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## II

(Non-legislative acts)

## REGULATIONS

## COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/466

of 17 November 2020

**supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council by specifying the number and the title of the variables for the income and living conditions domain on health and quality of life**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and the Council of 10 October 2019 establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples, amending Regulations (EC) No 808/2004, (EC) No 452/2008 and (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 and Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) To cover the needs identified in the relevant detailed topics, the Commission should specify the number and title of the variables for the data set in the living conditions domain (EU-SILC).
- (2) The EU statistics on income and living conditions survey ('EU-SILC survey') is a key instrument for providing information required by the European Semester and the European Pillar of Social Rights, in particular for income distribution, poverty and social exclusion. It also provides information on health care, health determinants, health status and disability from the three-yearly module on Health, and data on well-being and social and cultural participation from the six-yearly module on Quality of life.
- (3) The number of variables to be collected does not exceed by more than 5% the number of variables collected for the living conditions domain when Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 entered into force on 3 November 2019,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The number and the title of the variables for the three-yearly module on Health and six yearly module on Quality of life in the living conditions domain are set out in the Annex.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 261 I, 14.10.2019, p. 1.

*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, 17 November 2020.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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## ANNEX

Number and titles of the variables for the three yearly module on Health and six yearly module on Quality of life in the income and living conditions domain.

Module	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
Health	Health care (6 collected variables)	HS200	Financial burden of medical care (excluding medicines)
		HS210	Financial burden of dental care
		HS220	Financial burden of medicines
		PH090	Number of consultations with a general practitioner or family doctor in the past 12 months
		PH080	Number of consultations with dentist, orthodontist or other dental care specialists in the past 12 months
		PH100	Number of consultations of a medical or surgical specialist (excluding dentists, orthodontists or other dental care specialists) in the past 12 months
	Health determinants (8 collected variables)	PH110A	BMI 1 Weight
		PH110B	BMI 2 Height
		PH122	Type of physical activity when working
		PH132	Frequency of physical activities (excluding working)
		PH142	Frequency of eating fruit (excluding any juice)
		PH152	Frequency of eating vegetables or salad (excluding any juice)
		PH171	Frequency of tobacco use (including electronic cigarettes or similar electronic devices)
		PH180	Frequency of consumption of an alcoholic drink of any kind
	Details on health status and disability (6 collected variables)	PH101	Difficulty in seeing, even when wearing glasses or contact lenses
		PH111	Difficulty in hearing, even when using a hearing aid
		PH121	Difficulty in walking or climbing steps
		PH131	Difficulty in remembering or concentrating

		PH141	Difficulty (with self-care such as) washing all over or dressing
		PH151	Difficulty in communicating (using usual language, for example understanding or being understood by others)
Quality of life	Well-being (7 collected variables)	PW241	Feeling left out
		PW030	Satisfaction with financial situation
		PW160	Satisfaction with personal relationships
		PW120	Satisfaction with time use (amount of leisure time)
		PW230	Feeling lonely
		PW090	Being happy
		PW180	Help from others
	Social and cultural participation (13 collected variables)	PS010	Number of times going to the cinema
		PS020	Number of times going to live performances (plays, concerts, operas, ballet and dance performances)
		PS030	Number of visits to cultural sites
		PS040	Number of times attending live sport events
		PS041	Practice of artistic activities
		PS042	Reading books (including e-books or audio books, during year)
		PS050	Frequency of getting together with family (relatives)
		PS060	Frequency of getting together with friends
		PS070	Frequency of contacts with family (relatives)
		PS080	Frequency of contacts with friends
		PS110	Participation in formal voluntary activities
		PS111	Participation in informal voluntary activities
		PS102	Active citizenship

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/467****of 16 March 2021****approving non-minor amendments to the product specification for a name entered in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ‘Volailles d’Ancenis’ (PGI)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 52(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 53(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission has examined France’s application for the approval of amendments to the specification for the protected geographical indication ‘Volailles d’Ancenis’, registered under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (2) Since the amendments in question are not minor within the meaning of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission published the amendment application in the *Official Journal of the European Union* <sup>(3)</sup> as required by Article 50(2)(a) of that Regulation.
- (3) As no statement of opposition under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been received by the Commission, the amendments to the specification should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*The amendments to the product specification published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* regarding the name ‘Volailles d’Ancenis’ (PGI) 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 March 2021.

