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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case M.8784 — Frankfurter Leben Holding/Pro bAV Pensionskasse)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 110/01)

On 19 March 2018, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32018M8784. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

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(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾**22 March 2018**

(2018/C 110/02)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,2316	CAD Canadian dollar	1,5889
JPY Japanese yen	129,75	HKD Hong Kong dollar	9,6641
DKK Danish krone	7,4484	NZD New Zealand dollar	1,7031
GBP Pound sterling	0,87200	SGD Singapore dollar	1,6207
SEK Swedish krona	10,1200	KRW South Korean won	1 330,52
CHF Swiss franc	1,1671	ZAR South African rand	14,5724
ISK Iceland króna	122,70	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	7,8016
NOK Norwegian krone	9,5308	HRK Croatian kuna	7,4435
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR Indonesian rupiah	16 937,58
CZK Czech koruna	25,399	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,8190
HUF Hungarian forint	311,66	PHP Philippine peso	64,544
PLN Polish zloty	4,2217	RUB Russian rouble	70,3200
RON Romanian leu	4,6675	THB Thai baht	38,512
TRY Turkish lira	4,8372	BRL Brazilian real	4,0666
AUD Australian dollar	1,5974	MXN Mexican peso	22,7765
		INR Indian rupee	80,1830

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

Publication pursuant to Article 10(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community (Recast) ⁽¹⁾ of decisions by Member States to grant, suspend or revoke operating licenses

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 110/03)

In accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No. 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community (Recast), the European Commission publishes the decisions to grant, suspend or revoke operating licences taken by Member States between the period of 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017 ⁽²⁾.

Operating licences granted

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since
Austria	easyJet Europe Airline GmbH	Wagramer Straße 19, 12020 Wien	passengers, cargo, mail	A	19.7.2017
Austria	KITZ-AIR GmbH	Maukweg 3, 6382 Kirchdorf in Tirol	passengers, cargo, mail	B	18.5.2017
Austria	MS Aviation GmbH	IZ NÖ-Süd, Straße 3 -Objekt 1/Top 1, 2355 Wiener Neudorf	passengers, cargo, mail	A	29.8.2017
Belgium	Aviation sans frontières Belgique - Piloten Zonder Grenzen België (in its abridged form ASF BELGIUM) A.S.B.L.	Rue Montoyer 1 boîte 36 - 1000 Brussels	passengers, cargo, emergency services	B	22.12.2017
Belgium	SHS Antwerp Aviation N.V. (doing business as VLM Airlines)	Luchthavenlei z/n bus 69 - 2100 Deurne	passengers	A	14.11.2017

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 293, 31.10.2008, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ The table reflects the decisions notified by Member States to the European Commission on 15.1.2018 at the latest.

