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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1340

of 26 June 2023

entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Varaždinsko bučino ulje' (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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 52(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, Croatia's application to register the name 'Varaždinsko bučino ulje' was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ⁽²⁾.
- (2) As no statement of opposition under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been received by the Commission, the name 'Varaždinsko bučino ulje' should therefore be entered in the register,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The name 'Varaždinsko bučino ulje' (PGI) is hereby entered in the register.

The name specified in the first paragraph denotes a product in Class 1.5. – Oils and fats (butter, margarine, oil, etc.), as listed in Annex XI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 ⁽³⁾.

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*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 84, 7.3.2023, p 9.

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 of 13 June 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 179, 19.6.2014, p. 36).

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

Done at Brussels, 26 June 2023.

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

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1341

of 30 June 2023

concerning the renewal of the authorisation of the preparations of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12836, *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12837, *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 16774, *Pediococcus acidilactici* DSM 16243, *Pediococcus pentosaceus* DSM 12834, *Lacticaseibacillus paracasei* DSM 16245, *Levilactobacillus brevis* DSM 12835, *Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus* NCIMB 30121, *Lactococcus lactis* NCIMB 30160, *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 12856 and *Lactococcus lactis* DSM 11037 as feed additives for all animal species, and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1263/2011

(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 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting and renewing such an authorisation.
- (2) The preparations of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12836 (previously taxonomically identified as *Lactobacillus plantarum* DSM 12836), *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12837 (previously taxonomically identified as *Lactobacillus plantarum* DSM 12837), *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 16774 (previously taxonomically identified as *Lactobacillus buchneri* DSM 16774), *Pediococcus acidilactici* DSM 16243, *Pediococcus pentosaceus* DSM 12834, *Lacticaseibacillus paracasei* DSM 16245 (previously taxonomically identified as *Lactobacillus paracasei* DSM 16245), *Levilactobacillus brevis* DSM 12835 (previously taxonomically identified as *Lactobacillus brevis* DSM 12835), *Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus* NCIMB 30121 (previously taxonomically identified as *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* NCIMB 30121), *Lactococcus lactis* NCIMB 30160, *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 12856 (previously taxonomically identified as *Lactobacillus buchneri* DSM 12856) and *Lactococcus lactis* DSM 11037 were authorised for a period of 10 years as feed additives for all animal species by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1263/2011 ⁽²⁾.
- (3) In accordance with Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, applications were submitted for the renewal of the authorisation of the preparations of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12836, *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12837, *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 16774, *Pediococcus acidilactici* DSM 16243, *Pediococcus pentosaceus* DSM 12834, *Lacticaseibacillus paracasei* DSM 16245, *Levilactobacillus brevis* DSM 12835, *Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus* NCIMB 30121, *Lactococcus lactis* NCIMB 30160, *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 12856 and *Lactococcus lactis* DSM 11037 as feed additives for all animal species, requesting the additives to be classified in the additive category 'technological additives' and in the functional group 'silage additives'. Those applications were accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 14(2) of that Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1263/2011 of 5 December 2011 concerning the authorisation of *Lactobacillus buchneri* (DSM 16774), *Lactobacillus buchneri* (DSM 12856), *Lactobacillus paracasei* (DSM 16245), *Lactobacillus paracasei* (DSM 16773), *Lactobacillus plantarum* (DSM 12836), *Lactobacillus plantarum* (DSM 12837), *Lactobacillus brevis* (DSM 12835), *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* (NCIMB 30121), *Lactococcus lactis* (DSM 11037), *Lactococcus lactis* (NCIMB 30160), *Pediococcus acidilactici* (DSM 16243) and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (DSM 12834) as feed additives for all animal species (OJ L 322, 6.12.2011, p. 3).

- (4) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinions of 5 May 2021 ⁽³⁾, ⁽⁴⁾, 23 June 2021 ⁽⁵⁾, ⁽⁶⁾, ⁽⁷⁾, 29 September 2021 ⁽⁸⁾, ⁽⁹⁾, ⁽¹⁰⁾, 10 November 2021 ⁽¹¹⁾, 26 January 2022 ⁽¹²⁾ and 23 March 2022 ⁽¹³⁾ that the applicants have provided evidence that the additives remain safe for all animal species, the consumers and the environment under the authorised conditions of use. It also concluded that the preparations are not irritant to skin and eyes, but that they should be considered potential skin and respiratory sensitisers.
- (5) In accordance with Article 5(4), point (c), of Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005 ⁽¹⁴⁾, the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 considered that the conclusions and recommendations reached in the previous assessments are valid and applicable for the current applications.
- (6) The assessment of the preparations shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the authorisation of those additives should be renewed.
- (7) The Commission considers that appropriate protective measures should be taken to prevent adverse effects on the health of the users of the additive.
- (8) As a consequence of the renewal of the authorisation of those preparations as feed additives as well as the expiry of another authorisation concerned by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1263/2011, that Regulation should be repealed.
- (9) Since safety reasons do not require the immediate application of the modifications to the conditions of authorisation of the preparations of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12836, *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12837, *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 16774, *Lacticaseibacillus paracasei* DSM 16245, *Levilactobacillus brevis* DSM 12835, *Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus* NCIMB 30121 and *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 12856, it is appropriate to provide for a transitional period for interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements resulting from the renewal of the authorisation.
- (10) 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

Renewal of authorisation

The authorisation of the preparations specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'technological additives' and to the functional group 'silage additives', are renewed subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

⁽³⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(6):6626.

⁽⁴⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(6):6614.

⁽⁵⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(7):6696.

⁽⁶⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(7):6697.

⁽⁷⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(7):6713.

⁽⁸⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(11):6902.

⁽⁹⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(11):6900.

⁽¹⁰⁾ EFSA Journal 2021;19(11):6901.

⁽¹¹⁾ EFSA Journal 2022;20(1):6975.

⁽¹²⁾ EFSA Journal 2022;20(2):7148.

⁽¹³⁾ EFSA Journal 2022;20(4):7241.

⁽¹⁴⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005 of 4 March 2005 on detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the duties and tasks of the Community Reference Laboratory concerning applications for authorisations of feed additives (OJ L 59, 5.3.2005, p. 8).

*Article 2***Repeal**

Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1263/2011 is repealed.

*Article 3***Transitional measures**

The preparations of *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12836, *Lactiplantibacillus plantarum* DSM 12837, *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 16774, *Lacticaseibacillus paracasei* DSM 16245, *Levilactobacillus brevis* DSM 12835, *Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus* NCIMB 30121 and *Lentilactobacillus buchneri* DSM 12856 specified in the Annex and feed containing them, which are produced and labelled before 23 July 2024 in accordance with the rules applicable before 23 July 2023 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the existing stocks are exhausted.

