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<sup>(1)</sup> Text with EEA relevance.

## II

(Non-legislative acts)

## REGULATIONS

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/1862

of 16 October 2017

**amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries**

(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 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 38(d) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> provides for a period for the control bodies and control authorities to submit their request for recognition for the purpose of the import of compliant products in accordance with Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007. As the implementation of the provisions regarding the import of compliant products is still under assessment and the related guidelines, models, questionnaires and the necessary electronic transmission system are still under development, the deadline for the submission of requests by control bodies and control authorities should be extended.
- (2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on organic production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008, the date '31 October 2017' is replaced by '31 October 2018'.

*Article 2*

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

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 of 8 December 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries (OJ L 334, 12.12.2008, p. 25).

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

Done at Brussels, 16 October 2017.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/1863****of 16 October 2017****approving amendments to the specification for a Protected Designation of Origin or a Protected Geographical Indication (Almansa (PDO))**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 99 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission examined Spain's application pursuant to Article 105 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 for the approval of amendments to the specification for the Protected Designation of Origin 'Almansa', protected under Regulation (EEC) No 2247/73 of the Commission <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (2) The Commission published the application for the approval of amendments to the specification, as required by Article 97(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, in the *Official Journal of the European Union* <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (3) No statement of objection has been received by the Commission under Article 98 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.
- (4) The amendments to the specification should therefore be approved in accordance with Article 99 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*The amendments to the specification published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* regarding the name 'Almansa' (PDO) are hereby approved.*Article 2*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, 16 October 2017.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EEC) No 2247/73 of the Commission of 16 August 1973 on the control of quality wines produced in specified regions (OJ L 230, 18.8.1973, p. 12) and the list of quality wines produced in specified regions published by the Commission pursuant to Article 3(2) thereof, as amended in the Official Journal of the European Communities (OJ C 146, 13.6.1986, p. 11).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 194, 17.6.2017, p. 33.

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/1864****of 16 October 2017****approving amendments to the specification for a Protected Designation of Origin or a Protected Geographical Indication (Rosé des Riceys (PDO))**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 99 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission examined France's application pursuant to Article 105 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 for the approval of amendments to the specification for the Protected Designation of Origin 'Rosé des Riceys'.
- (2) The Commission published the application for the approval of amendments to the specification, as required by Article 97(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, in the *Official Journal of the European Union* <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (3) No statement of objection has been received by the Commission under Article 98 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.
- (4) The amendments to the specification should therefore be approved in accordance with Article 99 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*The amendments to the specification published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* regarding the name 'Rosé des Riceys' (PDO) are hereby approved.*Article 2*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, 16 October 2017.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 200, 23.6.2017, p. 4.

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/1865****of 16 October 2017****approving amendments to the specification for a Protected Designation of Origin or a Protected Geographical Indication [Vacqueyras (PDO)]**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 99 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission examined France's application pursuant to Article 105 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 for the approval of amendments to the specification for the Protected Designation of Origin 'Vacqueyras'.
- (2) The Commission published the application for the approval of amendments to the specification, as required by Article 97(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, in the *Official Journal of the European Union* <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (3) No statement of objection has been received by the Commission under Article 98 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.
- (4) The amendments to the specification should therefore be approved in accordance with Article 99 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*The amendments to the specification published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* regarding the name 'Vacqueyras' (PDO) are hereby approved.*Article 2*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, 16 October 2017.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 206, 30.6.2017, p. 9.