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since
Bulgaria	AVIO OTRIAD - VARNA Ltd.	'Vladislav Varnenchik', bl. 401, entr. 17, fl. 4, app. 288, 9023 Varna, Republic of Bulgaria, Contact Address: 26, Stoyan Mihaylovski Str., fl.2, office 2, 1164, Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria	passengers, cargo, mail	B	20.1.2017
Bulgaria	BULGARIAN EAGLE Ltd.	140, Mimi Balkanska str., Office build 2, Office 202, Sofia 1540, Republic of Bulgaria	passengers, cargo, mail	A	2.8.2017
Bulgaria	ELECTRA AIRWAYS Ltd.	Office A7, fl.5, 51, Al. Malinov Blvd., 1712 Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria	passengers, cargo	A	23.8.2017
Bulgaria	VIA AIRWAYS Ltd.	11, Arsenalski blvd., fl.6, office 9, Sofia, 1421, Republic of Bulgaria	passengers, cargo, mail	A	30.1.2017
Cyprus	CHARLIE AIRLINES LTD (doing business as CYPRUS AIRWAYS)	1, Spartis Str., Larnaca 6025, Cyprus	passengers, cargo, mail	A	17.3.2017
Denmark	Blackbird Air A/S	Gammel Centervej 4, 7190 Billund, Denmark	passengers, cargo, mail	A	1.9.2017
Denmark	FlyGAC A/S	A.P. Møllers Allé 9c, 2791 Dragør, Denmark	passengers, cargo, mail	A	1.9.2017
France	Ava Air	Espace Aéroservices - Aéroport Martinique-Aimé Césaire - 97232 Le Lamentin - France	passengers	A	14.3.2017
France	GETONEJET	116 allée Kisling - 83110 SANARY-SUR-MER	passengers	B	23.11.2017
France	HBG France	19 rue Romain Sommeiller - 74100 ANNEMASSE	passengers, cargo, mail	A	26.12.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since
France	HELIOS CORPORATE	Aéroport de Biarritz-Pays Basque - 64200 BIARRITZ	passengers, cargo, mail	A	18.9.2017
France	JAC-HELI	28 rue Jean Jaurès - 17300 ROCHEFORT	passengers, cargo, mail	A	3.6.2017
France	JET SYSTEMS	Aérodrome d'Arcachon Villemarie - 33260 LA TESTE-DE-BUCH	passengers, cargo, mail	A	21.4.2017
France	Joon	Immeuble Roissy CDG Saturne - 2 place de Londres - Continental Square 1 - 93290 Tremblay-en-France	passengers, cargo, mail	A	20.11.2017
France	PROCOPTERE	Aérodrome de Chalon-Champforgeuil La Loyère - 71000 Chalon-sur-Saône	passengers, cargo, mail	B	21.4.2017
France	Vendée Aviation	Route du Petit Versailles - Aérodrome de La Lande - 85180 Château d'Olonne	passengers, cargo, mail	A	25.7.2017
Germany	Azurair GmbH	Gladbecker Straße 1, 40472 Düsseldorf	passengers, cargo, mail	A	30.6.2017
Germany	IAS Itzehoe Airservice GmbH	Towerstraße 20, 25551 Hohenlockstedt	passengers, cargo, mail	B	1.9.2017
Germany	Private Airlines Germany GmbH	Pfaffendorfstr. 5 c, 83454 Anger	passengers	A	16.2.2017
Germany	privateways Luftfahrtgesellschaft mbH	Langen, Leher Landstr. 14, 27607 Geestland	passengers, cargo, mail	B	26.4.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since
Germany	Quadrigair GmbH & Co. KG	Flugplatz 7-9, 44319 Dortmund	passengers, cargo, mail	B	15.6.2017
Germany	SUNDAIR GmbH	Knieperdamm 79, 18435 Stralsund	passengers	A	27.9.2017
Greece	AIR MEDITERRANEAN S.A.	140, VOULIAGMENIS AV., 16674 GLYFADA	passengers, cargo, mail	A	27.1.2017
Ireland	Scandinavian Airlines Ireland Limited	4A Swords Business Campus, Co. Dublin, K67 D2X4, Ireland	passengers, cargo, mail	A	13.12.2017
Italy	Alitalia CityLiner S.p.A.	Piazza Almerico da Schio - Pal. Bravo - 00054 Fiumicino (RM)	passengers, cargo	A	10.8.2017
Italy	Alitalia - Società Aerea Italiana S.p.A.	Via A. Nasseti - Pal. NHQ s.n.c. – 00054 Fiumicino (RM)	passengers, cargo, mail	A	10.8.2017
Italy	Ernest S.p.A.	Via Giuseppe Garibaldi n. 86 - 20121 Milano (MI)	passengers, cargo	A	11.4.2017
Malta	As Ailes Limited dba Harmony Jets	24/3 Church Street Zebbug ZBG2205	passengers, cargo, mail	B	28.6.2017
Malta	Corendon Airlines Europe dba Touristic Aviation Services Limited	Level 5 Skyparks Business Centre Malta International Airport Triq Hal Far Luqa LQA 4000	passengers, cargo, mail	A	23.5.2017
Malta	Gulf Med Aviation Services Ltd	99 Mill Street Qormi QRM 3100	passengers, cargo, mail	B	9.2.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since
Malta	Jet Aviation Flight Services Limited	Vision Exchange Building Level 2 Territorials Street Mriehel BKR 3000	passengers, cargo, mail	B	30.11.2017
Malta	Tag Aviation (Malta) Limited	192, Old Bakery Street, Valletta.	passengers, cargo, mail	B	24.3.2017
Malta	TRTO Agency Limited	A3 Towers Block A3 Level 3 Apartment 306, Triq il-Kanoku Karm. M. Bologna Paola Malta	passengers, cargo, mail	B	28.4.2017
Malta	Tyrolean Jet Services	6/3 Gianni Vassallo Street Luqa LQA 1510	passengers, cargo, mail	B	27.1.2017
Poland	'Goldwings Flight Academy' sp. z o.o.	ul. Batystowa 4/1, 02-835 Warszawa	passengers	B	7.12.2017
Poland	'Goldwings Flight Academy' sp. z o.o.	ul. Batystowa 4/1, 02-835 Warszawa	passengers	B	29.6.2017
Portugal	TAESPEJO PORTUGAL, LDA	Rua do Grivão, n.º 12-B, 7350-076 Elvas	passengers, cargo	B	18.4.2017
Romania	SC FLY COMPASS SERVICE SRL	ROMANIA, BUCHAREST, STR. GARLEI NR. 1E, SECTOR 1	passengers, cargo	B	18.6.2017
Romania	STAR EAST AIRLINE SRL	ROMANIA, BUCHAREST, SECTOR 1, BULEVARDUL ION IONESCU DE LA BRAD NR. 61-63, AP. 3	passengers, cargo	A	19.6.2017
Slovakia	Berlin Jets (AOC)	Ivánska cesta 30/B, 821 04 Bratislava, Slovenská republika	passengers, cargo	B	21.9.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since
Slovenia	VLM AIRLINES, AIR TRANSPORTS, D.D.- (VLM AIRLINES JSC)	ŠTIHOVA ULICA 13, 1000 LJUBLJANA			
Spain	Aura Airlines, S.L.	Avda. de la Vega 15, 4ª Plta. 28108-Alcobendas (Madrid)	passengers, cargo, mail	A	26.7.2017
Spain	Global Aeronautics Solutions Corp., S.L.	C/ General Aranda 3, Local bajo 51001-Ceuta	passengers, cargo, mail	B	28.4.2017
Spain	One Airways, S.A.U.	Avda. Sur del Aeropuerto de Barajas, 28 Edificio 1 – 4º - 1, 28042 MADRID	passengers, cargo, mail	B	7.4.2017
Sweden	NextJet AB	Box 123 - SE-190 46 Stockholm-Arlanda	passengers, cargo, mail	A	30.10.2017
United Kingdom	Flight Academy Ltd	City Airport, Liverpool Road, Eccles, Manchester, M30 7SA	passengers, cargo, mail	B	14.7.2017

