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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2019/505

of 19 December 2018

**amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council,
as regards the geographical breakdown levels**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005 on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom submitted the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union. The Treaties will cease to apply to the United Kingdom from the date of entry into force of a withdrawal agreement or failing that, two years after that notification, that is to say from 30 March 2019, unless the European Council, in agreement with the United Kingdom, unanimously decides to extend that period.
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 establishes a common framework for the systematic production of Community statistics on balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment.
- (3) Member States are to submit to the Commission (Eurostat) data on balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment as referred to in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005. That Regulation defines, inter alia, the required levels of geographical breakdown of the data to be submitted by the Member States to the Commission (Eurostat).
- (4) Table 6 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 contains implicit references to the United Kingdom in the counterpart area 'Union Member States not in the euro area' under geographical breakdown level GEO 4. Member States are required to submit data for that counterpart area to the Commission (Eurostat) with an individual breakdown by country.
- (5) The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union would have the effect that the United Kingdom would become a third country and as such would no longer be part of the counterpart area 'Union Member States not in the euro area' of GEO 4. Member States would therefore no longer be legally bound to submit data for the counterpart area concerning the United Kingdom.
- (6) GEO 4 sets out the geographical breakdown level required for certain items of quarterly statistics on balance of payments and international investment position and activity breakdown of annual direct investment positions and annual direct investment transactions and income.
- (7) European statistics concerning the balance of payments, international investment positions and foreign direct investment are of vital importance to ensuring informed economic policymaking and accurate economic forecasting. They are essential for those responsible for public policy in the Union, for research and Union citizens.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 23.

- (8) Given the intense trade and economic relations between the Union and the United Kingdom, it is essential to ensure continuity of Member States' submission of data with the United Kingdom as counterpart after its withdrawal from the Union.
- (9) Table 6 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 also contains explicit references to the United Kingdom in geographical breakdown levels GEO 5 and GEO 6, where the United Kingdom is listed as a separate counterpart country under geographical aggregate 'Europe', together with all other Member States of the Union.
- (10) Aggregate 'Europe' in GEO 5 and GEO 6 is composed of all Member States, the Member States of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and other European states. Aggregate 'Other European Countries' consists of all European countries that are neither Members States of the Union nor EFTA Member States, listed in alphabetical order in English.
- (11) Due to the United Kingdom becoming a third country, its positioning in GEO 5 and GEO 6 needs to be changed accordingly.
- (12) Table 6 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 should therefore be amended to include the United Kingdom as a separate counterpart country in geographical breakdown level GEO 4 and to change its positioning in geographical breakdown levels GEO 5 and GEO 6. Such update neither affects the reporting burden nor modifies the applicable underlying conceptual framework.
- (13) Taking into account the scrutiny period of three months applying to this delegated act and the necessity to have an updated Table 6 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 in place and ready to be applied at the moment that the United Kingdom would cease to be in the counterpart area 'Union Member States not in the euro area', which could be as early as 30 March 2019, it is essential for this Regulation to enter into force as soon as possible,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 is amended in accordance with 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*.

It shall apply from the day following that on which the United Kingdom ceases to be a Member State of the Union.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2018.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

In Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 184/2005, Table 6 'Geographical breakdown levels' is replaced by the following:

'Geographical breakdown levels'

GEO 1	GEO 2	GEO 3
REST OF THE WORLD	REST OF THE WORLD Intra euro area Extra euro area	REST OF THE WORLD INTRA UNION EXTRA UNION Intra euro area Extra euro area
GEO 4	GEO 5	GEO 6
REST OF THE WORLD Union Member States not in the euro area (!)	REST OF THE WORLD EUROPE Belgium Bulgaria Czech Republic Denmark Germany Estonia Ireland Greece Spain France Croatia Italy Cyprus Latvia Lithuania Luxembourg Hungary Malta Netherlands Austria Poland Portugal Romania Slovenia Slovakia Finland Sweden	REST OF THE WORLD EUROPE Belgium Bulgaria Czech Republic Denmark Germany Estonia Ireland Greece Spain France Croatia Italy Cyprus Latvia Lithuania Luxembourg Hungary Malta Netherlands Austria Poland Portugal Romania Slovenia Slovakia Finland Sweden

GEO 4	GEO 5	GEO 6
Switzerland	Iceland Liechtenstein Norway Switzerland OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES	Iceland Liechtenstein Norway Switzerland OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES Albania Andorra Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina Faroe Islands Gibraltar Guernsey Holy See (Vatican City State) Isle of Man Jersey Macedonia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Moldova Montenegro
Russia	Russia	Russia Serbia San Marino
United Kingdom	Turkey United Kingdom AFRICA NORTH AFRICA Egypt Morocco OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES	Turkey Ukraine United Kingdom AFRICA NORTH AFRICA Algeria Egypt Libya Morocco Tunisia OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES Angola Benin Botswana British Indian Ocean Territory Burkina Faso Burundi

GEO 4	GEO 5	GEO 6
		Cameroon
		Cape Verde
		Central African Republic
		Chad
		Comoros
		Congo
		Côte d'Ivoire
		Congo, the Democratic Republic of
		Djibouti
		Equatorial Guinea
		Eritrea
		Ethiopia
		Gabon
		Gambia
		Ghana
		Guinea
		Guinea-Bissau
		Kenya
		Lesotho
		Liberia
		Madagascar
		Malawi
		Mali
		Mauritania
		Mauritius
		Mozambique
		Namibia
		Niger
	Nigeria	Nigeria
	South Africa	South Africa
		Rwanda
		St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
		Sao Tome and Principe
		Senegal
		Seychelles
		Sierra Leone
		Somalia
		Sudan

