

COUNCIL DECISION
of 10 December 2013
amending the Council's Rules of Procedure
(2013/746/EU)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union,

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

Having regard to Article 2(2) of Annex III to the Council's Rules of Procedure ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The first and fourth subparagraphs of Article 3(3) of Protocol (No 36) on transitional provisions, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, provide that, until 31 October 2014, when an act is to be adopted by the Council by a qualified majority, and if a member of the Council so requests, it must be verified that the Member States constituting the qualified majority represent at least 62 % of the total population of the Union.
- (2) That percentage is calculated according to the population figures set out in Article 1 of Annex III to the Council's Rules of Procedure (the 'Rules of Procedure').
- (3) Article 2(2) of Annex III to the Rules of Procedure provides that, with effect from 1 January each year, the Council, in accordance with the data available to the Statistical Office of the European Union on 30 September of the preceding year, must amend the figures set out in Article 1 of that Annex.
- (4) The Rules of Procedure should therefore be amended accordingly for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 October 2014,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Annex III to the Rules of Procedure shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 1

For the purposes of implementing Article 16(5) of the TEU and Article 3(3) and (4) of Protocol (No 36) on transitional

provisions, the total population of each Member State for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 October 2014 shall be as follows:

Member State	Population (× 1 000)
Germany	80 523,7
France	65 633,2
United Kingdom	63 730,1
Italy	59 685,2
Spain	46 704,3
Poland	38 533,3
Romania	20 057,5
Netherlands	16 779,6
Belgium	11 161,6
Greece	11 062,5
Czech Republic	10 516,1
Portugal	10 487,3
Hungary	9 908,8
Sweden	9 555,9
Austria	8 451,9
Bulgaria	7 284,6
Denmark	5 602,6
Finland	5 426,7
Slovakia	5 410,8
Ireland	4 591,1
Croatia	4 262,1
Lithuania	2 971,9

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

Member State	Population (× 1 000)
Slovenia	2 058,8
Latvia	2 023,8
Estonia	1 324,8
Cyprus	865,9
Luxembourg	537,0
Malta	421,4
Total	505 572,5
Threshold (62 %)	313 455,0'

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2014.

Done at Brussels, 10 December 2013.

For the Council
The President
R. ŠADŽIUS