk,
- Valašské Klobouky,
- Velký Ořechov,
- Vlachova Lhota,
- Vlachovice,
- Vrbětice,
- Vysoké Pole,
- Žlutava.

2. Estonia

The following areas in Estonia:

- Hiiu maakond.

3. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

- Aizputes novads,
- Alsungas novads,
- Kuldīgas novada Gudenieku, Turlavas, un Laidu pagasts,
- Pāvilostas novada Sakas pagasts un Pāvilostas pilsēta,
- Saldus novada Ezeres, Kursīšu, Novadnieku, Pampāļu, Saldus un Zaņas pagasts un Zirņu pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz dienvidiem no autoceļa A9, Saldus pilsēta,
- Skrundas novada, Nīkrāces un Rudbāržu pagasts un Skrundas pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz dienvidiem no autoceļa A9, Skrundas pilsēta,
- Stopiņu novada daļa, kas atrodas uz rietumiem no autoceļa V36, P4 un P5, Acones ielas, Daugulupes ielas un Daugulupītes,
- Ventspils novada Jūrkalnes pagasts.

4. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

- Akmenės rajono savivaldybė: Papilės seniūnijos,
- Jurbarko rajono savivaldybė: Eržvilko, Smalininkų ir Viešvilės seniūnijos,
- Kazlų Rūdos savivaldybė,
- Kelmės rajono savivaldybė,
- Mažeikių rajono savivaldybė: Sedos, Šerkšnėnų, Tirkšlių ir Židikų seniūnijos,
- Pagėgių savivaldybė,
- Raseinių rajono savivaldybė: Girkalnio ir Kalnųjų seniūnijos dalis į šiaurę nuo kelio Nr A1, Nemakščių, Paliepių, Raseinių, Raseinių miesto ir Viduklės seniūnijos,
- Šakių rajono savivaldybė,
- Šiaulių miesto savivaldybė,
- Šiaulių rajono savivaldybė,
- Tauragės rajono savivaldybė,
- Telšių rajono savivaldybė: Nevarėnų ir Tryškių seniūnijos.

5. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

w województwie warmińsko-mazurskim:

- gmina Stare Juchy w powiecie ełckim,
- gmina Dubeninki w powiecie gołdapskim,
- gmina Ruciane – Nida i część gminy Pisz położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 58 oraz miasto Pisz w powiecie piskim,
- gminy Giżycko z miastem Giżycko, Kruklanki, Miłki, Wydminy i Ryn w powiecie giżyckim,
- gmina Mikołajki w powiecie mrągowskim,
- gminy Kowale Oleckie, Olecko, Świętajno i część gminy Wieliczki położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 655 w powiecie oleckim,
- gminy Bisztynek i Sępól w powiecie bartoszyckim,
- gmina Korsze w powiecie kętrzyńskim,

- gminy Lidzbark Warmiński z miastem Lidzbark Warmiński, Lubomino, Orneta i Kiwity w powiecie lidzbarskim,
- część gminy Wilczęta położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 509 w powiecie braniewskim,
- gminy Godkowo, Milejewo, Młynary, Pasłęk i Tolkmicko w powiecie elbląskim,
- powiat miejski Elbląg.

w województwie podlaskim:

- gmina Brańsk z miastem Brańsk, gminy Rudka, Wyszki, część gminy Bielsk Podlaski położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 19 (w kierunku północnym od miasta Bielsk Podlaski) i przedłużonej przez wschodnią granicę miasta Bielsk Podlaski i drogę nr 66 (w kierunku południowym od miasta Bielsk Podlaski) i miasto Bielsk Podlaski w powiecie bielskim,
- gmina Perlejewo w powiecie siemiatyckim,
- gminy Kolno z miastem Kolno, Mały Płock i Turośl w powiecie kolneńskim,
- gminy Juchnowiec Kościelny, Suraz i Poświętne w powiecie białostockim,
- powiat zambrowski,
- gminy Bakalarzewo, Wiżajny, Przerośl, Filipów, część gminy Raczki położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę 655 i część gminy Suwałki położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 655 w powiecie suwalskim,
- gminy Kulesze Kościelne, Nowe Piekuty, Szepietowo, Klukowo, Ciechanowiec, Wysokie Mazowieckie z miastem Wysokie Mazowieckie, Czyżew w powiecie wysokomazowieckim,
- gminy Łomża, Miastkowo, Nowogród, Piątnica, Śniadowo i Zbójna w powiecie łomżyńskim,
- powiat miejski Łomża.

w województwie mazowieckim:

- gminy Cerańów, Kosów Lacki, Sabnie, Sterdyń, część gminy Bielany położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 63 i część gminy wiejskiej Sokołów Podlaski położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 63 w powiecie sokołowskim,
- gminy Grębków, Liw, Miedzna, Wierzbno i miasto Węgrów w powiecie węgrowskim,
- gminy Kotuń, i Wodynie w powiecie siedleckim,
- gminy Rzekuń, Troszyn, Czerwin i Goworowo w powiecie ostrołęckim,
- powiat ostrowski,
- gminy Mała Wieś i Wyszogród w powiecie płockim,
- gminy Czerwińsk nad Wisłą, Joniec, Naruszewo i Załuski w powiecie płońskim,
- gmina Nasielsk w powiecie nowodworskim,
- gminy Obryte, Winnica, Zatory i Pułtusk z miastem Pułtusk w powiecie pułtuskim,
- gmina Somianka w powiecie wyszkowskim,
- gminy Dąbrówka, Klembów, Poświętne i Tłuszcz w powiecie wołomińskim,
- gminy Mińsk Mazowiecki z miastem Mińsk Mazowiecki, Mrozy, Ceglów, Dębe Wielkie, Halinów, Kałuszyn, Siennica, Stanisławów, i Latowicz w powiecie mińskim,
- gminy Borowie, Garwolin z miastem Garwolin, Miastków Kościelny, Parysów, Pilawa i Wilga w powiecie garwolińskim,
- gmina Tarczyn w powiecie piaseczyńskim,
- gminy Grójec, Jasieniec, Pniewy i Warka w powiecie grójeckim,
- gminy Grabów nad Pilicą i Magnuszew w powiecie kozienickim,
- gminy Brwinów, Michałowice, Nadarzyn, Piastów i, Pruszków w powiecie pruszkowskim,
- gminy Baranów, Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Milanówek, Podkowa Leśna i Żabia Wola w powiecie grodziskim,
- gminy Iłów, Młodzieszyn, Nowa Sucha, Rybno, Sochaczew z miastem Sochaczew i Teresin w powiecie sochaczewskim.