# DECISIONS

## COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/1866

of 12 October 2017

### on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data in the Czech Republic

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 33 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament <sup>(2)</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 25(2) of Decision 2008/615/JHA, the supply of personal data provided for under that Decision may not take place until the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of that Decision have been implemented in the national law of the territories of the Member States involved in such supply.
- (2) Article 20 of Council Decision 2008/616/JHA <sup>(3)</sup> provides that the verification that the condition referred to in recital 1 has been met with respect to automated data exchange in accordance with Chapter 2 of Decision 2008/615/JHA is to be done on the basis of an evaluation report based on a questionnaire, an evaluation visit and a pilot run.
- (3) In accordance with point 1.1 of Chapter 4 of the Annex to Decision 2008/616/JHA, the questionnaire drawn up by the relevant Council Working Group concerns each of the automated data exchanges and is to be answered by a Member State as soon as it believes it fulfils the prerequisites for sharing data in the relevant data category.
- (4) The Czech Republic has completed the questionnaire on data protection and the questionnaire on vehicle registration data (VRD) exchange.
- (5) A successful pilot run has been carried out by the Czech Republic with the Netherlands.
- (6) An evaluation visit has taken place in the Czech Republic and a report on the evaluation visit has been produced by the Dutch and Slovak evaluation team and forwarded to the relevant Council Working Group.
- (7) An overall evaluation report, summarising the results of the questionnaire, the evaluation visit and the pilot run concerning VRD exchange, has been presented to the Council.
- (8) On 18 May 2017, the Council, having noted the agreement of all Member States bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA, concluded that the Czech Republic had fully implemented the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (9) Therefore, for the purposes of automated searching of VRD, the Czech Republic should be entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 12 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Opinion of 4 October 2017 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Decision 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime (OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 12).



- (10) Article 33 of Decision 2008/615/JHA confers implementing powers upon the Council with a view to adopting measures necessary to implement that Decision, in particular as regards the receiving and supply of personal data provided for under that Decision.
- (11) As the conditions for triggering the exercise of such implementing powers have been met and the procedure in this regard has been followed, an Implementing Decision on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to VRD in the Czech Republic should be adopted in order to allow that Member State to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 12 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (12) Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom are bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA and are therefore taking part in the adoption and application of this Decision which implements Decision 2008/615/JHA,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the purposes of automated searching of vehicle registration data, the Czech Republic is entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 12 of Decision 2008/615/JHA as from 18 October 2017.

*Article 2*

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

This Decision shall apply in accordance with the Treaties.

Done at Luxembourg, 12 October 2017.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
U. REINSALU

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**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/1867**  
**of 12 October 2017**  
**on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Portugal**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 33 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament <sup>(2)</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 25(2) of Decision 2008/615/JHA, the supply of personal data provided for under that Decision may not take place until the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of that Decision have been implemented in the national law of the territories of the Member States involved in such supply.
- (2) Article 20 of Council Decision 2008/616/JHA <sup>(3)</sup> provides that the verification that the condition referred to in recital 1 has been met with respect to automated data exchange in accordance with Chapter 2 of Decision 2008/615/JHA is to be done on the basis of an evaluation report based on a questionnaire, an evaluation visit and a pilot run.
- (3) In accordance with point 1.1 of Chapter 4 of the Annex to Decision 2008/616/JHA, the questionnaire drawn up by the relevant Council Working Group concerns each of the automated data exchanges and is to be answered by a Member State as soon as it believes it fulfils the prerequisites for sharing data in the relevant data category.
- (4) Portugal has completed the questionnaire on data protection and the questionnaire on dactyloscopic data exchange.
- (5) A successful pilot run has been carried out by Portugal with Austria, the Czech Republic and Hungary.
- (6) An evaluation visit has taken place in Portugal and a report on the evaluation visit has been produced by the Austrian evaluation team and forwarded to the relevant Council Working Group.
- (7) An overall evaluation report, summarising the results of the questionnaire, the evaluation visit and the pilot run concerning dactyloscopic data exchange, has been presented to the Council.
- (8) On 18 May 2017, the Council, having noted the agreement of all Member States bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA, concluded that Portugal had fully implemented the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (9) Therefore, for the purposes of automated searching of dactyloscopic data, Portugal should be entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 9 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (10) Article 33 of Decision 2008/615/JHA confers implementing powers upon the Council with a view to adopting measures necessary to implement that Decision, in particular as regards the receiving and supply of personal data provided for under that Decision.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Opinion of 4 October 2017 (not yet published in the *Official Journal*).

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Decision 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime (OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 12).