*Article 4***Entry into force**

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, 30 June 2023.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
					CFU/kg of fresh material			

Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives

1k2078	<i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12836	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12836 containing a minimum of 5×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12836</p> <p><i>Analytical method ⁽¹⁾</i></p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12836: — Spread plate method using MRS agar (EN 15787)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12836: — Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033
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⁽¹⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/eurl-fa-eurl-feed-additives/eurl-fa-authorisation/eurl-fa-evaluation-reports_en

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Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives								
1k2079	<i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12837	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12837 containing a minimum of 5×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12837</p> <p><i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12837:</p> <p>— Spread plate method using MRS agar (EN 15787)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Lactiplantibacillus plantarum</i> DSM 12837:</p> <p>— Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033

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Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives								
1k2074	<i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 16774	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 16774 containing a minimum of 5×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 16774</p> <p><i>Analytical method ⁽¹⁾</i></p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 16774:</p> <p>— Spread plate method using MRS agar (EN 15787)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 16774:</p> <p>— Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033

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Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives

1k2102	<i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i> DSM 16243	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i> DSM 16243 containing a minimum of 5×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i> DSM 16243</p> <p><i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i> DSM 16243: — Spread plate method using MRS agar (EN 15786)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i> DSM 16243: — Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. 2. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. 3. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033
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Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives

1k2103	<i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i> DSM 12834	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i> DSM 12834 containing a minimum of 4×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i> DSM 12834</p> <p><i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i> DSM 12834:</p> <p>— Spread plate method using MRS agar (EN 15786)</p> <p>— Identification of <i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i> DSM 12834:</p> <p>Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033
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1k2076	<i>Lacticaseibacillus paracasei</i> DSM 16245	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Lacticaseibacillus paracasei</i> DSM 16245 containing a minimum of 5×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Lacticaseibacillus paracasei</i> DSM 16245</p> <p><i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Lacticaseibacillus paracasei</i> DSM 16245:</p> <p>— Spread plate method using MRS agar (EN 15787)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Lacticaseibacillus paracasei</i> DSM 16245:</p> <p>— Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033

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Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives

1k20710	<i>Levilactobacillus brevis</i> DSM 12835	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Levilactobacillus brevis</i> DSM 12835 containing a minimum of 5×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Levilactobacillus brevis</i> DSM 12835</p> <p><i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Levilactobacillus brevis</i> DSM 12835:</p> <p>— Spread plate method using MRS agar (EN 15787)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Levilactobacillus brevis</i> DSM 12835:</p> <p>— Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033
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					CFU/kg of fresh material			
Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives								
1k20711	<i>Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus</i> NCIMB 30121	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus</i> NCIMB 30121 containing a minimum of 4×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus</i> NCIMB 30121.</p> <p><i>Analytical method ⁽¹⁾</i></p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus</i> NCIMB 30121:</p> <p>— Spread plate method using MRS agar (EN 15787)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus</i> NCIMB 30121:</p> <p>— Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033

⁽¹⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/eurl-fa-eurl-feed-additives/eurl-fa-authorisation/eurl-fa-evaluation-reports_en

Identification number of the additive	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
					CFU/kg of fresh material			

Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives

1k2082	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> NCIMB 30160	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> NCIMB 30160 containing a minimum of 4×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> NCIMB 30160</p> <p><i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> NCIMB 30160: — Pour plate method using MRS agar (ISO 15214)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> NCIMB 30160: — Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. If polyethylene glycol (PEG 4000) is used as a cryoprotectant, it shall be used up to a maximum concentration of 0,025 mg/kg silage. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033
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⁽¹⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/eurl-fa-eurl-feed-additives/eurl-fa-authorisation/eurl-fa-evaluation-reports_en

Identification number of the additive	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
					CFU/kg of fresh material			
Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives								
1k2075	<i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 12856	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 12856 containing a minimum of 5×10^{11} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 12856</p> <p><i>Analytical method ⁽¹⁾</i></p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 12856:</p> <p>— Spread plate method using MRS agar (EN 15787)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Lentilactobacillus buchneri</i> DSM 12856:</p> <p>— Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033

⁽¹⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/eurl-fa-eurl-feed-additives/eurl-fa-authorisation/eurl-fa-evaluation-reports_en

Identification number of the additive	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
					CFU/kg of fresh material			

Category: technological additives. Functional group: silage additives

1k2081	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> DSM 11037	<p><i>Additive composition:</i></p> <p>Preparation of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> DSM 11037 containing a minimum of 5×10^{10} CFU/g additive</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance:</i></p> <p>Viable cells of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> DSM 11037</p> <p><i>Analytical method</i> ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>Enumeration in the feed additive of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> DSM 11037:</p> <p>— Pour plate method using MRS agar (ISO 15214)</p> <p>Identification of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> DSM 11037:</p> <p>— Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) or DNA sequencing methods</p>	All animal species	-	-	-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage conditions shall be indicated. 2. Minimum content of the additive when used without combination with other micro-organisms as silage additives: 1×10^8 CFU/kg fresh material. 3. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from their use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal skin and breathing protective equipment. 	23.7.2033
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⁽¹⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/eurl-fa-eurl-feed-additives/eurl-fa-authorisation/eurl-fa-evaluation-reports_en

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1342**of 30 June 2023****concerning the renewal of the authorisation of a preparation of 6-phytase produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33699 as a feed additive for poultry, pigs for fattening, weaned piglets and sows (holder of authorisation: DSM Nutritional Products Ltd, represented by DSM Nutritional Products Sp. z o.o.) and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 837/2012****(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 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting and renewing such authorisation.
- (2) The preparation of 6-phytase produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 22594 was authorised for 10 years as a feed additive for poultry, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening and sows by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 837/2012 ⁽²⁾.
- (3) In accordance with Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, an application was submitted for the renewal of the authorisation of the preparation of 6-phytase produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33699 as a feed additive for poultry, pigs for fattening, weaned piglets and sows in the additive category 'zootechnical additives' and in the functional group 'digestibility enhancers'. The application requested to change the production strain, substituting the strain *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 22594 for *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33699, and was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 14(2) of that Regulation.
- (4) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 22 November 2022 ⁽³⁾ that new production strain *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33699 does not give rise to safety concerns and that, under the proposed conditions of use, the preparation of 6-phytase produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33699 is safe for the target species, for consumers and the environment. As regards safety for the users when handling the preparation, due to the absence of data on the final formulations, the Authority could not conclude on the potential of the additive to be irritant to eyes or skin or to be a skin sensitiser but considered that the additive is a respiratory sensitiser. The Authority finally concluded that the additive has the potential to be efficacious in poultry, pigs for fattening, weaned piglets and sows at the minimum recommended level of 500 FYT/kg complete feed.
- (5) In accordance with Article 5(4), point (c), of Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005 ⁽⁴⁾, the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 considered that the conclusions and recommendations reached in the previous assessment are valid and applicable for the current application.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 837/2012 of 18 September 2012 concerning the authorisation of 6-phytase (EC 3.1.3.26) produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* (DSM 22594) as feed additive for poultry, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening and sows (holder of authorisation DSM Nutritional Products) (OJ L 252, 19.9.2012, p. 7).

⁽³⁾ EFSA Journal 2023;21(1):7698.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 378/2005 of 4 March 2005 on detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the duties and tasks of the Community Reference Laboratory concerning applications for authorisations of feed additives (OJ L 59, 5.3.2005, p. 8).

- (6) The assessment of the preparation of 6-phytase produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33699 shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the authorisation of this additive should be renewed.
- (7) The Commission considers that appropriate protective measures should be taken to prevent adverse effects on human health, in particular as regards the users of the additive.
- (8) Since safety reasons do not require the immediate application of the modifications to the conditions of authorisation of the preparation concerned, it is appropriate to provide for a transitional period for the interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements resulting from the authorisation.
- (9) As a consequence of the renewal of the authorisation of the preparation of 6-phytase produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33699 as a feed additive, Implementing Regulation (EU) No 837/2012 should be repealed.
- (10) 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

Renewal of the authorisation

The authorisation of the preparation of 6-phytase produced by *Aspergillus oryzae* DSM 33699, belonging to the additive category 'zootechnical additives' and to the functional group 'digestibility enhancers', is renewed subject to the conditions laid down in the Annex.

Article 2

Repeal of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 837/2012

Implementing Regulation (EU) No 837/2012 is repealed.

Article 3

Transitional measures

1. The preparation specified in the Annex and premixtures containing that preparation, which are produced and labelled before 23 January 2024 in accordance with the rules applicable before 23 July 2023 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the existing stocks are exhausted.
2. Compound feed and feed materials containing the preparation specified in the Annex, which are produced and labelled before 23 July 2024 in accordance with the rules applicable before 23 July 2023 may continue to be placed on the market and used until the existing stocks are exhausted.