w województwie lubelskim:

- gminy Cyców, Ludwin, Łęczna, Milejów, Puchaczów i Spiczyn w powiecie łęczyńskim,
- gmina Borki w powiecie radzyńskim,
- gmina Adamów, Krzywda, Serokomla, Wojcieszków i Wola Mysłowska w powiecie łukowskim,
- gminy, Dubienka, Kamień, Siedliszcze, Rejowiec, Rejowiec Fabryczny z miastem Rejowiec Fabryczny, Żmudź i część gminy wiejskiej Chełm położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 812 biegnącą od zachodniej granicy tej gminy do granicy powiatu miejskiego Chełm, a następnie południową granicę powiatu miejskiego Chełm do wschodniej granicy gminy oraz część gminy Dorohusk położona na południe od drogi nr E373 w powiecie chełmskim,
- gminy Firlej, Kock, Kamionka, Michów, Lubartów z miastem Lubartów, Serniki, Ostrów Lubelski w powiecie lubartowskim.

PART II

1. The Czech Republic

The following areas in the Czech Republic:

— katastrální území obcí v okrese Zlín:

- Bohuslavice u Zlína,
- Bratřejov u Vizovic,
- Březnice u Zlína,
- Březová u Zlína,
- Březůvky,
- Dešná u Zlína,
- Dolní Ves,
- Doubravy,
- Držková,
- Fryšták,
- Horní Lhota u Luhačovic,
- Horní Ves u Fryštáku,
- Hostišová,
- Hrobice na Moravě,
- Hvozdná,
- Chrastěšov,
- Jaroslavice u Zlína,
- Jasenná na Moravě,
- Karlovice u Zlína,
- Kašava,
- Klečůvka,
- Kostelec u Zlína,
- Kudlov,
- Kvítkovice u Otrokovic,
- Lhota u Zlína,
- Lhotka u Zlína,
- Lhotsko,
- Lípa nad Dřevnicí,
- Loučka I,

- Loučka II,
- Louky nad Dřevnicí,
- Lukov u Zlína,
- Lukoveček,
- Lutonina,
- Lužkovice,
- Malenovice u Zlína,
- Mladcová,
- Neubuz,
- Oldřichovice u Napajedel,
- Ostrata,
- Podhradí u Luhačovic,
- Podkopná Lhota,
- Provodov na Moravě,
- Prštné,
- Příluky u Zlína,
- Racková,
- Raková,
- Salaš u Zlína,
- Sehradice,
- Slopné,
- Slušovice,
- Štípa,
- Tečovice,
- Trnava u Zlína,
- Ublo,
- Újezd u Valašských Klobouk,
- Velíková,
- Veselá u Zlína,
- Vítová,
- Vizovice,
- Vlčková,
- Všemina,
- Vysoké Pole,
- Zádveřice,
- Zlín,
- Želechovice nad Dřevnicí.

2. Estonia

The following areas in Estonia:

- Haapsalu linn,
- Hanila vald,
- Harju maakond,
- Ida-Viru maakond,
- Jõgeva maakond,

- Järva maakond,
- Kihelkonna vald,
- Kullamaa vald,
- Kuressaare linn,
- Lääne-Viru maakond,
- Lääne-Saare vald,
- osa Leisi vallast, mis asub lääne pool Kuressaare-Leisi maanteest (maantee nr 79),
- Lihula vald,
- Martna vald,
- Muhu vald,
- Mustjala vald,
- Osa Noarootsi vallast, mis asub põhja pool maanteest nr 230,
- Nõva vald,
- Pihtla vald,
- Pärnu maakond (välja arvatud Audru ja Tõstamaa vald),
- Põlva maakond,
- Rapla maakond,
- Osa Ridala vallast, mis asub edela pool maanteest nr 31,
- Ruhnu vald,
- Salme vald,
- Tartu maakond,
- Torgu vald,
- Valga maakond,
- Viljandi maakond,
- Vormsi vald,
- Võru maakond.

3. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

- Ādažu novads,
- Aglonas novada Kastiņinas, Grāveru un Šķeltovas pagasts,
- Aizkraukles novads,
- Aknīstes novads,
- Alojas novads,
- Alūksnes novads,
- Amatas novads,
- Apes novads,
- Auces novada Bēnes, Lielaucē, Īles, Vecauces un Ukru pagasts, Auces pilsēta,
- Babītes novads,
- Baldones novads,
- Baltinavas novads,
- Balvu novads,
- Bauskas novads,
- Beverīnas novads,
- Brocēnu novads,

- Burtnieku novads,
- Carnikavas novads,
- Cēsu novads,
- Cesvaines novads,
- Ciblas novads,
- Dagdas novads,
- Daugavpils novada Vaboles, Līksnas, Sventes, Medumu, Dēmenes, Kalkūnes, Laucesas, Tabores, Maļinovas, Ambēļu, Biķernieku, Naujenes, Vecsalienas, Salienas un Skrudalienas pagasts,
- Dobeles novads,
- Dundagas novads,
- Engures novads,
- Ērgļu novads,
- Garkalnes novads,
- Gulbenes novads,
- Iecavas novads,
- Ikšķiles novads,
- Ilūkstes novads,
- Inčukalna novads,
- Jaunjelgavas novads,
- Jaunpiebalgas novads,
- Jaunpils novads,
- Jēkabpils novads,
- Jelgavas novads,
- Kandavas novads,
- Kārsavas novads,
- Ķeguma novads,
- Ķekavas novads,
- Kocēnu novads,
- Kokneses novads,
- Krāslavas novads,
- Krimuldas novads,
- Krustpils novads,
- Kuldīgas novada Ēdoles, Īvandes, Kurmāles, Padures, Pelču, Rumbas, Rendas, Kabiles, Snēpeles un Vārmes pagasts, Kuldīgas pilsēta,
- Lielvārdes novads,
- Līgatnes novads,
- Limbažu novads,
- Līvānu novads,
- Lubānas novads,
- Ludzas novads,
- Madonas novads,
- Mālpils novads,
- Mārupes novads,