- (11) As the conditions for triggering the exercise of such implementing powers have been met and the procedure in this regard has been followed, an Implementing Decision on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Portugal should be adopted in order to allow that Member State to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 9 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (12) Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom are bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA and are therefore taking part in the adoption and application of this Decision which implements Decision 2008/615/JHA,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the purposes of automated searching of dactyloscopic data, Portugal is entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 9 of Decision 2008/615/JHA as from 18 October 2017.

*Article 2*

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

This Decision shall apply in accordance with the Treaties.

Done at Luxembourg, 12 October 2017.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
U. REINSALU

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**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/1868**  
**of 12 October 2017**  
**on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Greece**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 33 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament <sup>(2)</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 25(2) of Decision 2008/615/JHA, the supply of personal data provided for under that Decision may not take place until the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of that Decision have been implemented in the national law of the territories of the Member States involved in such supply.
- (2) Article 20 of Council Decision 2008/616/JHA <sup>(3)</sup> provides that the verification that the condition referred to in recital 1 has been met with respect to automated data exchange in accordance with Chapter 2 of Decision 2008/615/JHA is to be done on the basis of an evaluation report based on a questionnaire, an evaluation visit and a pilot run.
- (3) In accordance with point 1.1 of Chapter 4 of the Annex to Decision 2008/616/JHA, the questionnaire drawn up by the relevant Council Working Group concerns each of the automated data exchanges and is to be answered by a Member State as soon as it believes it fulfils the prerequisites for sharing data in the relevant data category.
- (4) Greece has completed the questionnaire on data protection and the questionnaire on dactyloscopic data exchange.
- (5) A successful pilot run has been carried out by Greece with Austria.
- (6) An evaluation visit has taken place in Greece and a report on the evaluation visit has been produced by the Austrian evaluation team and forwarded to the relevant Council Working Group.
- (7) An overall evaluation report, summarising the results of the questionnaire, the evaluation visit and the pilot run concerning dactyloscopic data exchange has been presented to the Council.
- (8) On 19 June 2017, the Council, having noted the agreement of all Member States bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA, concluded that Greece had fully implemented the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (9) Therefore, for the purposes of automated searching of dactyloscopic data, Greece should be entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 9 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (10) Article 33 of Decision 2008/615/JHA confers implementing powers upon the Council with a view to adopting measures necessary to implement that Decision, in particular as regards the receiving and supply of personal data provided for under that Decision.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Opinion of 4 October 2017 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Decision 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime (OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 12).

- (11) As the conditions for triggering the exercise of such implementing powers have been met and the procedure in this regard has been followed, an Implementing Decision on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Greece should be adopted in order to allow that Member State to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 9 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (12) Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom are bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA and are therefore taking part in the adoption and application of this Decision which implements Decision 2008/615/JHA,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the purposes of automated searching of dactyloscopic data, Greece is entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 9 of Decision 2008/615/JHA as from 18 October 2017.

*Article 2*

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

This Decision shall apply in accordance with the Treaties.

Done at Luxembourg, 12 October 2017.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
U. REINSALU

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**COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2017/1869****of 16 October 2017****on the European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq  
(EUAM Iraq)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and in particular Article 28, Article 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 19 June 2017, the Council reiterated the Union's steadfast support for Iraq's unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and underscored the importance of security and the rule of law for stability in Iraq. The Council announced that, in response to the request by the Iraqi authorities, the Union was examining the deployment of an EU Security Sector Reform Advise and Assist Team to assist in the reform efforts in cooperation and coherence with other international partners.
- (2) On 17 July 2017, the Council approved a Crisis Management Concept for a possible civilian CSDP Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq.
- (3) On 24 August 2017, the Prime Minister of Iraq welcomed the envisaged Mission in a letter to the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR).
- (4) Following the recommendation of the Director of the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability, the Mission should be launched.
- (5) The Political and Security Committee (PSC) should exercise, under the responsibility of the Council and of the High Representative, political control over the Mission, provide it with strategic direction and take the relevant decisions in accordance with the third paragraph of Article 38 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).
- (6) The Watch-Keeping Capability should be activated for this Mission.
- (7) This Mission will be conducted in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 TEU,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1***Mission**

The Union hereby establishes and launches a European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq).