*For the Commission,*  
*On behalf of the President,*  
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96 of 12 June 1996 on the registration of geographical indications and designations of origin under the procedure laid down in Article 17 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 (OJ L 148, 21.6.1996, p. 1).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 395, 20.11.2020, p. 7.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/468****of 18 March 2021****amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council  
as regards botanical species containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives****(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 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 8(2)(a)(i) and (b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006, on its own initiative or on the basis of information provided by Member States, the Commission may initiate a procedure to include a substance or an ingredient containing a substance other than a vitamin or a mineral in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 listing the substances whose use in foods is prohibited, restricted or under Union scrutiny, if that substance is associated with a potential risk to consumers as defined by Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006.
- (2) Plants containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives are numerous and belong to different botanical families and genera. They are widely used in food supplements.
- (3) In its Scientific Opinion of 9 October 2013 on the scientific substantiation of a health claim related to hydroxyanthracene derivatives and improvement of bowel function <sup>(2)</sup>, the European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded that hydroxyanthracene derivatives in food can improve bowel function, but advised against long-term use and consumption at high doses due to potential safety concerns such as the danger of electrolyte imbalance, impaired function of the intestine and dependence on laxatives.
- (4) In view of that opinion, and of the concerns raised by Member States, during the discussion on the health claim under consideration in 2013 about the possible harmful effects associated with the consumption of foods containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives and preparations thereof, the Commission in 2016 requested the Authority to deliver a scientific opinion on the evaluation of safety in use of hydroxyanthracene derivatives in food in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006.
- (5) The information provided by the Member States to the Commission fulfilled the necessary conditions and requirements laid down in Articles 3 and 4 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 307/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (6) On 22 November 2017, the Authority adopted a scientific opinion on the evaluation of the safety of hydroxyanthracene derivatives for use in food <sup>(4)</sup>. The hydroxyanthracene derivatives considered relevant for this risk assessment were those found in the root and rhizome of *Rheum palmatum* L. and/or *Rheum officinale* Baillon and/or their hybrids; leaves or fruits of *Cassia senna* L.; bark of *Rhamnus frangula* L., bark of *Rhamnus purshiana* DC. and in leaves of *Aloe barbadensis* Miller and/or various *Aloe* species, mainly *Aloe ferox* Miller and its hybrids.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 404, 30.12.2006, p. 26.

<sup>(2)</sup> EFSA Journal 2013;11(10):3412

<sup>(3)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 307/2012 of 11 April 2012 establishing implementing rules for the application of Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods (OJ L 102, 12.4.2012, p. 2).

<sup>(4)</sup> The Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS); Scientific Opinion on the safety of hydroxyanthracene derivatives. EFSA Journal 2018;16(1):5090.



- (7) The Authority found that the hydroxyanthracene derivatives aloe-emodin and emodin and structurally related substance danthron have been shown to be genotoxic in vitro. Aloe extracts have also been shown to be genotoxic in vitro most likely due to hydroxyanthracene derivatives present in the extract. Furthermore, aloe-emodin was shown to be genotoxic in vivo. The whole leaf aloe extract and structural analogue danthron were shown to be carcinogenic.
- (8) Given that aloe-emodin and emodin may be present in the extracts, the Authority concluded that hydroxyanthracene derivatives should be regarded as genotoxic and carcinogenic unless there are specific data to the contrary and that there is a safety concern for extracts containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives although uncertainty persists. The Authority was unable to provide advice on a daily intake of hydroxyanthracene derivatives that does not give rise to concerns for human health.
- (9) Considering the severe harmful effects on health associated with the use of aloe-emodin, emodin, danthron and aloe extracts containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives in food, and that no daily intake of hydroxyanthracene derivatives that does not give rise to concerns for human health could be set, such substances should be prohibited. Therefore, aloe-emodin, emodin, danthron and aloe preparations containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives should be included in Annex III, Part A of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006.
- (10) During manufacture, hydroxyanthracene derivatives can be removed from the botanical preparations through a series of filtering processes resulting in products that contain those substances only at trace levels as impurities.
- (11) As there is a possibility of harmful effects on health associated with the use of *Rheum*, *Cassia* and *Rhamnus* and their preparations in food, but scientific uncertainty persists about whether such preparations contain the substances listed in Annex III, Part A of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006, such substances should be placed under Union scrutiny and therefore, should be included in Part C of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006.
- (12) Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Part A, the following entries are added in alphabetical order:

‘aloe-emodin and all preparations in which this substance is present’;

‘emodin and all preparations in which this substance is present’;

‘preparations from the leaf of *Aloe* species containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives’;

‘danthron and all preparations in which this substance is present’.

- (2) in Part C, the following entries are added in alphabetical order:

‘preparations from the root or rhizome of *Rheum palmatum* L., *Rheum officinale* Baillon and their hybrids containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives’;

‘preparations from the leaf or fruit of *Cassia senna* L. containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives’;

‘preparations from the bark of *Rhamnus frangula* L., *Rhamnus purshiana* DC. containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives’.

