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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No 554/2010
of 24 June 2010
amending Regulation (EC) No 2488/2000 maintaining a freeze of funds in relation to Mr Milosevic and those persons associated with him

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 215(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Common Position 2000/599/CFSP of 9 October 2000 on support to a democratic FRY and the immediate lifting of certain restrictive measures (1), and to Council Common Position 2000/696/CFSP of 10 November 2000 on the maintenance of specific restrictive measures directed against Mr Milosevic and persons associated with him (2),

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

Whereas:


(2) It is appropriate to align Regulation (EC) No 2488/2000 with recent developments in sanctions practice, on the one hand as regards the identification of competent authorities and on the other, as regards the Article on Union jurisdiction.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 2488/2000 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1
Regulation (EC) No 2488/2000 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 2 of Article 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. Any information that the provisions of this Regulation are being, or have been circumvented shall be notified to the competent authorities as indicated in the websites listed in Annex II and/or to the Commission.’;

2. Article 3 is replaced by the following:

‘Article 3
1. Without prejudice to the applicable rules concerning reporting, confidentiality and professional secrecy, natural and legal persons, entities and bodies shall:

(a) supply immediately any information which would facilitate compliance with this Regulation, such as accounts and amounts frozen in accordance with Article 1, to the competent authorities of Member States as indicated in the websites listed in Annex II for the country where they are resident or located and shall transmit such information, directly or through the competent authority as indicated in the websites listed in Annex II, to the Commission; and

(b) cooperate with that competent authority in any verification of this information.

2. Any additional information directly received by the Commission shall be made available to the Member State concerned.

3. Any information provided or received in accordance with this Article shall be used only for the purposes for which it was provided or received.

3. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 4 are replaced by the following:

‘2. The Commission shall be empowered:

(a) to amend Annex I, taking into account decisions implementing Common Position 2000/696/CFSP,

(b) on an exceptional basis, to grant exemptions to Article 1 for strictly humanitarian purposes,

(c) to amend Annex II on the basis of information supplied by Member States.

3. Any request by a person for an exemption referred to in paragraph 2(b) or for an amendment of Annex I shall be made through the competent authorities as indicated in the websites listed in Annex II.

The competent authorities of the Member States shall verify, to the fullest extent possible, the information provided by the persons making a request.’

4. The following Article is inserted:

‘Article 8a

1. Member States shall designate the competent authorities referred to in Articles 2, 3 and 4 and identify them in the websites as listed in Annex II. Member States shall notify the Commission of any changes to the addresses of their websites listed in Annex II before such changes take effect.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 24 June 2010.

For the Council
The President
J. BLANCO LÓPEZ
ANNEX

ANNEX II

Websites for information on the competent authorities referred to in Articles 2, 3 and 4 and address for notifications and requests to the European Commission

BELGIUM
http://www.diplomatie.be/eusancions

BULGARIA
http://www.mfa.government.bg

CZECH REPUBLIC
http://www.mfcr.cz/mezinarodnisankce

DENMARK
http://www.um.dk/da/menu/Udenrigspolitik/FredSikkerhedOgInternationalRetsorden/Sanktioner/

GERMANY
http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Aussenwirtschaft/Aussenwirtschaftsrecht/embargos.html

ESTONIA
http://www.vm.ee/est/kat_622/

IRELAND
http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=28519

GREECE

SPAIN
http://www.mae.es/es/MenuPpal/Asuntos/SancionesInternacionales/Paginas

FRANCE
http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/autorites-sanctions/

ITALY
http://www.esteri.it/UE/deroghe.html

CYPRUS
http://www.mfa.gov.cy/sanctions

LATVIA

LITHUANIA
http://www.urm.lt/sanctions

LUXEMBOURG
http://www.mae.lu/sanctions
HUNGARY
http://www.kulugyminiszterium.hu/kum/hu/bal/Kulpolitikank/nemzetkozi_szankciok/felelos_illetekes_hatosagok.htm

MALTA

NETHERLANDS
http://www.minbuza.nl/nl/Onderwerpen/Internationale_rechtsorde/Internationale_Sancties/Bevoegde_instanties_algemeen

AUSTRIA

POLAND
http://www.msz.gov.pl

PORTUGAL

ROMANIA

SLOVENIA
http://www.mzz.gov.si/si/zunanja_politika/mednarodna_varnost/omejevalni_ukrepi/

SLOVAKIA
http://www.foreign.gov.sk

FINLAND
http://formin.finland.fi/kvyhteistyo/pakotteet

SWEDEN
http://www.ud.se/sanktioner

UNITED KINGDOM

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