*Article 2***Objectives**

The strategic objectives of EUAM Iraq shall be:

- (1) to provide advice and expertise to the Iraqi authorities at the strategic level in order to contribute to the implementation of the Iraqi National Security Strategy;

- (2) to analyse, assess and identify opportunities for potential further Union engagement in support of the needs of the Security Sector Reform in Iraq in the long term;
- (3) to assist the Union Delegation to Iraq in the coordination of Union and Member States support in the field of Security Sector Reform in Iraq.

### *Article 3*

#### **Tasks**

1. In order to fulfil the objectives set out in point (1) of Article 2, EUAM Iraq shall:
  - (a) support the National Counter-Terrorism Committee in the implementation of the National Counter-Terrorism Strategy and in identifying the sub-strategies and action plans for its implementation;
  - (b) support the Planning Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior to plan the institutional reforms of the department, including police services, as part of the implementation of the National Security Strategy;
  - (c) contribute to the drafting of a national strategy against organised crime led by the Department of Organised Crime of the Ministry of Interior;
2. In order to fulfil the objectives set out in point (2) of Article 2, EUAM Iraq shall:
  - (a) do a mapping of ongoing activities in support of the civilian security sector, including border security, and identify lessons and gaps;
  - (b) identify, in coordination with international donors, key projects for quick delivery in the short term in which Union institutions or Member States could engage;
  - (c) identify medium- to long-term needs and opportunities for possible future engagement in the Security Sector Reform domain, with a view to informing and supporting Union politico-strategic planning for such possible engagement if so required;
  - (d) contribute to the management and running of the Security Sector Reform architecture as part of the Joint Secretariat.
3. EUAM Iraq shall assist the Union Delegation to Iraq in the coordination of Union and Member States support in the field of Security Sector Reform in Iraq.
4. EUAM Iraq shall ensure that human rights and gender perspectives are incorporated into its tasks, and that policies and plans developed with its support comply with international standards and obligations on human rights and on gender.
5. EUAM Iraq shall ensure that that actions to combat organised crime include the fight against illegal migration, trafficking in weapons and drugs, cybercrime and illicit trafficking and destruction of cultural goods. The latter will be closely coordinated with all relevant actors on the ground, in particular with Unesco and the Global Coalition.
6. EUAM Iraq shall not carry out any executive function.

### *Article 4*

#### **Chain of command and structure**

1. EUAM Iraq shall have a unified chain of command as a crisis management operation.
2. EUAM Iraq shall have its headquarters in Baghdad.
3. EUAM Iraq shall be structured in accordance with its planning documents.

*Article 5***Civilian Operation Commander**

1. The Director of Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) shall be the Civilian Operation Commander for EUAM Iraq. The CPCC shall be at the disposal of the Civilian Operation Commander for the planning and conduct of EUAM Iraq.
2. The Civilian Operation Commander shall exercise command and control of EUAM Iraq at the strategic level, under the political control and strategic direction of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) and overall authority of the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR).
3. The Civilian Operation Commander shall ensure the proper and effective implementation of the decisions of the Council and the PSC with regard to the conduct of operations, including by issuing instructions at the strategic level to the Head of Mission as required, and providing him with advice and technical support. The Civilian Operation Commander shall report to the Council through the HR.
4. All seconded staff shall remain under the full command of the national authorities of the seconding State in accordance with national rules, of the Union institution concerned or of the European External Action Service (EEAS) respectively. Those authorities shall transfer Operational Control (OPCON) of their staff to the Civilian Operation Commander.
5. The Civilian Operation Commander shall have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Union's duty of care is properly discharged.
6. The Civilian Operation Commander and the Head of Union Delegation to Iraq shall consult each other as required.