Article 4

Entry into force

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, 30 June 2023.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						Units of activity/kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %			

Category of zootechnical additives. Functional group: digestibility enhancers

4a18i	DSM Nutritional Products Ltd., represented by DSM Nutritional Products Sp. z o.o.	6-phytase (EC 3.1.3.26)	<p>Additive composition</p> <p>Preparation of 6-phytase (EC 3.1.3.26) produced by <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> DSM 33699 with a minimum activity of:</p> <p>10 000 FYT ⁽¹⁾/g in solid form, 20 000 FYT/g in liquid form</p> <p>Characterisation of the active substance</p> <p>6-phytase (EC 3.1.3.26) produced by <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> DSM 33699</p> <p>Analytical method ⁽²⁾</p> <p>For the quantification of phytase activity in the feed additive: colorimetric method based on the enzymatic reaction of phytase on the phytate – VDLUFA 27.1.4;</p> <p>For the quantification of phytase activity in premixtures: colorimetric method based on the enzymatic reaction of phytase on the phytate – VDLUFA 27.1.3;</p> <p>For the quantification of phytase activity in compound feeds: colorimetric method based on the enzymatic reaction of phytase on the phytate – EN ISO 30024.</p>	Poultry Piglets (weaned) Pigs for fattening Sows	—	500 FYT	—	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the directions for use of the additive and premixture, the storage temperature, storage life, and stability to heat treatment shall be indicated. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address potential risks resulting from its use. Where those risks cannot be eliminated by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal breathing, eye and skin protective equipment. 	23 July 2033
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- (¹) 1 FYT is the amount of enzyme which liberates 1 μmol of inorganic phosphate from phytate per minute under reaction conditions with a phytate concentration of 5,0 mM at pH 5,5 and 37 °C.
- (²) Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/eurl-fa-eurl-feed-additives/eurl-fa-authorisation/eurl-fa-evaluation-reports_en.
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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1343**of 30 June 2023****providing for an emergency support measure for the cereal and oilseed sectors in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia**

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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 221(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine since 24 February 2022 is impacting shipping operations in Ukrainian Black Sea ports which accounted for about 90 % of Ukrainian cereal and oilseed exports. To support Ukrainian farmers and contribute to global and Union food security, alternative logistic routes were urgently needed and the Union took concrete measures to facilitate Ukraine's agricultural exports and wider bilateral trade with the Union outlined by the Communication from the Commission entitled 'An action plan for EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes to facilitate Ukraine's agricultural export and bilateral trade with the EU ("EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes")' ⁽²⁾.
- (2) As a result of joint efforts by Member States, in particular Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, as well as Ukraine, Moldova, international partners and the Commission, the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes have become a lifeline for Ukraine's economy and a new connectivity with the Union, also serving as a safeguard against a global food crisis.
- (3) While many improvements have been achieved, significant logistical bottlenecks still remain. Infrastructure remains insufficient to handle the surge in traffic, there is lack of transshipment equipment and capacity is scarce, resulting in high logistics costs. Connectivity can be improved by better coordinating transit, enhancing infrastructure, and lowering overall logistics costs, thereby ensuring that Ukrainian cereals and oilseeds can move deeper into the Union and beyond as needed.
- (4) As a result of the high logistics costs and bottlenecks described above, there has been an increase in imports of cereals and oilseeds from Ukraine to the Member States close to Ukraine.
- (5) This situation exerts pressure on prices in a number of regions of Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. Besides, these imports are saturating the storage capacity and logistical chains. Those circumstances affect the economic viability and market perspectives of farmers in some regions of those Member States. This could ultimately endanger the normal operation of the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes corridors.
- (6) To avoid a rapid deterioration of the situation, the Commission adopted a first emergency support measure targeted to affected farmers in Bulgaria, Poland and Romania with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/739 ⁽³⁾, considering in particular the domestic supply situation and logistical challenges in those Member States.
- (7) Having regard to the scale of the negative economic impact in the Member States concerned, it is necessary to expand the scope of the support measure adopted under Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/739 to Hungary and Slovakia and provide additional funding to better address this situation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.⁽²⁾ COM(2022) 217 final.⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/739 of 4 April 2023 providing for an emergency support measure for the cereal and oilseed sectors in Bulgaria, Poland and Romania (OJ L 96, 5.4.2023, p. 80).

- (8) This situation constitutes a specific problem within the meaning of Article 221 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. This specific problem in a limited number of regions in some Member States cannot be addressed by measures taken pursuant to Article 219 or 220 of that Regulation since it is not specifically linked to an existing market disturbance or a precise threat thereof nor linked to measures for combating the spread of diseases of animals or a loss of consumer confidence due to public, animal or plant health risks. Furthermore, in order to avoid a rapid further deterioration of the economic viability of farmers in some regions of Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, the situation requires an urgent intervention.
- (9) It is therefore appropriate to set up an emergency support measure and provide Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia with a financial grant to support farmers affected by the increased imports of cereals and oilseeds from Ukraine for a period strictly necessary.
- (10) The amount available to Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia should be set out, taking into account in particular their respective weight in the Union's agricultural sector, on the basis of the net ceilings for direct payments set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾ and the relative growth in trade for cereals and oilseeds into those countries.
- (11) Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia should distribute the aid through the most effective channels on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria that take account of the extent of the difficulties and economic damages faced by farmers growing cereals and oilseeds in the affected areas, while ensuring these farmers are the ultimate beneficiaries of the aid and avoiding any market and competition distortion.
- (12) As the amount allocated to Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia would compensate only part of the actual loss suffered by farmers in the affected regions, those Member States should be allowed to grant additional national support to those producers, under the conditions and within the time limit set by this Regulation.
- (13) In order to give Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia the flexibility to distribute the aid as circumstances require coping with farmers difficulties, they should be allowed to cumulate it with other support financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, without overcompensating the farmers.
- (14) In order to avoid overcompensation, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia should take into account the support granted under other national or Union support instruments or private schemes to respond to the impact of increased imports of cereals and oilseeds from Ukraine in the affected regions.
- (15) As the Union aid is fixed in euro, it is necessary, in order to ensure a uniform and simultaneous application, to fix a date for the conversion of the amount allocated to Member States not having adopted the euro as their national currencies, as it is the case for Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Romania. Since this Regulation does not provide for a deadline for the submission of the applications for aid, it is appropriate to consider, for the purposes of Article 30(3) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/127 ⁽⁵⁾, the date of entry into force of this Regulation as the operative event for the exchange rate regarding the amounts set out in this Regulation.
- (16) For budgetary reasons, the Union should finance the expenditure incurred by Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia only where such expenditure is made by a certain eligibility date.

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/127 of 7 December 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council with rules on paying agencies and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, securities and use of euro (OJ L 20, 31.1.2022, p. 95).

- (17) The support for this emergency measure should be paid by 31 December 2023. As no payments are to be made after 31 December 2023, Article 5(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/127 should not be applicable.
- (18) To allow the Union to monitor the efficiency of this emergency measure, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia should communicate to the Commission detailed information on its implementation.
- (19) In order to ensure that farmers receive aid as soon as possible, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia should be enabled to implement this Regulation without delay. Therefore, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (20) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Union aid of a total amount of EUR 100 000 000 shall be available to Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, to provide exceptional support to farmers producing cereals and oilseeds referred to in the Annex subject to the conditions set out in this Regulation.
2. Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia shall use the amounts referred to in Article 2 for measures aiming to compensate farmers for the economic loss due to increased imports of cereals and oilseeds from Ukraine in the affected regions.
3. The measures shall be taken on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria that take account of the economic losses borne by the affected farmers and ensure that the resulting payments do not cause any market or competition distortion.
4. Expenditure borne by Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia in relation to the payments for the measures referred to in paragraph 2 shall only be eligible for Union aid if those payments have been made by 31 December 2023.
5. For the purposes of Article 30(3) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/127, the operative event for the exchange rate as regards the amounts set out in Article 2(1) of this Regulation shall be the date of entry into force of this Regulation.
6. Measures under this Regulation may be cumulated with other support financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Article 2

1. The Union expenditure incurred in accordance with Article 1 shall not exceed a total amount of:
 - (a) EUR 9 770 000 for Bulgaria;
 - (b) EUR 15 930 000 for Hungary;
 - (c) EUR 39 330 000 for Poland;
 - (d) EUR 29 730 000 for Romania;
 - (e) EUR 5 240 000 for Slovakia.
2. Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia may grant additional national aid for the measures taken under Article 1 up to a maximum of 200 % of the corresponding amount set out in paragraph 1 of this Article, on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, provided that the resulting payments do not cause any market or competition distortion, or overcompensation.
3. Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia shall pay the additional support referred to in paragraph 2 by 31 December 2023.