GEO 4	GEO 5	GEO 6
		South Sudan Swaziland Tanzania Togo Uganda Zambia Zimbabwe AMERICA NORTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES Canada United States CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES Anguilla Antigua and Barbuda Aruba Bahamas Barbados Belize Bermuda Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba Virgin Islands, British Cayman Islands Costa Rica Cuba Curaçao Dominica Dominican Republic El Salvador Grenada Guatemala Haiti Honduras Jamaica Mexico Montserrat Nicaragua Panama St Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia
Canada	Canada	Canada
United States	United States	United States

GEO 4	GEO 5	GEO 6	
Brazil		St. Maarten	
		St Vincent and the Grenadines	
			Trinidad and Tobago
			Turks and Caicos Islands
			Virgin Islands, U.S.
		SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES	SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES
		Argentina	Argentina
			Bolivia
		Brazil	Brazil
		Chile	Chile
			Colombia
			Ecuador
			Falkland Islands
			Guyana
			Paraguay
			Peru
			Suriname
		Uruguay	Uruguay
		Venezuela	Venezuela
		ASIA	ASIA
		NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES	NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES
		GULF ARABIAN COUNTRIES	GULF ARABIAN COUNTRIES
			Bahrain
		Iraq	
		Kuwait	
		Oman	
		Qatar	
		Saudi Arabia	
		United Arab Emirates	
		Yemen	
	OTHER NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES	OTHER NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES	
		Armenia	
		Azerbaijan	
		Georgia	
		Israel	
		Jordan	

GEO 4	GEO 5	GEO 6
		Lebanon
		Palestinian Territory
		Syria
	OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES	OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES
		Afghanistan
		Bangladesh
		Bhutan
		Brunei Darussalam
		Burma/Myanmar
		Cambodia
China	China	China
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
India	India	India
	Indonesia	Indonesia
		Iran
Japan	Japan	Japan
		Kazakhstan
		Kyrgyzstan
		Laos
		Macao
	Malaysia	Malaysia
		Maldives
		Mongolia
		Nepal
		North Korea
		Pakistan
	Philippines	Philippines
	Singapore	Singapore
	South Korea	South Korea
		Sri Lanka
	Taiwan	Taiwan
		Tajikistan
	Thailand	Thailand
		Timor-Leste
		Turkmenistan
		Uzbekistan
		Vietnam

GEO 4	GEO 5	GEO 6
	<p data-bbox="603 271 959 297">OCEANIA AND POLAR REGIONS</p> <p data-bbox="603 488 694 515">Australia</p> <p data-bbox="603 1133 735 1160">New Zealand</p>	<p data-bbox="1013 271 1369 297">OCEANIA AND POLAR REGIONS</p> <p data-bbox="1013 327 1187 353">American Samoa</p> <p data-bbox="1013 383 1075 409">Guam</p> <p data-bbox="1013 439 1286 465">US Minor Outlying Islands</p> <p data-bbox="1013 495 1102 521">Australia</p> <p data-bbox="1013 551 1246 577">Cocos (Keeling Islands)</p> <p data-bbox="1013 607 1190 633">Christmas Islands</p> <p data-bbox="1013 663 1374 689">Heard Island and McDonald Islands</p> <p data-bbox="1013 719 1158 745">Norfolk Island</p> <p data-bbox="1013 775 1043 801">Fiji</p> <p data-bbox="1013 831 1182 857">French Polynesia</p> <p data-bbox="1013 887 1086 913">Kiribati</p> <p data-bbox="1013 943 1174 969">Marshall Islands</p> <p data-bbox="1013 999 1123 1025">Micronesia</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1055 1075 1081">Nauru</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1111 1166 1137">New Caledonia</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1167 1142 1193">New Zealand</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1223 1142 1249">Cook Islands</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1279 1059 1305">Niue</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1335 1091 1361">Tokelau</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1391 1270 1417">Northern Mariana Islands</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1447 1059 1473">Palau</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1503 1206 1529">Papua New Guinea</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1559 1091 1585">Pitcairn</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1615 1118 1641">Antarctica</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1671 1150 1697">Bouvet Island</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1727 1374 1753">South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1783 1390 1809">French Southern and Antarctic Lands</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1839 1182 1865">Solomon Islands</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1895 1075 1921">Tonga</p> <p data-bbox="1013 1951 1075 1977">Tuvalu</p> <p data-bbox="1013 2007 1091 2033">Vanuatu</p> <p data-bbox="1013 2063 1075 2089">Samoa</p> <p data-bbox="1013 2119 1190 2145">Wallis and Futuna</p>

GEO 4	GEO 5	GEO 6
INTRA UNION	INTRA UNION	INTRA UNION
EXTRA UNION	EXTRA UNION	EXTRA UNION
Intra Euro Area	Intra Euro Area	Intra Euro Area
Extra Euro Area	Extra Euro Area	Extra Euro Area
Union Institutions (excluding ECB)	Union Institutions (excluding ECB)	Union Institutions (excluding ECB)
European Investment Bank	European Investment Bank	European Investment Bank
	European Central Bank (ECB)	European Central Bank (ECB)
	INTRA UNION NOT ALLOCATED	INTRA UNION NOT ALLOCATED
	EXTRA UNION NOT ALLOCATED	EXTRA UNION NOT ALLOCATED
Offshore financial centres	Offshore financial centres	Offshore financial centres
International Organisations (excluding Union Institutions)	International Organisations (excluding Union Institutions)	International Organisations (excluding Union Institutions)
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	International Monetary Fund (IMF)	International Monetary Fund (IMF)

(¹) Union Member States not in the euro area: individual breakdown by country.'