*Article 6***Head of Mission**

1. Mr Markus RITTER is hereby appointed Head of Mission.
2. The Head of Mission shall assume responsibility for EUAM Iraq and shall exercise command and control thereof, at theatre level. The Head of Mission shall be directly responsible to the Civilian Operation Commander and shall act in accordance with the his instructions.
3. The Head of Mission shall be the representative of EUAM Iraq in its area of responsibility.
4. The Head of Mission shall exercise administrative and logistic responsibility for EUAM Iraq, including responsibility for the assets, resources and information that have been placed at the disposal of EUAM Iraq. The Head of Mission may delegate management tasks regarding staff and financial matters to staff members of EUAM Iraq, under his overall responsibility.
5. The Head of Mission shall be responsible for disciplinary control over the staff of EUAM Iraq. For seconded staff, disciplinary action shall be exercised by the national authorities of the seconding State in accordance with national rules, by the Union institution concerned, or by the EEAS respectively.
6. The Head of Mission shall ensure appropriate visibility of EUAM Iraq.
7. The Head of Mission shall coordinate with other Union actors on the ground, as appropriate. Without prejudice to the chain of command, the Head of Mission shall receive local political guidance from the Head of the Union Delegation to Iraq.



*Article 7***Staff**

1. EUAM Iraq shall consist primarily of staff seconded by Member States, Union institutions or the EEAS. Each Member State, each Union institution and the EEAS shall bear the costs related to any of the staff seconded by it, including travel expenses to and from the place of deployment, salaries, medical coverage and allowances other than applicable daily allowances.
2. The Member State, the Union institution, or the EEAS respectively shall be responsible for answering any claims linked to the secondment from or concerning the members of staff that they have seconded, and for bringing any action against such persons.
3. International and local staff may be recruited on a contractual basis by EUAM Iraq if the functions required cannot be provided by personnel seconded by Member States. Exceptionally, in duly justified cases, where no qualified applicants from Member States are available, nationals from participating third States may be recruited on a contractual basis, as appropriate.
4. The conditions of employment and the rights and obligations of international and local staff shall be laid down in the contracts between EUAM Iraq and the staff member concerned.

*Article 8***Status of EUAM Iraq and of its staff**

The status of EUAM Iraq and its staff, including as appropriate the privileges, immunities and further guarantees necessary for the completion and smooth functioning of EUAM Iraq, shall be the subject of an agreement concluded pursuant to Article 37 TEU in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 218 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

*Article 9***Political control and strategic direction**

1. The PSC shall exercise, under the responsibility of the Council and of the HR, political control and strategic direction of EUAM Iraq. The Council hereby authorises the PSC to take the relevant decisions for this purpose in accordance with the third paragraph of Article 38 TEU. This authorisation shall include the power to appoint a Head of Mission, upon a proposal from the HR, and the power to amend the Operation Plan (OPLAN). The powers of decision with respect to the objectives and termination of the EUAM Iraq shall remain vested in the Council.
2. The PSC shall report to the Council at regular intervals.
3. The PSC shall receive, on a regular basis and as required, reports from the Civilian Operation Commander and the Head of Mission on issues within their areas of responsibility.

*Article 10***Participation of third States**

1. Without prejudice to the decision-making autonomy of the Union and its single institutional framework, third States may be invited to contribute to EUAM Iraq, provided that they bear the cost of the staff seconded by them, including salaries, all risk insurance cover, daily subsistence allowances and travel expenses to and from Iraq, and that they contribute to the running costs of EUAM Iraq, as appropriate.

2. Third States contributing to EUAM Iraq shall have the same rights and obligations as Member States in terms of the day-to-day management of EUAM Iraq.
3. The Council hereby authorises the PSC to take the relevant decisions on acceptance of the proposed contributions and on the establishment of a Committee of Contributors.
4. Detailed arrangements regarding the participation of third States shall be covered by agreements concluded in accordance with Article 37 TEU. Where the Union and a third State conclude or have concluded an agreement establishing a framework for the participation of that third State in Union crisis-management operations, the provisions of that agreement shall apply in the context of EUAM Iraq.