- Mazsalacas novads,
- Mērsraga novads,
- Naukšēnu novads,
- Neretas novada Mazzalves pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz ziemeļaustrumiem no autoceļa P73 un uz rietumiem no autoceļa 932,
- Ogres novads,
- Olaines novads,
- Ozolnieku novads,
- Pārgaujas novads,
- Pļaviņu novads,
- Preiļu novada Saunas pagasts,
- Priekuļu novada Veselavas pagasts un Priekuļu pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz dienvidiem no autoceļa P28 un rietumiem no autoceļa P20,
- Raunas novada Drustu pagasts un Raunas pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz dienvidiem no autoceļa A2,
- republikas pilsēta Daugavpils,
- republikas pilsēta Jelgava,
- republikas pilsēta Jēkabpils,
- republikas pilsēta Jūrmala,
- republikas pilsēta Rēzekne,
- republikas pilsēta Valmiera,
- Rēzeknes novada Audriņu, Bērzgales, Čornajas, Dricānu, Gaigalavas, Griškānu, Ilzeskalna, Kantinieku, Kaunatas, Lendžu, Lūznavas, Maltas, Mākonkalna, Nagļu, Ozolaines, Ozolmuižas, Rikavas, Nautrēnu, Sakstagala, Sīmalas, Stoļerovas, Stružānu un Vērēmu pagasts un Feimaņu pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz ziemeļiem no autoceļa V577 un Pušas pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz ziemeļaustrumiem no autoceļa V577 un V597,
- Riebiņu novada Sīlukalna, Stabulnieku, Galēnu un Silajāņu pagasts,
- Rojas novads,
- Ropažu novads,
- Rugāju novads,
- Rundāles novads,
- Rūjienas novads,
- Salacgrīvas novads,
- Salas novads,
- Salaspils novads,
- Saldus novada Jaunlutriņu, Lutriņu un Šķēdes pagasts un Zirņu pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz Ziemeļiem no autoceļa A9,
- Saulkrastu novads,
- Sējas novads,
- Siguldas novads,
- Skrīveru novads,
- Skrundas novada Raņķu pagasts un Skrundas pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz Ziemeļiem no autoceļa A9
- Smiltenes novads,
- Stopiņu novada daļa, kas atrodas uz austrumiem no autoceļa V36, P4 un P5, Acones ielas, Dauguļupes ielas un Dauguļupītes,
- Strenču novads,
- Talsu novads,

- Tērvetes novads,
- Tukuma novads,
- Valkas novads,
- Varakļānu novads,
- Vecpiebalgas novads,
- Vecumnieku novads,
- Ventspils novada Ances, Tārgales, Popes, Vārves, Užavas, Piltenes, Puzes, Ziru, Ugāles, Usmas un Zlēku pagasts, Piltenes pilsēta,
- Viesītes novada Elkšņu un Viesītes pagasts, Viesītes pilsēta,
- Viļakas novads,
- Viļānu novads,
- Zilupes novads.

4. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

- Akmenės rajono savivaldybė: Akmenės, Naujosios Akmenės kaimiškoji, Kruopių, Naujosios Akmenės miesto ir Ventos seniūnijos,
- Alytaus miesto savivaldybė,
- Alytaus rajono savivaldybė,
- Anykščių rajono savivaldybė: Andrioniškio, Anykščių, Debeikių, Kavarsko seniūnijos dalis į šiaurės rytus nuo kelio Nr. 1205 ir į šiaurę rytus nuo kelio Nr. 1218, Kurklių, Skiemonių, Svėdasų, Troškūnų ir Viešintų seniūnijos,
- Birštono savivaldybė,
- Biržų miesto savivaldybė,
- Biržų rajono savivaldybė: Nemunėlio Radviliškio, Pabiržės, Pačeriaukštės ir Parovėjos seniūnijos,
- Elektrėnų savivaldybė,
- Ignalinos rajono savivaldybė,
- Jonavos rajono savivaldybė,
- Joniškio rajono savivaldybė
- Jurbarko rajono savivaldybė: Girdžių, Jurbarko miesto, Jurbarkų, Juodaičių, Raudonės, Seredžiaus, Veliuonos, Skirsnemunės ir Šimkaičių seniūnijos,
- Kaišiadorių miesto savivaldybė,
- Kaišiadorių rajono savivaldybė,
- Kalvarijos savivaldybė,
- Kauno miesto savivaldybė,
- Kauno rajono savivaldybės: Akademijos, Alšėnų, Batniavos, Domeikavos, Ežerėlio, Garliavos apylinkių, Garliavos, Karmėlavos, Kačerginės, Kulautuvos, Lapių, Linksmakalnio, Neveronių, Raudondvario, Ringaudų, Rokų, Samylų, Taurakiemio, Užliedžių, Vilkijos apylinkių, Vilkijos, Zapyškio seniūnijos,
- Kėdainių rajono savivaldybės savivaldybės: Dotnuvos, Gudžiūnų, Josvainių seniūnijos dalis į šiaurę nuo kelio Nr 3514 ir Nr 229, Krakių, Kėdainių miesto, Surviliškio, Truskavos, Vilainių ir Šėtos seniūnijos,
- Kupiškio rajono savivaldybė: Noriūnų, Skapiškio, Subačiaus ir Šimonių seniūnijos,
- Marijampolės savivaldybė,
- Mažeikių rajono savivaldybės: Laižuvos, Mažeikių apylinkės, Mažeikių, Reivyčių ir Viekšnių seniūnijos,
- Molėtų rajono savivaldybė,
- Pakruojo rajono savivaldybė: Klovainių, Rozalimo, Lygumų, Pakruojo, Žeimelio, Linkuvos ir Pašvitinio seniūnijos,
- Panevėžio rajono savivaldybė: Krekenavos seniūnijos dalis į vakarus nuo Nevėžio upės ir į pietus nuo kelio Nr. 3004,

- Pasvalio rajono savivaldybė: Joniškėlio apylinkių, Joniškėlio miesto, Saločių ir Pušaloto seniūnijos,
- Radviliškio rajono savivaldybė,
- Raseinių rajono savivaldybė: Ariogalos, Betygalos, Pagojukų ir Šiluvos seniūnijos ir Kalnųjų ir Girkalnio seniūnijų dalis pietus nuo kelio Nr. A1,
- Prienų miesto savivaldybė,
- Prienų rajono savivaldybė,
- Rokiškio rajono savivaldybė,
- Širvintų rajono savivaldybė,
- Švenčionių rajono savivaldybė,
- Trakų rajono savivaldybė,
- Utenos rajono savivaldybė,
- Vilniaus miesto savivaldybė,
- Vilniaus rajono savivaldybė,
- Vilkaviškio rajono savivaldybė,
- Visagino savivaldybė,
- Zarasų rajono savivaldybė.

5. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

w województwie warmińsko-mazurskim:

- gminy Kalinowo, Prostki i gmina wiejska Elk w powiecie elckim,
- część gminy Wieliczki położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 655 w powiecie oleckim,
- gmina Orzysz, Biała Piska i część gminy Pisz położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 58 w powiecie piskim,
- gminy Górowo Iławeckie z miastem Górowo Iławeckie, Bartoszyce z miastem Bartoszyce w powiecie bartoszyckim,
- gminy Braniewo z miastem Braniewo, Lelkowo, Pieniężno, Frombork, Płoskinia i część gminy Wilczęta położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę 509 w powiecie braniewskim.

w województwie podlaskim:

- część gminy Wizna położona na zachód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Jedwabne i Wizna oraz na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 64 (od skrzyżowania w miejscowości Wizna w kierunku wschodnim do granicy gminy) w powiecie łomżyńskim,
- gminy Grodzisk, Drohiczyn i Dziadkowice w powiecie siemiatyckim,
- gmina Dubicze Cerkiewne, Czyże, Białowieża, Hajnówka z miastem Hajnówka, Narew, Narewka i części gmin Kleszczewo i Czeremcha położone na wschód od drogi nr 66 w powiecie hajnowskim,
- gmina Kobylin-Borzemy i Sokoły w powiecie wysokomazowieckim,
- gminy Grabowo i Stawiski w powiecie kolneńskim,
- gminy Czarna Białostocka, Dobrzyniewo Duże, Gródek, Łapy, Michałowo, Supraśl, Turośń Kościelna, Tykocin, Wasilków, Zabłudów, Zawady i Choroszcz w powiecie białostockim,
- część gminy Bielsk Podlaski położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 19 (w kierunku północnym od miasta Bielsk Podlaski) i przedłużonej przez wschodnią granicę miasta Bielsk Podlaski i drogę nr 66 (w kierunku południowym od miasta Bielsk Podlaski), gminy Orla i Boćki w powiecie bielskim,
- powiat sejneński,
- gminy Jeleniewo, Rutka-Tartak, Szypliszki część gminy Raczki położona na południe od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę 655 i część gminy Suwałki położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 655 w powiecie suwalskim,

- powiat miejski Suwałki,
 - gminy Augustów z miastem Augustów, Bargłów Kościelny, Nowinka, Płaska i Sztabin w powiecie augustowskim,
 - powiat sokólski,
 - powiat miejski Białystok.
- w województwie mazowieckim:
- gmina Przesmyki, Domanice, Skórzec, Siedlce, Suchożebry, Mokobody, Mordy, Wiśniew i Zbuczyn w powiecie siedleckim,
 - gmina Repki, Jabłonna Lacka, część gminy Bielany położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 63 i część gminy wiejskiej Sokołów Podlaski położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 63 w powiecie sokołowskim,
 - gminy Łosice i Olszanka w powiecie łosickim,
 - gmina Brochów w powiecie sochaczewskim,
 - gminy Czosnów, Leoncin, miasto Nowy Dwór Mazowiecki, Pomiechówek i Zakroczym w powiecie nowodworskim,
 - gmina Pokrzywnica w powiecie pułtuskim,
 - gminy Kobyłka, Marki, Radzymin, Wołomin, Zielonka i Ząbki w powiecie wołomińskim,
 - gmina Sulejówek w powiecie mińskim,
 - powiat warszawski zachodni,
 - powiat legionowski,
 - powiat otwocki,
 - gminy Konstancin – Jeziorna, Lesznowola, Piaseczno, Prażmów i Góra Kalwaria w powiecie piaseczyńskim,
 - gmina Raszyn w powiecie pruszkowskim,
 - gmina Chynów w powiecie grójeckim,
 - powiat miejski Siedlce,
 - powiat miejski Warszawa.
- w województwie lubelskim:
- gminy Wohyń, Ulan-Majorat, Czemierniki i miasto Radzyń Podlaski w powiecie radzyńskim,
 - gmina wiejska Łuków z miastem Łuków, Stanin, Stoczek Łukowski z miastem Stoczek Łukowski i Trzebieszów w powiecie łukowskim,
 - gminy Stary Brus i Urszulin w powiecie włodawskim,
 - gminy Rossosz, Wisznice, Sławatycze, Sosnowka, Tucznia i Łomazy w powiecie bialskim,
 - gminy Dębowa Kłoda, Milanów, Parczew, Sosnowica i Siemień w powiecie parczewskim,
 - gminy Niedźwiada i Ostrówek i Uścimów w powiecie lubartowskim,
 - gminy Ruda Huta, Sawin, Wierzbica, część gminy wiejskiej Chełm położona na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę nr 812 biegnącą od zachodniej granicy tej gminy do granicy powiatu miejskiego Chełm, a następnie północną granicę powiatu miejskiego Chełm do wschodniej granicy gminy oraz część gminy Dorohusk położona na północ od drogi nr E373 w powiecie chełmskim,
 - powiat miejski Chełm.

PART III

1. Estonia

The following areas in Estonia:

- Audru vald,
- Lääne-Nigula vald,
- Laimjala vald,
- osa Leisi vallast, mis asub ida pool Kuressaare-Leisi maantee (maantee nr 79),

- Osa Noarootsi vallast, mis asub lõuna pool maanteest nr 230,
- Orissaare vald,
- Põide vald,
- Osa Ridala vallast, mis asub kirde pool maanteest nr 31,
- Tõstamaa vald,
- Valjala vald.

2. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

- Aglonas novada Aglonas pagasts,
- Auces novada Vītiņu pagasts,
- Daugavpils novada Nīcgales, Kalupes, Dubnas un Višķu pagasts,
- Neretas novada Neretas, Pilskalnes, Zalves pagasts un Mazzalves pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz dienvidrietumiem no autoceļa P73 un uz austrumiem no autoceļa 932,
- Priekuļu novada Liepas un Mārsnēnu pagasts un Priekuļu pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz ziemeļiem no autoceļa P28 un austrumiem no autoceļa P20,
- Preiļu novada Preiļu, Aizkalnes un Pelēču pagasts un Preiļu pilsēta,
- Raunas novada Raunas pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz ziemeļiem no autoceļa A2,
- Rēzeknes novada Feimaņu pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz dienvidiem no autoceļa V577 un Pušas pagasta daļa, kas atrodas uz dienvidrietumiem no autoceļa V577 un V597,
- Riebiņu novada Riebiņu un Rušonas pagasts,
- Saldus novada Jaunauces, Rubas, Vadakstes un Zvārdes pagasts,
- Vārkavas novads,
- Viesītes novada Rites un Saukas pagasts.

3. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

- Anykščių rajono savivaldybė: Kavarsko seniūnijos dalis į vakarus nuo kelio Nr. 1205 ir į pietus nuo kelio Nr. 1218 ir Traupio seniūnija,
- Biržų rajono savivaldybė: Vabalninko, Papilio ir Širvenos seniūnijos,
- Druskininkų savivaldybė,
- Kauno rajono savivaldybė: Babtų, Čekiškės ir Vandžiogalos seniūnijos,
- Kėdainių rajono savivaldybė: Pelėdnagių, Pernaravos seniūnijos ir Josvainių seniūnijos dalis į pietus nuo kelio Nr 3514 ir Nr 229,
- Kupiškio rajono savivaldybė: Alizavos ir Kupiškio seniūnijos,
- Lazdijų rajono savivaldybė,
- Pakruojo rajono savivaldybė: Guostaglio seniūnija,
- Panevėžio miesto savivaldybė,
- Panevėžio rajono savivaldybė: Karsakiškio, Miežiškių, Naujamiesčio, Pajstrio, Panevėžio Raguvos, Ramygalos, Smilgių, Upytės, Vadoklių, Velžio seniūnijos ir Krekenavos seniūnijos dalis į rytus nuo Nevėžio upės ir į šiaurę nuo kelio Nr. 3004,
- Pasvalio rajono savivaldybė: Daujėnų, Krinčino, Namišių, Pasvalio apylinkių, Pasvalio miesto, Pumpėnų ir Vaškų seniūnijos,

- Šalčininkų rajono savivaldybė,
- Ukmergės rajono savivaldybė,
- Varėnos rajono savivaldybė.

4. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

w województwie podlaskim:

- powiat grajewski,
- powiat moniecki,
- gminy Jedwabne i Przytuły oraz część gminy Wizna, położona na wschód od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę łączącą miejscowości Jedwabne i Wizna oraz na północ od linii wyznaczonej przez drogę 64 (od skrzyżowania w miejscowości Wizna w kierunku wschodnim do granicy gminy) w powiecie łomżyńskim,
- gmina Lipsk w powiecie augustowskim,
- części gminy Czeremcha i Kleszczele położone na zachód od drogi nr 66 w powiecie hajnowskim,
- gminy, Mielnik, Milejczyce, Nurzec-Stacja, Siemiatycze z miastem Siemiatycze w powiecie siemiatyckim.

w województwie mazowieckim:

- gminy Platerów, Sarnaki, Stara Kornica i Huszlew w powiecie łosickim,
- gminy Korczew i Paprotnia w powiecie siedleckim.

w województwie lubelskim:

- gminy Kodeń, Konstantynów, Janów Podlaski, Leśna Podlaska, Piszczac, Rokitno, Biała Podlaska, Zalesie i Terespol z miastem Terespol, Drelów, Międzyrzec Podlaski z miastem Międzyrzec Podlaski w powiecie bialskim,
- powiat miejski Biała Podlaska,
- gminy Radzyń Podlaski, Komarówka Podlaska i Kąkolewnica w powiecie radzyńskim,
- gminy Hanna, Hańsk, Wola Uhruska, Wiryki i gmina wiejska Włodawa w powiecie włodawskim,
- gminy Jabłoń i Podedwórze w powiecie parczewskim.

PART IV

Italy

The following areas in Italy:

- tutto il territorio della Sardegna.'

COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2018/479**of 20 March 2018****on the long-term national aid scheme for agriculture in the northern regions of Sweden***(notified under document C(2018) 1622)***(Only the Swedish text is authentic)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the Act of Accession to the European Union of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 142 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision 96/228/EC ⁽¹⁾ the Commission had approved the long-term national aid scheme for agriculture in the northern regions of Sweden ('Nordic aid scheme') as notified by Sweden pursuant to Article 143 of the Act of Accession with a view to authorisation under Article 142 of the Act of Accession. Decision 96/228/EC was replaced by Commission Decision C(2010) 6050 ⁽²⁾. That Decision was last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 6592 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) By letter of 17 November 2017 Sweden proposed that the Commission amend Decision C(2010) 6050 in order to simplify the administration of the scheme and to take account of the changes in the common agricultural policy as well as of the economic developments in the agriculture in the northern regions of Sweden. On 6 December 2017, Sweden sent to the Commission additional information concerning the proposal.
- (3) Given the resulting amendments to Decision C(2010) 6050 and the number of previous amendments, it is appropriate to replace that Decision by a new Decision.
- (4) The long-term national aid referred to in Article 142 of the Act of Accession is intended to ensure that agricultural activity is maintained in northern regions as determined by the Commission.
- (5) Taking account of the factors referred to in Article 142(1) and (2) of the Act of Accession it is appropriate to specify the administrative units, grouped by sub-regions, which are situated north of the 62nd parallel or adjacent to that parallel and which are affected by comparable climatic conditions rendering agricultural activity particularly difficult. These sub-regions have a population density lower than or equal to 10 inhabitants per square kilometre, a utilised agricultural area (UAA) considered to constitute 10 % or less of the overall surface area of the municipality and a portion of the UAA devoted to arable crops intended for human consumption less than or equal to 20 %. Sub-regions surrounded by others within such areas should be included, even where they do not satisfy the same requirements.
- (6) In order to facilitate the administration of the scheme and to coordinate it with support under Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾, it is appropriate to include in the areas receiving aid under this Decision the same municipal units as those belonging to the area delimited under the second subparagraph of Article 32(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 in the Rural Development Programme.
- (7) The reference period in relation to which the development of agricultural production and the level of overall support is to be considered, using the available national statistics as a basis and with a view to ensuring a uniform application to all sectors of production, should be the year 1993.

⁽¹⁾ Commission Decision 96/228/EC of 28 February 1996 on a long-term national aid scheme to assist farmers in northern areas of Sweden (OJ L 76, 26.3.1996, p. 29).

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision C(2010) 6050 of 8 September 2010 on a long-term national aid scheme to assist farmers in northern areas of Sweden.

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 6592 of 1 October 2015 amending Decision C(2010) 6050 on the long-term national aid scheme for agriculture in the northern regions of Sweden.