Temporary operating licences granted

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Temporary licence until
France	Atlantique Air Assistance	27 rue de la Clef des Champs - 44118 La Chevrolière - France	passengers, cargo, mail	A	27.3.2017	15.9.2017
France	HBG France	19 rue Romain Sommeiller - 74100 ANNEMASSE	passengers, cargo, mail	A	30.11.2017	31.12.2017
Germany	Air Berlin PLC & Co. Luftverkehrs KG	Saatwinkler Damm 42/43, 13627 Berlin	passengers, cargo, mail	A	21.12.2017	31.1.2018

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Temporary licence until
Italy	Alitalia CityLiner S.p.A.	Piazza Almerico da Schio - Pal. Bravo - 00054 Fiumicino (RM)	passengers, cargo	A	24.5.2017	13.11.2017
Italy	Alitalia - Società Aerea Italiana S.p.A.	Via A. Nasseti - Pal. NHQ s.n.c. – 00054 Fiumicino (RM)	passengers, cargo, mail	A	3.5.2017	6.11.2017
Sweden	NextJet AB	Box 123 - SE-190 46 Stockholm-Arlanda	passengers, cargo, mail	A	18.8.2017	17.11.2017
Sweden	Rotor Service Norden AB	Strömgatan 43, SE-982 60 Porjus	passengers, cargo, mail	B	1.12.2017	28.2.2018
Sweden	Rotor Service Norden AB	Strömgatan 43, SE-982 60 Porjus	passengers, cargo, mail	B	21.6.2017	30.11.2017