#### *Article 11*

#### **Security**

1. The Civilian Operation Commander shall direct the Head of Mission's planning of security measures and ensure that EUAM Iraq implements those measures properly and effectively in accordance with Article 5.
2. The Head of Mission shall be responsible for the security of EUAM Iraq and for ensuring compliance with minimum security requirements applicable to EUAM Iraq, in line with the policy of the Union on the security of personnel deployed outside the Union in an operational capacity under Title V TEU, and its supporting instruments.
3. The Head of Mission shall be assisted by a Mission Security Officer, who shall report to the Head of Mission and shall also maintain a close functional relationship with the EEAS.
4. The EUAM Iraq staff shall undergo mandatory security training before taking up their duties, in accordance with the OPLAN. They shall also receive regular in-theatre refresher training organised by the Mission Security Officer.
5. The Head of Mission shall ensure the protection of EU classified information in accordance with Council Decision 2013/488/EU <sup>(1)</sup>.

#### *Article 12*

#### **Watch-Keeping Capability**

The Watch-Keeping Capability shall be activated for EUAM Iraq.

#### *Article 13*

#### **Legal arrangements**

EUAM Iraq shall have the capacity to procure services and supplies, to enter into contracts and administrative arrangements, to employ staff, to hold bank accounts, to acquire and dispose of assets and to discharge its liabilities, and to be a party to legal proceedings, as required in order to implement this Decision.

#### *Article 14*

#### **Financial arrangements**

1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EUAM Iraq from 16 October 2017 to 17 October 2018 shall be EUR 14 000 000. The financial reference amount for any subsequent period shall be decided by the Council.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 2013/488/EU of 23 September 2013 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 274, 15.10.2013, p. 1).

2. All expenditure shall be managed in accordance with the rules and procedures applicable to the general budget of the Union. Participation of natural and legal persons in the award of procurement contracts by EUAM Iraq shall be open without limitations. Moreover, no rule of origin for the goods purchased by EUAM Iraq shall apply. Subject to the Commission's approval, EUAM Iraq may conclude technical arrangements with Member States, the host State, participating third States and other international actors, regarding the provision of equipment, services and premises to EUAM Iraq.
3. EUAM Iraq shall be responsible for the implementation of its budget. For this purpose, EUAM Iraq shall sign an agreement with the Commission.
4. EUAM Iraq shall report fully to, and be supervised by, the Commission on the activities undertaken within the framework of the agreement.
5. The financial arrangements shall respect the chain of command provided for in Articles 4, 5 and 6 and the operational requirements of EUAM Iraq.
6. The expenditure related to EUAM Iraq shall be eligible as of the date of adoption of this Decision.

#### Article 15

#### **Consistency of the Union's response and coordination**

1. The HR shall ensure the consistency of the implementation of this Decision with the Union's external action as a whole, including the Union's development programmes.
2. Without prejudice to the chain of command, the Head of Mission shall act in close coordination with the Union Delegation to Iraq to ensure the consistency of Union action in Iraq.
3. The Head of Mission shall coordinate closely with Member States' Heads of Missions present in Iraq.

#### Article 16

#### **Release of information**

1. The HR shall be authorised to release to the third States associated with this Decision, as appropriate and in accordance with the needs of EUAM Iraq, EU classified information up to 'CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL' level generated for the purposes of EUAM Iraq, in accordance with Decision 2013/488/TEU.
2. In the event of a specific and immediate operational need, the HR shall also be authorised to release to the host State any EU classified information up to 'RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED' level which has been generated for the purposes of EUAM Iraq, in accordance with Decision 2013/488/EU. Arrangements between the HR and the competent authorities of the host State shall be drawn up for this purpose.
3. The HR shall be authorised to release to the third States associated with this Decision any EU non-classified documents connected with the deliberations of the Council relating to EUAM Iraq and covered by the obligation of professional secrecy pursuant to Article 6(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure <sup>(1)</sup>.
4. The HR may delegate the powers and the ability to conclude the arrangements, referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, to persons placed under his or her authority, to the Civilian Operations Commander and to the Head of Mission, in accordance with Section VII of Annex VI to Decision 2013/488/EU.

