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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/2192**of 13 December 2021****implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 of 18 January 2016 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya and repealing Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 21(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 January 2016, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2016/44.
- (2) On 14 October 2020, the Council adopted Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1483 ⁽²⁾ and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1481 ⁽³⁾, which designated one person involved in acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of Libya, and who has close links, including financially, to the Wagner Group.
- (3) In its conclusions of 24 and 25 June 2021, the European Council confirmed its commitment to Libya's stabilisation process under the auspices of the United Nations, and called for progress on the inclusive and Libyan-owned political dialogue and for the withdrawal without delay of all foreign forces and mercenaries.
- (4) The Council remains concerned about the situation in Libya and in particular about acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of the country.
- (5) In this context, one person involved in such acts should be added to the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44.
- (6) Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44 should therefore be amended accordingly,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 12, 19.1.2016, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1483 of 14 October 2020 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya (OJ L 341, 15.10.2020, p. 16).

⁽³⁾ Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1481 of 14 October 2020 implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya (OJ L 341, 15.10.2020, p. 7).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date 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, 13 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

ANNEX

In Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44, under the heading 'A. Persons', the following entry is added:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'23.	KUZNETSOV, Aleksandr (Alexander) Sergeevich (Александр Сергеевич КУЗНЕЦОВ)	Position (s): Commander of 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group Callsign: Ratibor Date of birth: 8 October 1977 Place of birth: Nikolskoye, former USSR (now Russian Federation) Nationality: Russian Wagner Group ID: M-0271 Gender: male	Aleksandr Sergeevich Kuznetsov belongs to the command structure of the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity. He took command of the 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group in 2014. He was injured in September 2019 in Libya while fighting alongside the Libyan National Liberation Army (NLA) as commander of the Wagner Group's military operatives. Through his position and actions, Kuznetsov is responsible for the Wagner Group's activities that threaten the peace, stability and security of Libya.	13.12.2021'