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

- (8) According to Article 142 of the Act of Accession, the total amount of the aid granted should be sufficient to maintain agricultural activity in the northern regions of Sweden but may not lead to overall support exceeding the level of support during a pre-accession reference period to be determined. In order to grant support under Article 142 of the Act of Accession at an adequate level considering the present production costs whilst not exceeding the level of support during the determined pre-accession reference period it is appropriate to take the development in the consumer price index from 1993 to 2017 in Sweden into account when determining the maximum allowable level of aid under that Article.
- (9) Consequently, on the basis of 2017 data, and having regard to the 5-year reporting periods laid down in Article 143(2) of the Act of Accession, the maximum annual aid amount should be set at SEK 422,92 million, calculated as an average over a 5-year period from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2022.
- (10) In order to simplify the Nordic aid scheme and to allow Sweden flexibility in directing the aid to different production sectors, one maximum average annual aid amount should be laid down for the total support, including a separate maximum support for the production and transport of cow's milk with a view to ensuring balanced distribution of support.
- (11) The aid should be granted annually on the basis of production factors (livestock units and hectares), except for cow's milk where it should be granted on the basis of units of production (kilograms) within the total limits laid down by this Decision.
- (12) With a view to allowing prompt reactions to the volatility of agricultural output prices and to maintaining agricultural activities in the northern regions of Sweden, it is appropriate to allow Sweden to establish, for each calendar year, the amount of aid per sector within an aid category and per unit of production.
- (13) Sweden should differentiate the aid in its northern regions and set the annual aid amounts according to the severity of the natural handicap and other objective and transparent and justified criteria relating to the objectives set out in the third subparagraph of Article 142(3) of the Act of Accession, which are to maintain traditional primary production and processing particularly suited to the climatic conditions of the regions concerned, to improve the structures for the production, marketing and processing of agricultural products, to facilitate the disposal of the said products and to ensure that the environment is protected and countryside preserved.
- (14) The aid should be paid annually based on the actual number of eligible production factors. Sweden should however be allowed to pay the aid for cow's milk, laying hens and pigs for slaughter as well as for transport of cow's milk in monthly instalments. The aid for cow's milk shall be based on actual production in order to ensure the continuity of production.
- (15) Overcompensation to the producers should be avoided by recovering undue payments promptly and at the latest before 1 June of the following year.
- (16) As provided for in Article 142(2) of the Act of Accession, the aid granted under this Decision should not lead to an increase in overall production over the traditional production level in the area covered by the Nordic aid scheme.
- (17) Therefore it is necessary to establish an annual maximum number of eligible production factors for each aid category, and a maximum eligible annual amount of production for cow's milk, at a level equal to or lower than that in the reference periods.
- (18) Where the number of production factors in a category, or the amount of production for cow's milk, exceeds the maximum level in a given year, the number of eligible production factors or the amount of cow's milk, should, in order to respect the 5-year averages, be reduced by a corresponding number of production factors in the calendar years following the year in which the maximum was exceeded, except for transport aid for cow's milk, laying hens and pigs for slaughter and cow's milk in regard to which the eligible amount may be reduced by an amount corresponding to the excess amount in the last month of the year in which the maximum was exceeded.
- (19) In accordance with Article 143(2) of the Act of Accession, Sweden is to provide to the Commission information on the implementation and effects of the aid. In order to better assess the long-term effects of the aid and with a view to setting the aid levels as 5-year averages, it is appropriate to report on the socioeconomic effects of the aid every 5 years and provide annual reports containing the financial and other implementation information necessary to ensure that the conditions laid down in this Decision are complied with.

- (20) It is appropriate to specify the rules applicable to amendments to the scheme introduced by the Commission or proposed by Sweden in order to safeguard the legitimate expectations of the aid beneficiaries and ensure the continuity of the scheme so that the objectives of Article 142 of the Act of Accession can be efficiently pursued.
- (21) Sweden should ensure that appropriate control measures are taken vis-à-vis aid beneficiaries. In order to ensure the effectiveness of those measures and transparency in the implementation of the Nordic aid scheme, those control measures should be as far as possible aligned to those carried out under the common agricultural policy.
- (22) In order to achieve the aim of maintaining production, as stated in Article 142 of the Act of Accession, and to facilitate the administration of support, this Decision should apply from 1 January 2018.
- (23) Decision C(2010) 6050 should therefore be repealed with effect from 1 January 2018. It is appropriate to provide transitional measures regarding the reporting on the support pursuant to Article 142 of the Act of Accession paid in 2017 under Decision C(2010) 6050,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Authorised aid

1. From 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2022 Sweden is authorised to implement the long-term aid scheme for agriculture in its northern regions listed in Annex I.
2. The total amount of aid granted shall not exceed SEK 422,92 million per calendar year. The yearly maximum amounts shall be considered as annual averages of the aid granted in the period of 5 calendar years covered by this Decision.
3. Aid categories and the production sectors for each category, the maximum average yearly amounts allowed, as specified in paragraph 2, including the separate maximum amount for cow's milk production and transport, as well as the maximum yearly number of eligible production factors per aid category, are set out in Annex II.
4. Aid shall be granted on the basis of eligible production factors or production amounts as follows:
 - (a) per kilogram milk of actual production for the production of cow's milk;
 - (b) per livestock unit for animal husbandry;
 - (c) per hectare for crop and horticultural production including berries;
 - (d) as a compensation for actual costs for the transport of cow's milk, deducting any other public support for the same costs.

Aid linked to production amounts may be granted only towards the production of cow's milk and in no case shall the aid be linked to future production.

The conversion rates into livestock units for the various types of livestock are set out in Annex II.

5. In accordance with paragraph 3 and within the limits set out in Annex II, Sweden shall differentiate the aid in its northern regions and set the aid amounts annually per production factor, cost or unit of production on the basis of objective criteria relating to the severity of the natural handicap and other factors contributing to attaining the objectives set out in the third subparagraph of Article 142(3) of the Act of Accession.

Article 2

Reference periods

The reference period referred to in the second indent of the first subparagraph of Article 142(3) of the Act of Accession shall be 1993 as regards both the quantities and the level of support set out in Article 1 of this Decision.

*Article 3***Conditions for granting aid**

1. Sweden shall lay down, within the limits provided for in this Decision, the conditions for granting aid to the various categories of beneficiaries. Such conditions shall include the eligibility and selection criteria applied and ensure the equal treatment of beneficiaries.
2. The aid shall be paid to the beneficiaries based on actual production factors or, as regards the production of cow's milk, amount of actual production, referred to in Article 1(4).
3. The aid shall be paid annually, except for cow's milk, transport aid for cow's milk, laying hens and pigs for slaughter in regard to which the aid may be paid in monthly instalments.
4. An overrun of the maximum yearly number of production factors or amounts eligible for aid, as set out in Annex II, shall be taken into account as a corresponding reduction in the number of production factors in the year following the overrun where the aid is paid in annual instalments or in the last month of the year where the aid is paid monthly.
5. Sweden shall take appropriate measures to prevent the overrun referred to in paragraph 4 where such an overrun appears likely, based on official or officially verified statistical projections.
6. An overpayment or undue payment to a beneficiary shall be recovered by deducting the corresponding amounts from the aid paid to the beneficiary the following year or be otherwise recovered in that year, where no aid is due to the beneficiary. The undue amounts shall be recovered by 1 June of the following year.