Voluntary surrender of operating licences

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address	Carry	Category	Start Date
Czech Republic	Alfa-Helicopter, s.r.o.	Vachova 5, 602 00 Brno	passengers, mail, emergency services	B	1.1.2017
Czech Republic	LR Airlines, s.r.o.	Letiště Mošnov, 742 60 Mošnov	passengers, cargo, mail	B	10.12.2017
France	Aéralp	Aéroport de Grenoble - 38590 Saint-Étienne-de-Saint-Geoirs - France	passengers, cargo, mail	B	5.9.2017
France	Ava Air	Espace Aéroservices - Aéroport Martinique-Aimé Césaire - 97232 Le Lamentin - France	passengers	A	14.10.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address	Carry	Category	Start Date
France	Hélicoptères de France	Aéropole 1 - BP 1 - 05130 Tallard - France	passengers, cargo, mail	A	30.11.2017
France	Mont Blanc Hélicoptères	19 rue Germain Sommeiller - 74100 Annemasse - France	passengers, cargo, mail	B	30.11.2017
Germany	AAA Aviation & Aircraft Assets GmbH	Van-der-Smissen-Str. 9, 22767 Hamburg	passengers, cargo, mail	B	11.10.2017
Germany	CCF manager airline GmbH	Flughafen / Hangar 3, 51147 Köln	passengers, cargo, mail	B	19.7.2017
Germany	COMAIR Reise und Charter GmbH	Flugplatz, 94474 Vilshofen	passengers, cargo, mail	B	6.4.2017
Germany	GER-POL AIR Taxi GmbH	Flugplatzstraße 56, 48531 Nordhorn	passengers, cargo, mail	B	7.4.2017
Germany	OneTwo Aviation GmbH & Co. KG	Willhoop 1, 22453 Hamburg	passengers, cargo, mail	B	14.2.2017
Germany	Reibel-Air-Service-GmbH	Airport Boulevard B 216, 77836 Rheinmünster	passengers, cargo, mail	B	18.5.2017
Italy	Eliwork S.r.l.	Via Nazario Sauro n. 62 - 23100 Sondrio (SO)	passengers, cargo	B	24.3.2017
Spain	Intercopters, S.L.	Ctra. Barrio de La Fortuna, 16 Local 190 - 28054 Madrid	passengers, cargo, mail	B	3.3.2017

Operating licences suspended

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Comments
Croatia	EUROPSKI OBALNI AVIOPRIJEVOZNIK d.o.o.	HR-21217 KAŠTEL ŠTAFILIĆ, Put Divulja 7	passengers, cargo, mail	B	24.5.2017	revoked on 22.8.2017
Estonia	AS Avies	Harjumaa, Tallinn, Suur-Sõjamäe tn 48b, 11415	passengers, cargo, mail	A	3.4.2017	
Estonia	Nordic Jet OÜ	Harjumaa, Tallinn, Paljassaare tee 14, 10313	passenger, cargo, mail	A	15.9.2017	
France	Atlantique Air Assistance	27 rue de la Clef des Champs - 44118 La Chevrolière - France	passengers, cargo, mail	A	29.10.2017	
Germany	AAA Aviation & Aircraft Assets GmbH	Van-der-Smissen-Str. 9, 22767 Hamburg	passengers, cargo, mail	B	4.4.2017	revoked on 11.10.2017
Germany	Air Tempelhof Fluggesellschaft mbH & Co. KG	Werner-Voß-Damm 52 a, 12101 Berlin	passengers, cargo, mail	B	6.4.2017	
Germany	CCF manager airline GmbH	Flughafen / Hangar 3, 51147 Köln	passengers, cargo, mail	B	16.1.2017	revoked on 19.7.2017
Germany	Eagle Aviation GmbH	Seckenheimer Landstr. 174, 68163 Mannheim	passengers, cargo, mail	B	13.4.2017	revoked on 13.10.2017
Germany	GER-POL AIR Taxi GmbH	Flugplatzstraße 56, 48531 Nordhorn	passengers, cargo, mail	B	18.1.2017	revoked on 7.4.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Comments
Germany	NIGHTEXPRESS Luftverkehrsgesellschaft mbH	Flughafen Tor 109 - Gebäude 511, Raum 3056, Cargo City Süd - 60549 Frankfurt am Main	cargo, mail	A	1.9.2017	
Germany	Quadrigair GmbH & Co. KG	Flugplatz 7-9, 44319 Dortmund	passengers, cargo, mail	B	16.11.2017	
Italy	Alitalia CityLiner S.p.A.	Piazza Almerico da Schio - Pal. Bravo - 00054 Fiumicino (RM)	passengers, cargo	A	24.5.2017	Operating licence suspended until 24.5.2017
Italy	Alitalia - Società Aerea Italiana S.p.A.	Via A. Nasseti - Pal. NHQ s.n.c. – 00054 Fiumicino (RM)	passengers, cargo, mail	A	3.5.2017	Operating licence suspended until 3.5.2017
Italy	Elimediterranea S.r.l.	Via Divisione Folgore n. 7/D - 36100 Vicenza (VI)	passengers, cargo	B	12.5.2017	revoked on 5.12.2017
Latvia	Baltic Jet Aircompany Ltd	International airport 'Riga', Marupe civil parish, Riga district LV-1053	passengers	B	18.1.2017	revoked on 20.6.2017
Latvia	Baltijas Helikopters Ltd	Industriālais parks, Nakotne, Glūdas parish, Jelgavas district, LV-3040	passengers	B	11.12.2017	
Malta	EUROP-STAR Ltd	92/5, Alpha Buildings, Tarxien Road, Luqa, LQA 1215	passengers, cargo, mail	B	7.4.2017	
Malta	Cardiff Aviation Malta Ltd.	Zorin House, 112 Birkirkara Bypass, Birkirkara BKR 9030, Malta	passengers, cargo, mail	A	2.6.2017	