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure (OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

*Article 17***Entry into force and duration**

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

It shall apply until 17 October 2018.

Done at Luxembourg, 16 October 2017.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
F. MOGHERINI

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**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/1870****of 16 October 2017****on the publication of the reference of the European standard on electronic invoicing and the list of its syntaxes pursuant to Directive 2014/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Directive 2014/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on electronic invoicing in public procurement <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 3(2) and the third subparagraph of Article 11(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 2014/55/EU has the objective of promoting the uptake of electronic invoicing in public procurement, by ensuring semantic interoperability and improving legal certainty. The benefits of electronic invoicing are maximised when the generation, sending, transmission, reception and processing of an invoice can be fully automated. The use of a common European Standard on electronic invoicing and the identification of a limited list of syntaxes are a guarantee that these benefits are reached in the context of the internal market.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 3 of Directive 2014/55/EU, the Commission requested from the European standardisation organisations to develop the European standard on electronic invoicing and its related deliverables, amongst which the main one is the list of syntaxes, based on the standardisation request of 10 December 2014, C(2014) 7912 final <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (3) On 28 June 2017 the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) issued the European standard EN 16931-1:2017, Electronic invoicing — Part 1: Semantic data model of the core elements of an electronic invoice and the list of syntaxes CEN/TS 16931-2:2017, Electronic invoicing — Part 2: List of syntaxes that comply with EN 16931-1, according to CEN system of classification.
- (4) The related deliverables developed by CEN aiming at supporting the implementation of the European standard on electronic invoicing are available on CEN website.
- (5) The Commission has conducted a test on the practical application for an end user of the European standard on electronic invoicing, in accordance with fifth subparagraph of Article 3(1) of Directive 2014/55/EU. The test showed that the European standard EN 16931-1:2017 is fit for purpose and meets the criteria listed in second subparagraph of Article 3(1) of Directive 2014/55/EU and especially criteria of practicality, user-friendliness and possible implementation costs. The Report of the outcome of that test was submitted to the European Parliament and the Council on 11 October 2017.
- (6) In order to ensure that electronic invoices are received and processed in compliance with the European standard on electronic invoicing and the related syntaxes as soon as possible, this Decision should enter into force on the first day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (7) The reference of EN 16931-1:2017, Electronic invoicing — Part 1: Semantic data model of the core elements of an electronic invoice and the list of syntaxes CEN/TS 16931-2:2017, Electronic invoicing — Part 2 should therefore be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 133, 6.5.2014, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 7912 final of 10 December 2014 on a standardisation request to the European standardisation organisations as regards a European standard on electronic invoicing and a set of ancillary standardisation deliverables pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (M/528).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The reference of the European standard on electronic invoicing 'EN 16931-1:2017, Electronic invoicing — Part 1: Semantic data model of the core elements of an electronic invoice' and the list of syntaxes with reference 'CEN/TS 16931-2:2017, Electronic invoicing — Part 2: List of syntaxes that comply with EN 16931-1', as set out in the Annex to this Decision, are hereby published.

*Article 2*

18 April 2019 is the final date for bringing into force of the measures referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 11(2) of Directive 2014/55/EU.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Brussels, 16 October 2017.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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## ANNEX

**LIST OF SYNTAXES**

The list of syntaxes mentioned in Article 3(2) of Directive 2014/55/EU is provided by CEN in clause 7 of CEN/TS 16931-2:2017, published on 28 June 2017.

The 2 syntaxes are the following:

1. UN/CEFACT Cross Industry Invoice XML message as specified in XML Schemas 16B (SCRDM — CII) <sup>(1)</sup>.
2. UBL invoice and credit note messages as defined in ISO/IEC 19845:2015 <sup>(2)</sup>.

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<sup>(1)</sup> These documents are made available by UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) at [http://www.unece.org/cefact/xml\\_schemas/index](http://www.unece.org/cefact/xml_schemas/index)

<sup>(2)</sup> These documents are made available by Oasis UBL (Universal Business Language) at <http://docs.oasis-open.org/ubl/cs1-UBL-2.1/UBL-2.1.pdf>











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