*Article 4***Information and control measures**

1. Sweden shall, as part of the information provided pursuant to Article 143(2) of the Act of Accession, submit to the Commission each year before 1 June information on implementation of the aid granted under this Decision during the preceding calendar year.

The information shall concern in particular:

- (a) identification of the municipal units in which the aid was paid by means of a detailed map and where necessary by other data;
- (b) the total production, covering the reporting year, for the sub-regions eligible for aid under this Decision, expressed in quantities for each of the products specified in Annex II;
- (c) the total number of production factors and quantities, the number of production factors and quantities eligible for aid and the number of production factors and quantities supported per production sector specified in Annex II with a breakdown by product within each sector, including the indication of any overrun of the allowed maximum yearly number of production factors and quantities, as well as the description of measures, if any, taken to prevent such an overrun;
- (d) the total aid paid, the total amount of aid per aid category and the type of production, amounts paid to beneficiaries per production factor/other unit, as well as the criteria for differentiating aid amounts by sub-regions and types of farm holdings or on the basis of other considerations;
- (e) the payment system applied with details concerning any advances based on estimates, final payments as well as observed overpayments and their recovery;
- (f) amounts of aid paid under Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 in the administrative units covered by this Decision;
- (g) references to national legislation whereby the aid is implemented.

2. Before 1 June 2023 Sweden shall, in addition to the annual report covering year 2022, submit to the Commission a report covering the 5-year period from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2022. This report shall also cover the support granted under Decision C(2010) 6050 during 2016 and 2017.

That report shall indicate, in particular:

- (a) the total aid paid during the 5-year period, and its distribution among aid categories, types of production and sub-regions;
 - (b) for each aid category, the total production amounts per year and for the 5-year period, the number of production factors and the income levels of farmers in the regions eligible for the aid;
 - (c) the evolution of agricultural production, processing and marketing in the social and economic context of the northern regions;
 - (d) the effects of the aid on the protection of the environment and the preservation of the countryside;
 - (e) proposals for the medium-term development of the aid based on the data presented in the report.
3. Sweden shall provide data in a form compatible with the statistical standards used by the Union.
 4. Sweden shall take all steps necessary to apply this Decision and suitable control measures vis-à-vis beneficiaries of aid.
 5. Control measures shall to the extent possible be harmonised with the control systems applied under the Union support schemes.

Article 5

Application of any amendments

1. Based on the information on the support scheme referred to in Article 4 and having regard to the national and Union context of agricultural production as well as other relevant factors, Sweden shall in 2022 make appropriate proposals to the Commission for amending and prolonging, for a period of 5 years, the aid authorised under this Decision.
2. If the Commission decides to amend this Decision, in particular on the basis of any changes in the common market organisations or the direct support scheme or a change in the rate of any authorised national agricultural State aid, any amendment to the aid authorised by this Decision shall apply only from the year following that in which the amendment was adopted.

Article 6

Repeal

Decision C(2010) 6050 is repealed with effect from 1 January 2018.

However, Article 6(1) of that Decision shall continue to apply to the aid granted under that Decision in 2017.

Article 7

Application

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2018.

Article 8

Addressee

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 2018.

For the Commission
Phil HOGAN
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

SUB-REGION 1

Province	Municipal unit	Parish
Dalarna	Älvdalen	Idre
Jämtland	Krokom	Hotagen
	Strömsund	Frostviken
	Åre	Åre
		Kall
		Undersåker
	Berg	Storsjö
	Härjedalen	Linsell
		Hede
		Ljusnedal
		Tännäs
Västerbotten	Storuman	Tärna
	Sorsele	Sorsele
	Dorotea	Risbäck
	Vilhelmina	Vilhelmina
Norrbotten	Arvidsjaur	Arvidsjaur
	Arjeplog	Arjeplog
	Jokkmokk	Jokkmokk
		Porjus
	Pajala	Muonionalusta
		Junosuando
	Gällivare	Gällivare
		Nilivaara
		Malmberget
	Kiruna	Jukkasjärvi
		Vittangi
		Karesuando
Agricultural area sub-region 1		6 700 ha

SUB-REGION 2

Province	Municipal unit	District
Dalarna	Malung	Lima
		Transtrand
	Älvdalen	Särna
Västernorrland	Örnsköldsvik	Trehörningsjö
Jämtland	Ragunda	Borgvattnet
		Stugun

Province	Municipal unit	District
	Bräcke	Bräcke
		Nyhem
		Håsjö
		Sundsjö
		Revsund
		Bodsjö
	Krokom	Näskott
		Aspås
		Ås
		Laxsjö
		Föllinge
		Offerdal
		Alsen
	Strömsund	Ström
		Alanäs
		Gåxsjö
		Hammerdal
		Bodum
		Tåsjö
	Åre	Mattmar
		Mörsil
		Hallen
	Berg	Berg
		Hackås
		Oviken
		Myssjö
		Åsarne
		Klövsjö
		Råtan
	Härjedalen	Sveg
		Vemdalen
		Ängersjö
		Lillhärdal
	Östersund	Östersund
		Frösö
		Sunne
		Näs
		Lockne
		Marieby
		Brunflo
		Kyrkås
		Lit
		Häggenås

Province	Municipal unit	District
Västerbotten	Vindeln	Vindeln
		Åmsele
	Norsjö	Norsjö
	Malå	Malå
	Storuman	Stensele
	Sorsele	Gargnäs
	Dorotea	Dorotea
	Åsele	Åsele
		Fredrika
	Lycksele	Lycksele
		Björksele
		Örträsk
	Skellefteå	Boliden
		Fällfors
Norrbotten		Jörn
		Kalvträsk
	Jokkmokk	Vuollerim
	Övertorneå	Svanstein
	Pajala	Pajala
		Korpilombolo
		Tärendö
	Gällivare	Hakkas
Agricultural area sub-region 2		46 600 ha