*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, 18 March 2021.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/469****of 18 March 2021****accepting a request for new exporting producer treatment with regard to the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union <sup>(1)</sup> (the 'basic Regulation'),

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 of 12 July 2019 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China <sup>(2)</sup>, and, in particular, Article 2 thereof,

Whereas,

**A. MEASURES IN FORCE**

- (1) On 13 May 2013, the Council imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware ('the product concerned') originating in the People's Republic of China (the PRC) by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 412/2013 <sup>(3)</sup> ('the original Regulation').
- (2) On 12 July 2019, following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of the basic Regulation, the Commission extended the measures of the original Regulation for another five years by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198.
- (3) On 28 November 2019, following an anti-circumvention investigation pursuant to Articles 13(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036, the Commission amended Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2131 <sup>(4)</sup>.
- (4) In the original investigation, sampling was applied for investigating the exporting producers in the PRC in accordance with Article 17 of the basic Regulation.
- (5) The Commission imposed individual anti-dumping duty rates ranging from 13,1 % to 23,4 % on imports of the product concerned for the sampled exporting producers from PRC. For the cooperating exporting producers that were not included in the sample, a duty rate of 17,9 % was imposed. The cooperating exporting producers not included in the sample are listed in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 as replaced by Regulation (EU) 2019/2131. Furthermore, a country-wide duty rate of 36,1 % was imposed on the product concerned from companies in the PRC which either did not make themselves known or did not cooperate with the investigation.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198, the Commission may amend Annex I to that Regulation, by granting a new exporting producer the duty rate applicable to the cooperating companies not included in the sample, namely the weighted average duty rate of 17,9 %, where any new exporting producer in the PRC provides sufficient evidence to the Commission that:
  - (a) it did not export to the Union the product concerned during the period of investigation on which the measures are based, that is from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 ('the original investigation period');

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 189, 15.7.2019, p. 8.

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 412/2013 of 13 May 2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China (OJ L 131, 15.5.2013, p. 1).

<sup>(4)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2131 of 28 November 2019 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 321, 12.12.2019, p. 139).

- (b) it is not related to any of the exporters or producers in the PRC which are subject to the anti-dumping measures imposed by the original Regulation; and
- (c) it has actually exported to the Union the product concerned after the end of the original investigation period or has entered into an irrevocable contractual obligation to export a significant quantity to the Union.

## B. REQUEST FOR NEW EXPORTING PRODUCER TREATMENT

- (7) The company Hunan Legend Porcelain Industry Co., Ltd. ('Hunan Legend' or the 'applicant') submitted a request to the Commission to be granted new exporting producer treatment (NEPT) and hence be subject to the duty rate applicable to the cooperating companies in the PRC not included in the sample, which is 17,9 %. The applicant claimed that it met all three conditions set out in Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198.
- (8) In order to determine whether the applicant fulfilled the conditions for being granted NEPT, as set out in Article 2 of the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 ('the NEPT conditions'), the Commission first sent a questionnaire to the applicant requesting evidence showing that it met the NEPT conditions.
- (9) Following the analysis of the questionnaire reply, the Commission requested further information and supporting evidence, which was submitted by the applicant.
- (10) The Commission sought to verify all information it deemed necessary for the purpose of determining whether the applicant met the NEPT conditions. To this end, the Commission analysed the evidence submitted by the applicant in its questionnaire reply, consulting various online databases including Orbis <sup>(5)</sup> and Qichacha <sup>(6)</sup> and cross-checking company information with information submitted in previous cases and publicly available information on the internet. In parallel, the Commission also informed the Union industry about the applicant's request and invited it to provide any comments if needed. No comments from Union industry were received.

## C. ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST

- (11) With regard to the condition set out in Article 2(a) of the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 that the applicant did not export the product concerned to the Union during the period of investigation on which the measures are based, that is from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 ('the original investigation period'), the Commission established that the applicant did not exist as a company at the time. The Articles of Association of Hunan Legend and its business license date from May 2014. Therefore, the applicant could not have exported the product concerned to the Union during the period of investigation and thus fulfils this condition.
- (12) With regard to the condition set out in Article 2(b) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 that the applicant is not related to any exporters or producers which are subject to the anti-dumping measures imposed by the original Regulation, the Commission established that Hunan Legend is not related to any of the Chinese exporting producers which are subject to the original anti-dumping measures. According to Qichacha, the sole shareholder of Hunan Legend, Mr Liang Feiqiao, does not own or hold shares in any company dealing with the production, processing, sale or purchase of the product concerned other than Hunan Legend itself. However, when Hunan Legend was established the shareholding was different. Until November 2016 a Chinese exporting producer manufacturing the product concerned and subject to an individual duty of 18,3 %, Hunan Hualian China Industry Co. Ltd. ('Hunan Hualian'), had 49 % shares of Hunan Legend, while Mr Liang Feiqiao held the remaining 51 % shares. In November 2016, Hunan Hualian transferred all of its shares to Mr Liang Feiqiao by means of a share transfer agreement concluded between the two parties and setting out the terms and conditions upon which the split up took place. After the transfer Mr Liang Feiqiao became the sole shareholder of Hunan Legend, and the applicant and Hunan Hualian terminated their relationship.

