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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/1967

of 3 September 2026

amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1668 as regards the harmonised standard on explosive atmospheres – Part 28: protection of equipment and transmission systems using optical radiation

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ([1]), and in particular Article 10(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 12 of Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council ([2]), products which are in conformity with harmonised standards or parts thereof, the references of which have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, are to be presumed to be in conformity with the essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex II to that Directive covered by those standards or parts thereof.

(2) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 4798 ([3]), the Commission made a request to the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (Cenelec) for the drafting and revision of harmonised standards in support of Directive 2014/34/EU (the 'request'). The requested harmonised standards were to address the essential requirements set out in Article 4 of Directive 2014/34/EU and in Annex II to that Directive.

(3) On the basis of the request, CEN revised the following harmonised standard, the reference of which is published by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1668 ([4]): EN 60079-28:2015 – Explosive atmospheres – Part 28: Protection of equipment and transmission systems using optical radiation. This resulted in the adoption of the harmonised standard EN IEC 60079-28:2026 – Explosive atmospheres – Part 28: Protection of equipment and transmission systems using optical radiation.

(4) The Commission, together with CEN, has assessed whether the standard EN IEC 60079-28:2026 complies with the request.

(5) The standard EN IEC 60079-28:2026 satisfies the requirements it aims to cover and which are set out in Annex II to Directive 2014/34/EU. It is therefore appropriate to publish the reference of that standard in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

([1]) OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 12, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/1025/oj.

([2]) Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (OJ L 96, 29.3.2014, p. 309, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/34/oj).

([3]) Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 4798 of 20 July 2023 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Standardisation and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation as regards equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres in support of Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

([4]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1668 of 28 September 2022 on harmonised standards for equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres drafted in support of Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 251, 29.9.2022, p. 6, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2022/1668/oj).

(6) Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1668 provides in Annex I thereto the references of harmonised standards conferring a presumption of conformity with Directive 2014/34/EU. In order to ensure that the references of harmonised standards drafted in support of Directive 2014/34/EU are listed in one act, the reference of harmonised standard EN IEC 60079-28:2026 should be included in that Annex.

(7) It is necessary to withdraw from the L series of the *Official Journal of the European Union* the reference of harmonised standard EN 60079-28:2015, given that it has been revised. It is therefore appropriate to delete that reference from Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1668.

(8) Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1668 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(9) In order to give manufacturers sufficient time to prepare for application of harmonised standard EN IEC 60079-28:2026, it is necessary to defer the withdrawal of the reference of harmonised standard EN 60079-28:2015.

(10) Compliance with the harmonised standards confers a presumption of conformity with the corresponding essential requirements set out in Union harmonisation legislation from the date of publication of the reference of such standard in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. This Decision should therefore enter into force on the date of its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1668 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Point (1) of the Annex to this Decision shall apply from 4 March 2028.

Done at Brussels, 3 September 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1668 is amended as follows:

(1) row 81 is deleted;

(2) the following row 81a is inserted:

‘81a.	EN IEC 60079-28:2026 Explosive atmospheres – Part 28: Protection of equipment and transmission systems using optical radiation.’