Article 3

In order to avoid overcompensation, when granting support under this Regulation, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia shall take into account the support granted under other national or Union support instruments or private schemes to respond to the impact increased imports of cereals and oilseeds from Ukraine in the affected regions.

Article 4

1. Without delay and no later than 30 September 2023, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia shall notify the Commission of the following:

- (a) a description of the measures to be taken;
- (b) the criteria used to determine the methods for the calculation of the aid and the rationale for distributing the aid across farmers;
- (c) the intended impact of the measures in view of compensating farmers from economic loss caused by imports of cereals and oilseeds from Ukraine;
- (d) the actions taken to check that the intended impact of the measures is reached;
- (e) the actions taken to avoid distortion of competition and overcompensation;
- (f) the forecast for payments of the Union expenditure broken down per month until 31 December 2023;
- (g) the level of additional support granted pursuant to Article 2(2);
- (h) the actions taken to control the eligibility of farmers and to protect the financial interests of the Union.

2. No later than 15 May 2024, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia shall notify the Commission of the total amounts paid per measure, when applicable, broken down by Union aid and additional national aid, the number and type of beneficiaries and the assessment of the effectiveness of the measure.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 30 June 2023.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

LIST OF PRODUCTS REFERRED TO ARTICLE 1(1)

CN code	Description
1001	Wheat and meslin
1002	Rye
1003	Barley
1004	Oats
1005	Maize
1008 60	Triticale
—	Mixes of products with CN codes 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005 and 1008 60
1205	Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken
1206	Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1344

of 26 June 2023

in support of enhancing the operational effectiveness of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 28(1) and 31(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 12 December 2003, the European Council adopted the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction ('the EU Strategy').
- (2) The EU Strategy underlines the crucial role of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (the 'CWC') and of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (the 'OPCW') in creating a world free of chemical weapons. As part of the EU Strategy, the Union has committed itself to working towards universal adherence to key disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements, including the CWC.
- (3) Since 2004, the EU has supported the activities of the OPCW through Council Decisions 2009/569/CFSP ⁽¹⁾, 2012/166/CFSP ⁽²⁾, (CFSP) 2015/259 ⁽³⁾, (CFSP) 2019/538 ⁽⁴⁾, (CFSP) 2021/1026 ⁽⁵⁾, and (CFSP) 2021/2073 ⁽⁶⁾ and Council Joint Actions 2004/797/CFSP ⁽⁷⁾, 2005/913/CFSP ⁽⁸⁾, and 2007/185/CFSP ⁽⁹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2009/569/CFSP of 27 July 2009 on support for OPCW activities in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 197, 29.7.2009, p. 96).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 2012/166/CFSP of 23 March 2012 in support of activities of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 87, 24.3.2012, p. 49).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/259 of 17 February 2015 in support of activities of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 43, 18.2.2015, p. 14).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/538 of 1 April 2019 in support of activities of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 93, 2.4.2019, p. 3).

⁽⁵⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/1026 of 21 June 2021 in support of the Cyber Security and Resilience and Information Assurance Programme of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 224, 24.6.2021, p. 24).

⁽⁶⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/2073 of 25 November 2021 in support of enhancing the operational effectiveness of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) through satellite imagery (OJ L 421, 26.11.2021, p. 65).

⁽⁷⁾ Council Joint Action 2004/797/CFSP of 22 November 2004 on support for OPCW activities in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 349, 25.11.2004, p. 63).

⁽⁸⁾ Council Joint Action 2005/913/CFSP of 12 December 2005 on support for OPCW activities in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 331, 17.12.2005, p. 34).

⁽⁹⁾ Council Joint Action 2007/185/CFSP of 19 March 2007 on support for OPCW activities in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 85, 27.3.2007, p. 10).

- (4) The continued provision of intensive and targeted assistance by the Union to the OPCW is necessary in the context of the active implementation of Chapter III of the EU Strategy. In particular, there is a need for further activities to enhance the operational effectiveness of the OPCW and the capacity of States party to the CWC to fulfil their obligations. The Union should therefore adopt this Decision in order to provide that assistance.
- (5) The OPCW Technical Secretariat should be entrusted with the technical implementation of the activities to be carried out under this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. With a view to the implementation of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, the EU shall support the implementation and universalisation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (the 'CWC') through an operational action.
2. The action referred to in paragraph 1 shall have the following objectives:
 - (a) to verify the elimination of chemical weapons stockpiles and chemical weapons production facilities subject to the verification measures provided for in the CWC;
 - (b) to prevent the re-emergence and reduce the threat of chemical weapons use;
 - (c) to respond effectively and credibly to chemical weapons use and allegations thereof;
 - (d) to ensure preparedness through the provision of assistance and protection against chemical weapons, their use, or threat of use in accordance with the provisions of Article X of the CWC;
 - (e) to promote peaceful uses of chemistry in economic and technological development through international cooperation in the field of chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under the CWC;
 - (f) to work towards universal adherence to the CWC; and
 - (g) to ensure that the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (the 'OPCW') remains fit for purpose to face the challenges and opportunities generated by progress in science and technology.
3. A detailed description of the action referred to in paragraph 1 is set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

1. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the 'High Representative') shall be responsible for the implementation of this Decision.
2. The technical implementation of the action referred to in Article 1 shall be carried out by the Technical Secretariat of the OPCW.
3. The OPCW shall perform the task referred to in paragraph 2 under the supervision of the High Representative. For that purpose, the High Representative shall enter into the necessary arrangements with the OPCW.

Article 3

1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of the action referred to in Article 1 shall be EUR 5 350 000.
2. The expenditure financed by the reference amount set out in paragraph 1 shall be managed in accordance with the rules and procedures applicable to the general budget of the Union.

3. The Commission shall supervise the proper management of the expenditure financed by the reference amount referred to in paragraph 1. For that purpose, it shall conclude a contribution agreement with the OPCW. The contribution agreement shall stipulate that the OPCW is to ensure the visibility of the Union's contribution, appropriate to its size.

4. The Commission shall endeavour to conclude the agreement referred to in paragraph 3 as soon as possible following the entry into force of this Decision. It shall inform the Council of any difficulties in that process and of the date of the conclusion of the agreement.

Article 4

1. The High Representative shall report to the Council on the implementation of this Decision on the basis of the regular reports of the OPCW. The reports of the High Representative shall form the basis of the evaluation carried out by the Council.

2. The Commission shall provide information on the financial aspects of the implementation of the action referred to in Article 1.

Article 5

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

2. This Decision shall expire 36 months after the conclusion of the agreement referred to in Article 3(3). However, it shall expire six months after the date of its entry into force if no agreement has been concluded within that period.

