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(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/608

of 24 April 2020

on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Korea on certain aspects of air services

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 100(2), in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 5 June 2003 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with third countries on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements with an agreement at Union level.
- (2) The Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the Union, an Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Korea on certain aspects of air services (the 'Agreement'). The negotiations were successfully concluded with the initialling of the Agreement on 12 November 2008.
- (3) On 31 March 2009 the Council adopted a decision on the signing of the Agreement (the '2009 decision'). However, because of the reluctance of the Republic of Korea, the Agreement was not signed.
- (4) In 2018 the Republic of Korea expressed a new interest in signing and concluding the Agreement. Given that a number of new bilateral air services agreements between Member States and the Republic of Korea have been initialled or signed since the 2009 decision, the Agreement has been updated. A new Council decision on the signing of the Agreement is therefore required.
- (5) The objective of the Agreement is to bring bilateral air services agreements between 22 Member States and the Republic of Korea into line with Union law.
- (6) The Agreement should be signed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The signing on behalf of the Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Korea on certain aspects of air services is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of the said Agreement ⁽¹⁾.

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

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

⁽¹⁾ The text of the Agreement will be published together with the decision on its conclusion.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 2020.

For the Council
The President
G. GRLIĆ RADMAN

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/609

of 27 April 2020

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee established under the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters as regards the adoption of the internal rules of procedure of the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters ('the Agreement') was concluded by the Union by Council Decision (EU) 2018/601 ⁽¹⁾ and entered into force on 1 May 2018.
- (2) Pursuant to point (e) of Article 20(2) of the Agreement, the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee established under Article 20(1) of the Agreement is to adopt its internal rules of procedure.
- (3) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee, as the decision will have legal effect in the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee established under the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters as regards the adoption of its internal rules of procedure shall be to support the draft decision of the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee ⁽²⁾.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2018/601 of 16 April 2018 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters (OJ L 101, 20.4.2018, p. 5).

⁽²⁾ See document ST 6932/20 at <http://register.consilium.europa.eu>.

Done at Brussels, 27 April 2020.

For the Council
The President
G. GRLIĆ RADMAN

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2020/610**of 4 May 2020****concerning the temporary reception by Member States of the European Union of certain Palestinians**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 and Article 31(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 June 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/882 ⁽¹⁾, which provided for an extension of the validity of the national permits of certain Palestinians for entry into, and stay in, the territory of the Member States referred to in Council Common Position 2002/400/CFSP ⁽²⁾ for a further period of 24 months.
- (2) On the basis of an evaluation of the application of Common Position 2002/400/CFSP, the Council considers it appropriate that the validity of those permits be extended for a further period of 24 months,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Member States referred to in Article 2 of Common Position 2002/400/CFSP shall extend the validity of national permits for entry and stay granted pursuant to Article 3 of that Common Position for a further period of 24 months, as from 31 January 2020.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 4 May 2020.

For the Council
The President
G. GRLIĆ RADMAN

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/882 of 18 June 2018 concerning the temporary reception of certain Palestinians by Member States of the European Union and amending Common Position 2002/400/CFSP (OJ L 155, 19.6.2018, p. 8).

⁽²⁾ Council Common Position 2002/400/CFSP of 21 May 2002 concerning the temporary reception by Member States of the European Union of certain Palestinians (OJ L 138, 28.5.2002, p. 33).

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