SUB-REGION 3

Province	Municipal unit	District
Värmland	Torsby	Södra Finnskoga
Dalarna	Älvdalen	Älvdalen
Gävleborg	Nordanstig	Hassela
	Ljusdal	Hamra
		Los
		Kårböle
Västernorrland	Ånge	Haverö
	Timrå	Ljustorp
	Härnösand	Stigsjö
		Viksjö
	Sundsvall	Indal
		Holm
		Liden
	Kramfors	Nordingrå
		Vibygerå
		Ullånger
		Torsåker

Province	Municipal unit	District
Jämtland	Sollefteå	Graninge
		Junsele
	Örnsköldsvik	Edsele
		Ramsele
		Örnsköldsvik
		Anundsjö
		Skorped
		Sidensjö
		Nätra
		Själevad
		Mo
		Gideå
		Björna
	Ragunda	Ragunda
	Bräcke	Hällesjö
	Krokom	Rödön
Västerbotten	Strömsund	Fjällsjö
	Åre	Marby
	Härjedalen	Älvros
		Överhogdal
		Ytterhogdal
	Östersund	Norderö
	Nordmaling	Nordmaling
	Bjurholm	Bjurholm
	Robertsfors	Bygdeå
	Vännäs	Nysätra
Norrbotten	Umeå	Vännäs
	Skellefteå	Umeå Landsförsamling
		Tavelsjö
		Sävar
		Skellefteå Landsförsamling
	Överkalix	Kågedalen
		Byske
		Lövsånger
		Burträsk
	Kalix	Överkalix
	Övertorneå	Nederkalix
		Töre
		Övertorneå
		Hietaniemi
	Älvsbyn	Älvsby
	Luleå	Luleå Domkyrkoförsamling
		Örnäset
		Nederluleå
		Råneå

Province	Municipal unit	District
	Piteå	Piteå Stadsförsamling Hortlax Piteå Landsförsamling Norrfjärden
	Boden	Överluleå Gunnarsbyn Edefors Sävast
	Haparanda	Nedertorneå-Haparanda Karl Gustav
Agricultural area sub-region 3		108 650 ha

SUB-REGION 4

Province	Municipal unit	District
Värmland	Torsby	Lekvattnet Nyskoga Norra Finnskoga Dalby Norra Ny Rämmen Gustav Adolf
Dalarna	Filipstad	Järna Nås Äppelbo
	Hagfors	Malung
	Vansbro	Rättvik Boda Ore Orsa Våmhus Venjan
	Malung	Bjursås
	Rättvik	Säfsnäs
	Orsa	Ovanåker
	Mora	Voxna
	Falun	Ilso
	Ludvika	Harmånger
Gävleborg	Ovanåker	Jättendal Gnarp Bergsjö Ljusdal Färila Ramsjö Järvsö
	Nordanstig	
	Ljusdal	

Province	Municipal unit	District
Västernorrland	Bollnäs	Rengsjö
		Undersvik
		Arbrå
	Hudiksvall	Bjuråker
		Borgsjö
		Torp
	Timrå	Timrå
		Hässjö
		Tynderö
	Härnösand	Härnösands Domkyrkoförsamling
		Högsjö
		Häggdånger
		Säbrå
		Hemsö
	Sundsvall	Sundsvalls Gustav Adolf
		Skönsmon
		Skön
		Alnö
		Sättna
		Selånger
		Stöde
		Tuna
		Attmar
		Njurunda
		Gudmundrå
	Kramfors	Nora
		Skog
		Bjärträ
		Styrnäs
		Dal
		Ytterlännäs
	Sollefteå	Sollefteå
		Multrä
		Långsele
		Ed
		Resele
		Helgum
		Ådals-Liden
		Boteå
		Överlännäs
		Sånga
	Örnsköldsvik	Arnäs
		Grundsunda

Province	Municipal unit	District
Jämtland	Ragunda	Fors
Västerbotten	Umeå	Umeå Stadsförsamling
		Teg
		Ålidhem
		Holmsund
		Hörnefors
		Holmön
		Umeå Maria
	Skellefteå	Skellefteå Sankt Olov
		Skellefteå Sankt Örjan
		Bureå
Agricultural area sub-region 4		69 050 ha

SUB-REGION 5

Province	Municipal unit	District
Värmland	Kil	Boda
	Eda	Eda
		Järnskog
		Skillingmark
		Köla
	Torsby	Fryksände
		Vitsand
		Östmark
	Grums	Värmskog
	Årjäng	Silbodal
		Sillerud
		Karlunda
		Holmedal
		Blomskog
		Trankil
		Västra Fågelvik
		Töcksmark
		Östervallskog
	Sunne	Gräsmark
		Lysvik
	Filipstad	Gåsborn
	Hagfors	Hagfors
		Ekshärad
		Norra Råda
		Sunnemo

Province	Municipal unit	District
Dalarna	Arvika	Arvika Östra
		Arvika Västra
		Stavnäs
		Högerud
		Glava
		Bogen
		Gunnarskog
		Ny
		Älgå
		Mangskog
		Brunskog
	Säffle	Svanskog
	Gagnef	Långserud
		Mockfjärd
Gagnef		
Leksand	Floda	
	Leksand	
	Djura	
	Ål	
	Siljansnäs	
Rättvik	Rättvik	
Mora	Mora	
Gävleborg	Falun	Sollerön
		Svärdsjö
	Enviken	
	Ockelbo	Ockelbo
	Ovanåker	Alfta
	Gävle	Hamrånge
	Söderhamn	Söderhamn
		Sandarne
		Skog
		Ljusne
		Söderala
		Bergvik
		Mo
		Trönö
Norråla		
Bollnäs		Bollnäs
Bollnäs	Segerså	
	Hanebo	

Province	Municipal unit	District
	Hudiksvall	Hudiksvall Idenor Hälsingtuna Rogsta Njutånger Enånger Delsbo Norrbo Forsa Hög
Agricultural area sub-region 5		72 300 ha

ANNEX II

	Maximum average yearly aid for a 5-year period from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2022 (million SEK)	Maximum yearly number of eligible production factors or amounts ⁽¹⁾
Cow's milk and transport aid for cow's milk		450 000 000 kg
She goats, pigs for slaughter, sows, laying hens		17 000 LU
Soft fruit, vegetables and potatoes		3 660 hectares
TOTAL AID	422,92 ⁽²⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Conversion rates into livestock units (LU): A she goat is 0,15 LU, a pig for slaughter 0,10 LU, a sow 0,33 LU, and a laying hen 0,01 LU.

⁽²⁾ Of which a maximum support of SEK 395,9 million may be granted towards the category cow's milk and transport aid for cow's milk.