Done at Luxembourg, 26 June 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

ANNEX

European Union Support to Enhance OPCW Operational Effectiveness - EU 2023**1. Background**

In December 2003, the European Union (EU) adopted the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (EU Strategy), in which it recognised the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction to international peace and security. The EU Strategy underlines the crucial role of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and of the OPCW in creating a world free of chemical weapons. The objectives of the EU Strategy are complementary to those of the CWC. The EU and the OPCW, since adoption of the EU Strategy, have pursued cooperation including engagement through a series of Joint Actions and Council Decisions. ⁽¹⁾

The OPCW has received consistent support of the EU in the implementation of its mandate, reflecting a continued commitment to the full implementation of the CWC, with 38.2M EUR of voluntary contributions through the Common Foreign and Security Policy ("CFSP") budget provided since 2004. The OPCW welcomes the EU's continued commitment to supporting the OPCW in its efforts to fulfil the goal of the Convention – a world free of chemical weapons, thus contributing to international peace and security. Furthermore, recognising emerging challenges, the OPCW also welcomes the EU's sustained interest in strengthening its support to OPCW's technical teams when providing assistance to States Parties under the Convention, as necessary, in the active implementation of Chapter II and III of the EU Strategy.

A dynamic international security environment makes the OPCW's mission as relevant as ever. The upcoming Fifth Review Conference, the imminent milestone of the complete destruction of declared chemical weapons stockpiles, as well as the opening of the new Centre for Chemistry and Technology (CCT) present opportunities as well as they present challenges to the OPCW. For the Organisation to retain its relevance in the post-destruction phase, strategic engagement is critical. Partnership and support through the EU Common Foreign Security Policy (CFSP) budget has proven instrumental to assisting the OPCW in the promotion and implementation of its core objectives, which also amplifies the impact of OPCW activities.

2. Project Purpose**2.1 Overall Objectives of the Project**

The overall objective of the project is to ensure the Secretariat's capacity to facilitate and improve States Parties' implementation of the Convention. Such support would contribute to peace and international security through effective implementation of OPCW's mandate. It would also assist in the prevention of re-emergence of chemical weapons, while promoting peaceful uses of chemistry. Implementation of the project will, wherever applicable in the proposed activities, give due consideration to gender diversity.

2.2 Specific Objectives

- Verifying the elimination of chemical weapons stockpiles and chemical weapons production facilities subject to the verification measures provided for in the CWC;
- Preventing re-emergence and reducing the threat of usage through the non-proliferation of chemical weapons, through the application of the verification and implementation measures provided for in the Convention, which also serve to build confidence between States Parties;
- Effectively and credibly responding to chemical weapons use and allegations thereof;
- Ensuring preparedness through the provision of assistance and protection against chemical weapons, their use, or threat of use in accordance with the provisions of Article X of the CWC;

⁽¹⁾ Inclusive of Joint Action 2004/797/CFSP (expired); Joint Action 2005/913/CFSP (expired); Joint Action 2007/185/CFSP (expired); Decision 2009/569/CFSP (expired); Joint Action 2012/166/CFSP (expired); Decision 2015/259 (extended with Decision 2018/294 and expired); Decision 2017/2302 (extended with Decision 2019/1092, expired); Decision 2017/2303 (extended with Decision 2018/1943 and Decision 2019/2112, expired); Decision 2019/538 (in force through April 2023); Decision 2021/1026 (in force through August 2023), and Decision 2021/2073 (in force through December 2025).

- Promoting peaceful uses of chemistry in economic and technological development through international cooperation in the field of chemical activities for purposes not prohibited under the CWC, in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the CWC;
- Working towards universal adherence to the CWC; and
- Ensuring substantive capacity-building efforts, as well as an Organisation that remains fit for purpose to face challenges and opportunities generated by progress in science and technology.

2.3 Intended Outputs

Intended outputs that the Project contributes to are as follows:

- Effective response to developments in science and technology to enhance OPCW's verification regime;
- Prevention of the re-emergence and countering/reducing the threat of chemical weapons use;
- Effective responses to allegations of chemical weapons use;
- Enhanced capacities of States Parties to meet Article X obligations;
- Reinforced OPCW's global leadership and authoritative voice on non-proliferation and disarmament of chemical weapons; and
- Promotion of increased adherence to the CWC.

3. Description of Activities

Activities related to Output 1 – Effective response to developments in science and technology to enhance OPCW's verification regime

These activities will focus on operationalising the Secretariat's activities through the use of a fit-for-purpose and integrated Centre for Chemistry and Technology (CCT); providing a platform for broader engagement on capacities and peaceful uses of chemistry such as inter alia laboratory twinning, laboratory trainings, scientific research (e.g. developing forensic lab methodologies); enhancing OPCW's readiness to address progress in science and technology including through the implementation of selected priority recommendations from the OPCW Scientific and Advisory Board; and enhancing OPCW's operational capacities for mission preparations and deployments such as testing, validation and training of new technologies/equipment.

Activities related to Output 2 – Prevention of the re-emergence and countering/reducing the threat of chemical weapons use

These activities will concentrate on strengthening States-Parties' and other relevant stakeholders' capacities to respond to the threat of chemical weapons through dedicated trainings and workshops related inter alia to first response capacities and border control; enabling implementation of selected priority recommendations from inter alia the Open-Ended Working Group on Terrorism, including through table top exercises; and expanding engagement with chemical industry and trade via coordination mechanisms such as working groups and IUPAC committees.

Activities related to Output 3 – Effective responses to allegations of chemical weapons use

These activities will be centred on strengthening relevant verification measures and implementation of applicable decisions (inter alia EC-M-33/DEC.1; UNSC-R2118 (2013), C-SS-4/DEC.3, EC-94/DEC.2, and C-25/DEC.9) on addressing the threat from chemical weapons use; as well as further developing capabilities to respond to States Parties' requests for assistance related to allegations of use.

Activities related to Output 4 – Enhanced capacities of States Parties to meet Article X obligations

These activities will aim, under relevant Article X requirements on Assistance and Protection, at increasing States Parties' response capabilities; improving national protection planning; and intensifying deterrence effects such as through support to CBRNE preparations for major public events.

Activities related to Output 5 – Reinforced OPCW's global leadership and authoritative voice on non-proliferation and disarmament of chemical weapons

These activities will enhance OPCW's role in promoting the peaceful and authorised uses of chemistry to growing diverse audiences via dedicated online tools; expanding engagement with external stakeholders such as women, youth, and executives; targeting audiences for specialised capacity building efforts inter alia civil society and NGOs; and further developing and implementing a more in-depth OPCW-EU partnership.

Activities related to Output 6 – Promotion of increased adherence to the CWC

These activities will support OPCW efforts to work towards full membership of any or all of the remaining four States not Party to the Convention. Further ensure OPCW capacity and preparations through scenarios generation, and enhancement of the capacities and tools of the Secretariat to strengthen implementation of the Convention verification regime in case of accession of a possessor state.

4. Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of activities under Output 1:

OPCW Secretariat personnel and teams; and CWC stakeholders including inter alia States Parties, National Authorities, Civil Society, Civilian Protection Units, Universities, Partner Laboratories, International and Intergovernmental Organisations, public.

Beneficiaries of activities under Output 2

OPCW Secretariat personnel and teams; and CWC stakeholders including inter alia States Parties, National Authorities, Industry, International and Intergovernmental Organisations and public.

Beneficiaries of activities under Output 3

OPCW Secretariat personnel and teams; and CWC stakeholders including inter alia States Parties, National Authorities, International and Intergovernmental Organisations, and public.

Beneficiaries of activities under Output 4

CWC stakeholders including inter alia States Parties, National Authorities, Civilian Protection Units, and public.

Beneficiaries of activities under Output 5

OPCW Secretariat personnel and teams; and CWC stakeholders including inter alia States Parties, National Authorities, Civil Society, Universities, and public.

