COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/557

of 7 April 2016

amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002 implementing the Kimberley Process certification scheme for the international trade in rough diamonds

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002 of 20 December 2002 implementing the Kimberley Process certification scheme for the international trade in rough diamonds ([1]), and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002 lists the participants in the Kimberley Process (KP) certification scheme and their duly appointed competent authorities.

(2) On 20 July 2015, the KP Chair issued a notice regarding the adoption of the Administrative Decision on Resumption of Exports of Rough Diamonds from the Central African Republic. KP Participants and Observers reached an understanding that the Central African Republic may commence exports of rough diamonds upon full implementation of the Operational Framework set out in the Annex of the Administrative Decision.

(3) Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 7 April 2016.

For the Commission
Federica MOGHERINI
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([1]) OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 28.

ANNEX

'ANNEX II

List of participants in the Kimberley Process certification scheme and their duly appointed competent authorities as referred to in Articles 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, 17, 18, 19 and 20

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