<sup>(5)</sup> Orbis is a global data provider of corporate information covering more than 220 million companies across the globe. It mainly provides standardised information on private companies and corporate structures.

<sup>(6)</sup> Qichacha is a private, for-profit Chinese-owned database that delivers business data, credit information, and analytics on China-based private and public companies to consumers/professionals.

- (13) Hunan Legend started exporting at the end of 2017 and exports to EU since 2019, that is after Hunan Hualian withdrew as the shareholder in 2016. Also, the key company documents setting out Hunan Legend's structure, its current articles of association and its sales ledger did not point to the applicant having any related companies. In sum, the Commission did not identify any relationship as defined by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 <sup>(7)</sup>. Therefore, the applicant fulfils this condition.
- (14) With regard to the condition set out in Article 2(c) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198, that the applicant has actually exported the product concerned to the Union after the original investigation period or has entered into an irrevocable contractual obligation to export a significant quantity to the Union, the Commission established that the applicant exported to the Union in 2019, therefore after the original investigation period. The applicant submitted invoices, a packing list, a bill of lading and a receipt of payment for an order placed in 2019 by a company in Denmark. Therefore, the applicant fulfils this condition.
- (15) Accordingly, the applicant fulfils all three conditions to be granted NEPT, as set out in Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 and the request should therefore be accepted. Consequently, the applicant should be subject to an anti-dumping duty of 17,9 % for cooperating companies not included in the sample of the original investigation.

#### D. DISCLOSURE

- (16) The applicant and the Union industry were informed of the essential facts and considerations based on which it was considered appropriate to grant the anti-dumping duty rate applicable to the cooperating companies not included in the sample of the original investigation to Hunan Legend Porcelain Industry Co., Ltd. ('Hunan Legend').
- (17) The parties were granted the possibility to submit comments. No comments were received.
- (18) The Regulation is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 15(1) of the basic Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

The following company is added to Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1198 containing the list of cooperating companies not included in the sample:

Company	TARIC additional code
Hunan Legend Porcelain Industry Co., Ltd.	C608

#### Article 2

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

<sup>(7)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 of 24 November 2015 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code (OJ L 343, 29.12.2015, p. 558). Article 127 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 (the EU Customs Code), stipulates that two persons shall be deemed to be related if one of the following conditions is fulfilled: (a) they are officers or directors of the other person's business; (b) they are legally recognised partners in business; (c) they are employer and employee; (d) a third party directly or indirectly owns or controls or holds 5 % or more of the outstanding voting stock or shares of both of them; (e) one of them directly or indirectly controls the other; (f) both of them are directly or indirectly controlled by a third person; (g) together they control a third person directly or indirectly; (h) they are members of the same family. Persons who are associated in business with one another in that one is the sole agent, sole distributor or sole concessionaire, however described, of the other shall be deemed to be related only if they fall within the criteria referred to in the preceding sentence.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 March 2021.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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# DECISIONS

## COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/470

of 18 March 2021

### amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 33 and Article 31(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 2 April 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 <sup>(1)</sup> appointing Mr Miroslav LAJČÁK as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1313 <sup>(2)</sup>. The EUSR's mandate is to expire on 31 March 2021.
- (2) The EUSR's mandate should be extended for a further period of 17 months and a new financial reference amount for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 August 2022 should be established.
- (3) The EUSR will implement the mandate 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 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

*'Article 1*

#### **European Union Special Representative**

The mandate of Mr Miroslav LAJČÁK as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues is extended until 31 August 2022. The Council may decide that the EUSR's mandate be terminated earlier, based on an assessment of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) and a proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR).';

- (2) in Article 5(1), the following subparagraph is added:

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the EUSR's mandate for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 August 2022 shall be EUR 2 580 000.';

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 of 2 April 2020 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues (OJ L 105, 3.4.2020, p. 3).

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1313 of 21 September 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues (OJ L 308, 22.9.2020, p. 4).

(3) in Article 13, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The EUSR shall present the HR, the Council and the Commission with regular progress reports and a final comprehensive mandate implementation report by 31 May 2022.'

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, 18 March 2021.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
A. P. ZACARIAS

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