Beneficiaries of activities under Output 6

OPCW Secretariat personnel and teams; and CWC stakeholders including States Parties and *States not Party to the Convention*.

5. Duration

The Action will be implemented during a 36-month period, except Activities under Output 3, which will be implemented within a 12-month period.

6. Implementing Entity

Technical implementation of the proposed activities above shall be carried out by the OPCW Secretariat. Ultimate responsibility regarding implementation of these activities vis-à-vis the Commission shall lie with the OPCW.

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/1345**of 26 June 2023****on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors as regards the amendment of Decision No 3/2019 of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors to adopt transitional measures pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 217 in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ (the 'ACP-EU Partnership Agreement') was signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 and entered into force on 1 April 2003. In accordance with Decision No 3/2019 of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors ⁽²⁾ (the 'decision on transitional measures'), it is to be applied until 30 June 2023.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 95(4), first subparagraph, of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, negotiations towards a new ACP-EU Partnership Agreement (the 'new Agreement') were launched in September 2018. The new Agreement will not be ready to be applied by 30 June 2023, the expiry date of the current legal framework. It is therefore necessary to amend the decision on transitional measures in order to further extend the application of the provisions of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement.
- (3) Article 95(4), second subparagraph, of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement provides for the ACP-EU Council of Ministers to adopt any transitional measures that may be required until the new Agreement comes into force.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 15(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, on 23 May 2019, the ACP-EU Council of Ministers delegated the powers to adopt the transitional measures to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors ⁽³⁾. Therefore it is for the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors to amend the transitional measures pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors, as the envisaged act will be binding on the Union.
- (6) The provisions of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement will continue to be applied with the aim of maintaining continuity in relations between the Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the ACP States, on the other. Accordingly, the amended transitional measures are not intended as amendments to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement as provided for in Article 95(3) thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3. The ACP-EU Partnership Agreement was amended by the Agreement signed in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005 (OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 27) and by the Agreement signed in Ouagadougou on 22 June 2010 (OJ L 287, 4.11.2010, p. 3).

⁽²⁾ Decision No 3/2019 of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors of 17 December 2019 to adopt transitional measures pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement (OJ L 1, 3.1.2020, p. 3).

⁽³⁾ Decision No 1/2019 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers of 23 May 2019 on the delegation of powers to the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors on the decision to adopt transitional measures pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement (OJ L 146, 5.6.2019, p. 114).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors, pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, shall be to amend Decision No 3/2019 of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors in order to extend the application of the provisions of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement until 31 October 2023, or until the entry into force of the new Agreement or the provisional application between the Union and the ACP States of the new Agreement, whichever comes first.
2. The provisions of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement shall be applied in line with the purpose and objective of Article 95(4) thereof.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 26 June 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/1346**of 27 June 2023****appointing a member and two alternate members, proposed by the Italian Republic, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/852 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposals of the Italian Government,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(3) of the Treaty, the Committee of the Regions is to consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.
- (2) On 20 January 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/102 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025. On 6 October 2021, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/1834 ⁽³⁾, appointing six members and four alternate members, proposed by the Italian Republic, of the Committee of the Regions.
- (3) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Nicola ZINGARETTI was proposed for appointment.
- (4) Two alternate members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Gaetano ARMAO was proposed for appointment and the resignation of Mr Christian SOLINAS.
- (5) The Italian Government has proposed Ms Roberta ANGELILLI, representative of a regional body who holds a regional authority electoral mandate, *Vicepresidente, Assessore e Consigliere della Regione Lazio* (Vice-President, Regional Minister of the Region of Lazio and Member of the Regional Council), as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025.
- (6) The Italian Government has proposed the following representatives of regional bodies who hold a regional authority electoral mandate as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025: Mr Luca Rosario Luigi SAMMARTINO, *Vicepresidente, Assessore e Consigliere della Regione Siciliana* (Vice-President, Regional Minister of the Region of Sicily and Member of the Regional Council), and Mr Renato SCHIFANI, *Presidente e Consigliere della Regione Siciliana* (President of the Region of Sicily and Member of the Regional Council),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/102 of 20 January 2020 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 20, 24.1.2020, p. 2).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2021/1834 of 6 October 2021 appointing six members and four alternate members, proposed by the Italian Republic, of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 372, 20.10.2021, p. 11).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following representatives of regional bodies who hold an electoral mandate are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025:

(a) as a member:

- Ms Roberta ANGELILLI, *Vicepresidente, Assessore e Consigliere della Regione Lazio* (Vice-President, Regional Minister of the Region of Lazio and Member of the Regional Council),

and

(b) as alternate members:

- Mr Luca Rosario Luigi SAMMARTINO, *Vicepresidente, Assessore e Consigliere della Regione Siciliana* (Vice-President, Regional Minister of the Region of Sicily and Member of the Regional Council),
- Mr Renato SCHIFANI, *Presidente e Consigliere della Regione Siciliana* (President of the Region of Sicily and Member of the Regional Council).

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 27 June 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. ROSWALL

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/1347**of 27 June 2023****appointing an alternate member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/852 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposal of the Dutch Government,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(3) of the Treaty, the Committee of the Regions is to consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.
- (2) On 10 December 2019, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/2157 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.
- (3) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Ms Wilhelmina Johanna Gerarda DELISSEN-VAN TONGERLO.
- (4) The Dutch Government has proposed Ms Marina Caroline STARMANS-GELIJNS, representative of a local body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *burgemeester van de gemeente Dongen* (Mayor of the municipality Dongen), as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ms Marina Caroline STARMANS-GELIJNS, representative of a local body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *burgemeester van de gemeente Dongen* (Mayor of the municipality Dongen), is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 27 June 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. ROSWALL

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2019/2157 of 10 December 2019 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 327, 17.12.2019, p. 78).

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/1348**of 27 June 2023****appointing two members and an alternate member, proposed by the Czech Republic, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/852 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposals of the Czech Government,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(3) of the Treaty, the Committee of the Regions is to consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.
- (2) On 10 December 2019, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/2157 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.
- (3) Two members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Dan JIRÁNEK was proposed for appointment and the resignation of Mr Tomáš MACURA.
- (4) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Jan MAREŠ was proposed for appointment.
- (5) The Czech Government has proposed the following representatives of local bodies who hold a local authority electoral mandate as members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025: Ms Dagmar ŠKODOVÁ PARMOVÁ, *Zastupitelka města České Budějovice* (Representative of the City of České Budějovice), and Mr Richard VEREŠ, *Zastupitel městské části Slezská Ostrava* (Representative of the Municipal District of Silesia Ostrava).
- (6) The Czech Government has proposed Mr Jaroslav ZÁMEČNÍK, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, *Zastupitel města Liberec* (Representative of the City of Liberec), as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following representatives of local bodies who hold an electoral mandate are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025:

(a) as members:

— Ms Dagmar ŠKODOVÁ PARMOVÁ, *Zastupitelka města České Budějovice* (Representative of the City of České Budějovice),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2019/2157 of 10 December 2019 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 327, 17.12.2019, p. 78).

— Mr Richard VEREŠ, *Zastupitel městské části Slezská Ostrava* (Representative of the Municipal District of Silesia Ostrava),

and

(b) as an alternate member:

— Mr Jaroslav ZÁMEČNÍK, *Zastupitel města Liberec* (Representative of the City of Liberec).

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 27 June 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. ROSWALL

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1349**of 28 June 2023****extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) (EUPOL COPPS/1/2023)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38, third paragraph, thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/354/CFSP of 3 July 2013 on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 9(1) of Decision 2013/354/CFSP, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) is authorised, in accordance with Article 38, third paragraph, of the Treaty, to take the relevant decisions for the purpose of exercising the political control and strategic direction of the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS), including the decision to appoint a Head of Mission.
- (2) On 13 October 2020, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1541 ⁽²⁾, appointing Ms Nataliya APOSTOLOVA as Head of Mission of EUPOL COPPS from 15 November 2020 to 30 June 2021.
- (3) On 28 June 2022, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/1044 ⁽³⁾, extending the mandate of Ms Nataliya APOSTOLOVA as Head of Mission of EUPOL COPPS from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- (4) On 26 June 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/1302 ⁽⁴⁾, extending the mandate of EUPOL COPPS from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
- (5) The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has proposed to extend the mandate of Ms Nataliya APOSTOLOVA as Head of Mission of EUPOL COPPS from 1 July 2023 to 14 November 2023,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The mandate of Ms Nataliya APOSTOLOVA as Head of Mission of the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) is hereby extended from 1 July 2023 to 14 November 2023.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2023.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 185, 4.7.2013, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2020/1541 of 13 October 2020 on the appointment of the Head of Mission of the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) (EUPOL COPPS/1/2020) (OJ L 353, 23.10.2020, p. 8).

⁽³⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2022/1044 of 28 June 2022 extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) (EUPOL COPPS/1/2022) (OJ L 173, 30.6.2022, p. 73).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1302 of 26 June 2023 amending Decision 2013/354/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) (OJ L 161, 27.6.2023, p. 62).

Done at Brussels, 28 June 2023.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
D. PRONK

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1350**of 28 June 2023****extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (EU BAM Rafah/1/2023)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38, third paragraph, thereof,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP of 25 November 2005 on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 10(1) of Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) is authorised, in accordance with Article 38 of the Treaty, to take the relevant decisions for the purpose of exercising the political control and strategic direction of the European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah), including the decision to appoint a Head of Mission.
- (2) On 13 October 2020, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1548 ⁽²⁾, appointing Mr Mihai-Florin BULGARIU as Head of Mission of EU BAM Rafah from 1 November 2020 to 30 June 2021.
- (3) On 28 June 2022, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/1045 ⁽³⁾, extending the mandate of Mr Mihai-Florin BULGARIU as Head of Mission of EU BAM Rafah from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- (4) On 26 June 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/1303 ⁽⁴⁾, extending the mandate of EU BAM Rafah from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
- (5) The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has proposed to extend the mandate of Mr Mihai-Florin BULGARIU as Head of Mission of EU BAM Rafah from 1 July 2023 to 31 October 2023,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Mihai-Florin BULGARIU as Head of Mission of the European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) is hereby extended from 1 July 2023 to 31 October 2023.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2023.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 14.12.2005, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2020/1548 of 13 October 2020 on the appointment of the Head of Mission of the European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (EU BAM Rafah/2/2020) (OJ L 354, 26.10.2020, p. 5).

⁽³⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2022/1045 of 28 June 2022 extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (EU BAM Rafah/1/2022) (OJ L 173, 30.6.2022, p. 75).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1303 of 26 June 2023 amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (OJ L161, 27.6.2023, p. 64).

Done at Brussels, 28 June 2023.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
D. PRONK

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/1351**of 27 June 2023****appointing a member, proposed by the French Republic, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/852 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the proposal of the French Government,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(3) of the Treaty, the Committee of the Regions is to consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.
- (2) On 20 January 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/102 ⁽²⁾, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025.
- (3) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the mandate on the basis of which Ms Agnès LE BRUN was proposed for appointment.
- (4) The French Government has proposed Ms Marie-Hélène HERRY, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, *Maire de Saint-Malo-de-Beignon (Morbihan)*, as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ms Marie-Hélène HERRY, representative of a local body who holds an electoral mandate, *Maire de Saint-Malo-de-Beignon (Morbihan)*, is hereby appointed as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2025.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 27 June 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. ROSWALL

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2020/102 of 20 January 2020 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2020 to 25 January 2025 (OJ L 20, 24.1.2020, p. 2).

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1352**of 30 June 2023****extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) (EUBAM Libya/1/2023)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular the third paragraph of Article 38 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/233/CFSP of 22 May 2013 on the European Union Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 9(1) of Decision 2013/233/CFSP, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) is authorised, in accordance with Article 38 of the Treaty, to take the relevant decisions for the purpose of exercising political control and strategic direction of EUBAM Libya, including the decision to appoint a Head of Mission.
- (2) On 14 January 2021, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/59 ⁽²⁾, appointing Ms Natalina CEA as Head of Mission of EUBAM Libya from 1 February 2021 to 30 June 2021.
- (3) On 18 May 2022, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/846 ⁽³⁾, extending the mandate of Ms Natalina CEA as Head of Mission of EUBAM Libya until 30 June 2023.
- (4) On 26 June 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/1305 ⁽⁴⁾, extending the mandate of EUBAM Libya until 30 June 2024.
- (5) The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has proposed to extend the mandate of Ms Natalina CEA as Head of Mission of EUBAM Libya from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The mandate of Ms Natalina CEA as Head of Mission of the European Union Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) is hereby extended from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 138, 24.5.2013, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2021/59 of 14 January 2021 on the appointment of the Head of Mission of the European Union Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) (EUBAM Libya/1/2021) (OJ L 26, 26.1.2021, p. 3).

⁽³⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2022/846 of 18 May 2022 extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) (EUBAM Libya/1/2022) (OJ L 148, 31.5.2022, p. 38).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1305 of 26 June 2023 amending Decision 2013/233/CFSP on the European Union Integrated Border Management Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM Libya) (OJ L 161, 27.6.2023, p. 68).

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2023.

Done at Brussels, 30 June 2023.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
D. PRONK

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2023/1353**of 30 June 2023****setting out key performance indicators to measure the progress towards the digital targets established by Article 4(1) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Decision (EU) 2022/2481 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 establishing the Digital Decade Policy Programme 2030 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 5(1) of the Decision (EU) 2022/2481, key performance indicators (KPIs) are to be used to monitor progress of the Union against the digital targets set out in Article 4 of that Decision. The same KPIs should be used to measure the underlying trends at national level. The indicators in the Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI), as defined in Article 2, point (1), of Decision (EU) 2022/2481, should include the KPIs set out in this decision. The process used in DESI to define indicators and collect data should be limited by this Decision.
- (2) The KPIs set out in this Decision reflect the best possible measurements of the progress towards the digital targets set out in Article 4 of Decision (EU) 2022/2481 at the moment of this act's adoption. Further analysis and verification of data collection mechanisms are necessary to assess whether in the future these KPIs should be modified to reflect the targets in a more comprehensive manner. In particular, one of the connectivity targets set out in Article 4(1), point (2)(a) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481 aims at ensuring that all populated areas are covered by a next-generation wireless high-speed network with at least 5G equivalent performance in accordance with the principle of technology neutrality. The related KPI in this Decision allow for the monitoring of progress towards such coverage considering 5G networks. The Commission acknowledges that such a KPI would not enable to track entirely the progress made by Member States towards the target using technologies other than 5G. The KPI has indeed been developed by the Commission on the basis of the data available at the moment of adoption of this Decision. To address this issue the Commission is undertaking further analysis to refine the measurement framework for connectivity and to define a measurable KPI that would make it possible to identify other 'next-generation wireless-high-speed networks' with at least such 5G equivalent performance, including in cooperation with the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC). Moreover, further work is necessary to define KPIs that could reflect more comprehensively the targets set out in Article 4(1), points (2)(a), (2)(b) and (2)(c) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481, regarding gigabit connectivity, the production, in accordance with Union law on environmental sustainability, of cutting-edge semiconductors and climate-neutral highly secure edge nodes. The work on the KPI measuring gigabit connectivity will be undertaken in cooperation with BEREC.
- (3) The KPIs will also need to be adjusted or modified, when necessary, in view of technological developments, or socioeconomic changes, as well as to reflect possible changes of the targets set out in Article 4 of the Decision (EU) 2022/2481.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Digital Decade Committee established by Article 23(1) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1***Subject matter**

This Decision sets out the key performance indicators (KPIs) based on which the Member States and the Commission shall measure the progress towards the digital targets established by Article 4(1) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 323, 19.12.2022, p. 4.

Article 2

Key Performance Indicators

1. The following KPIs shall be used to measure the progress towards the digital targets set out in Article 4(1) of Decision (EU) 2022/2481:

- (1) At least basic digital skills, measured as the percentage of individuals aged between 16 and 74 years old disaggregated by sex with “basic” or “above basic” digital skills in each of the following five dimensions: information, communication, problem solving, digital content creation and safety skills. It is measured based on the activities that individuals carried out during the previous three months ⁽²⁾; and gender convergence, measured as the percentage of women and men among those individuals with “basic” or “above basic” digital skills.
- (2) ICT specialists, measured as the number of individuals aged 15-74 who are employed as ICT specialists; and gender convergence, measured as the percentage of women and men among those individuals employed as ICT specialists. In accordance with the ISCO-08 ⁽³⁾ code classification, ICT specialists are workers who have the ability to develop, operate and maintain ICT systems, and for whom ICT constitutes the main part of their job, including but not limited to ICT service managers, ICT professionals, ICT technicians, ICT installers and servicers.
- (3) Gigabit connectivity, measured as the percentage of households covered by fixed Very High-Capacity Networks (VHCN). The technologies considered are those currently able to deliver gigabit connectivity, namely Fibre to the Premises and Cable DOCSIS ⁽⁴⁾ 3.1. ⁽⁵⁾ The evolution of the Fibre to the Premises coverage will also be monitored separately and taken into consideration when interpreting VHCN coverage data.
- (4) 5G coverage, measured as the percentage of populated areas covered by at least one 5G network regardless of the spectrum band used.
- (5) Semiconductors, measured as value generated, in terms of revenues, by semiconductor activities in the Union, in all stages of the value chain, with respect to the global market value. For the first year, reporting will be done on the basis of those activities in Europe.
- (6) Edge nodes, measured as the number of compute nodes providing latencies below 20 milliseconds; such as an individual server or other set of connected computing resources, operated as part of an edge computing infrastructure, typically residing within an edge data centre operating at the infrastructure edge, and therefore physically closer to its intended users than a cloud node in a centralised data centre.
- (7) Quantum computing measured as the number of operational quantum computers or quantum simulators, including accelerators of High Performance Computing supercomputers, deployed and accessible to the user communities.
- (8) Cloud computing, measured as the percentage of enterprises using at least one of the following cloud computing services: finance or accounting software applications, enterprise resource planning (ERP) software applications, customer relationship management (CRM) software applications, security software applications, hosting the enterprise's database(s), and computing platform providing a hosted environment for application development, testing or deployment ⁽⁶⁾.

⁽²⁾ Defined following the Eurostat methodology reflecting the revised Digital Competence Framework (DIGCOMP 2.0), as also set out in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1399 of 1 August 2022 specifying the technical items of the data set, establishing the technical formats for transmission of information and specifying the arrangements and content of the quality reports on the organisation of a sample survey in the use of information and communication technologies domain for the reference year 2023 in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

⁽³⁾ International Standard Classification of Occupations 2008.

⁽⁴⁾ Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification

⁽⁵⁾ In addition to the analysis based on the KPIs, as defined in this Decision, Member States can present, in their national roadmaps, complementary data regarding fixed, wired and wireless technologies able to deliver gigabit connectivity.

⁽⁶⁾ As defined in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1344 of 1 August 2022 laying down the technical specifications of data requirements for the topic ‘ICT usage and e-commerce’ for the reference year 2023, and subsequent implementing regulations pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 202, 2.8.2022, p. 18), in particular Article 7(1) and Article 17(6) thereof.

- (9) Big data, measured as the percentage of enterprises analysing big data from any data source (internal or external) ⁽⁷⁾. As of the 2024 report, big data will be measured by the percentage of enterprises performing data analytics (internally or externally).
 - (10) Artificial intelligence, measured as the percentage of enterprises using at least one artificial intelligence technology ⁽⁸⁾.
 - (11) SMEs with at least a basic level of digital intensity, measured as the percentage of SMEs using at least 4 of 12 selected digital technologies ⁽⁹⁾.
 - (12) Unicorns, measured as the sum of unicorns referred to in Article 2, point (11)(a), of Decision (EU) 2022/2481 and those referred to in Article 2, point (11)(b), of that Decision.
 - (13) Online provision of key public services for citizens, measured as the share of administrative steps that can be done fully online for major life events. The following life events are considered: moving; transport; starting a small claims procedure; family; career; studying; health.
 - (14) Online provision of key public services for businesses, measured as the share of administrative steps needed to start a business and conduct regular business operations, which can be done fully online.
 - (15) Access to e-health records, measured as: (i) the nationwide availability of online access services for citizens to their electronic health records data (via a patient portal, or a patient mobile app) with additional measures in place that enable certain categories of people (e.g. guardians for children, people with disabilities, elderly) to also access their data, and (ii) the percentage of individuals that have the ability to obtain or make use of their own minimum set of health-related data currently stored in public and private electronic health-record (EHR) systems.
 - (16) Access to eID measured by two KPIs: (1) as the number of Member States that have notified at least one national eID scheme in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 and (2) as the number of Member States that have provided access to secure privacy-enhancing eID via the European Digital Identity Wallet in accordance with the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 as regards establishing a framework for a European Digital Identity ⁽¹⁰⁾.
2. The KPIs set out in paragraphs 1 to 16 shall be based on data sources indicated in the Annex.
 3. The KPIs set out in paragraphs 1 to 16 shall be included among the indicators monitored in the framework of the Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI).

Article 3

Entry into force

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

⁽⁷⁾ As defined in the Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1910 of 7 November 2019 implementing Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on the information society for reference year 2020 (OJ L 296, 15.11.2019, p. 1), and subsequent implementing regulations pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 327, 17.12.2019, p. 1), in particular Article 7(1) and Article 17(6) thereof.

⁽⁸⁾ *Idem* 5.

⁽⁹⁾ As defined in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1190 of 15 July 2021 laying down the technical specifications of data requirements for the topic 'ICT usage and e-commerce' for the reference year 2022, and subsequent implementing regulations pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 258, 20.7.2021, p. 28), in particular Article 7(1) and Article 17(6) thereof.

⁽¹⁰⁾ COM/2021/281 final.

Done at Brussels, 30 June 2023.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Sources for data collection on the Key Performance Indicators

Basic Digital Skills	Eurostat – European Union Survey on the use of ICTs in Households and by Individuals
ICT specialists	Eurostat – Labour Force Survey
Gigabit connectivity	Commercial provider delivering a study for the Commission, on the basis of Member States' data, where available
5G coverage	Commercial provider delivering a study for the Commission, on the basis of Member States' data, where available
Semiconductors	Publicly available/subscription data provision
Edge nodes	Commercial provider delivering a study for the Commission
Quantum computing	Publicly available/subscription data provision
Cloud computing	Eurostat – European Union survey on ICT usage and e-commerce in enterprises
Big data	Eurostat – European Union survey on ICT usage and e-commerce in enterprises
Artificial Intelligence	Eurostat – European Union survey on ICT usage and e-commerce in enterprises
SMEs with at least a basic level of digital intensity SMEs	Eurostat – European Union survey on ICT usage and e-commerce in enterprises
Unicorns	Subscription data provision
Online provision of key public services for citizens and businesses	Commercial provider delivering a study for the Commission
Access to e- health records	Commercial provider delivering a study for the Commission
Access to eID	Commission services

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