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Comments
Poland	'Goldwings Flight Academy' sp. z o.o.	ul. Batystowa 4/1, 02-835 Warszawa	passengers	B	27.10.2017	Operating licence suspended until 7.12.2017
Poland	Salt Aviation sp. z o.o.	ul. Gen. Wiktora Thommee 1 A 05-102 Nowy Dwór Mazowiecki	passengers	B	27.6.2017	
Romania	S.C. FLY 365 AVIATION SRL	Bucharest, Sector 1, 36 Grigore Alexandrescu street, Romania	passengers, cargo	A	23.5.2017	revoked on 23.11.2017
Romania	SPEDITION UMB S.R.L	Str. Calea Marasesti nr. 145, Bacau	passengers, cargo, mail	B	1.5.2017	
Spain	Aeronaves del Noroeste, S.A.	Helipuerto de Guillade - 36868 Pontesreas (Pontevedra)	passengers, cargo, mail	B	14.7.2017	
Spain	Tag Aviation España, S.L.	C/ Bahía de Pollensa, 11 28042 Madrid (Madrid)	passengers, cargo, mail	A	24.10.2017	
Spain	Turisvol, S.L.	C/ Santiago Russiñol, S/N - Apartado de Correos 181 - 17250 Playa de Aro (Girona)	passengers, cargo, mail	B	23.8.2017	

Operating licences revoked

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Comments
Austria	EUROP STAR Aircraft GmbH	9020 Klagenfurt - Flughafenstraße 60-64	passengers, cargo, mail	A	16.10.2017	
Austria	Sky Taxi Luftfahrt GmbH	Bahnhofstraße 10, 6900 Bregenz	passengers, cargo, mail	B	12.12.2017	

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Comments
Bulgaria	Air Via Ltd.	4 bl. Rila, vh. A, app. 5, 6600 Kardjali, Bulgaria	passengers, cargo, mail	A	16.6.2017	suspended since 29.12.2016
Croatia	EUROPSKI OBALNI AVIOPRIJEVOZNIK d.o.o.	HR-21217 KAŠTEL ŠTAFILIĆ, Put Divulja 7	passengers, cargo, mail	B	22.8.2017	suspended since 24.5.2017
Croatia	LIMITLESS AIRWAYS d.o.o.	HR-51513 OMIŠALJ, Hamec 1	passengers, cargo, mail	A	4.1.2017	suspended since 29.11.2016
France	Atlantique Air Assistance	27 rue de la Clef des Champs - 44118 La Chevrolière - France	passengers, cargo, mail	A	14.12.2017	
Germany	AAA Aviation & Aircraft Assets GmbH	Van-der-Smissen-Str. 9, 22767 Hamburg	passengers, cargo, mail	B	11.10.2017	suspended since 4.4.2017
Germany	ASS Air Service Sachsen GmbH	Am Bahndamm 1, 04316 Leipzig	passengers, cargo, mail	B	9.6.2017	suspended since 2.12.2016
Germany	CCF manager airline GmbH	Flughafen / Hangar 3, 51147 Köln	passengers, cargo, mail	B	19.7.2017	suspended since 16.1.2017
Germany	COMAIR Reise und Charter GmbH	Flugplatz, 94474 Vilshofen	passengers, cargo, mail	B	6.4.2017	suspended since 24.6.2016
Germany	Dr-Jet Air Ambulance GmbH & Co KG	Eglosheimer Straße 41 - 71636 Ludwigsburg	passengers, cargo, mail	B	9.1.2017	suspended since 1.7.2016
Germany	Eagle Aviation GmbH	Seckenheimer Landstr. 174, 68163 Mannheim	passengers, cargo, mail	B	13.10.2017	suspended since 13.4.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Comments
Germany	GER-POL AIR Taxi GmbH	Flugplatzstraße 56, 48531 Nordhorn	passengers, cargo, mail	B	7.4.2017	suspended since 18.1.2017
Germany	Mach Operation GmbH	Ludwig-Erhard-Straße 16A, 61440 Oberursel (Taunus)	passengers, cargo, mail	B	9.8.2017	suspended since 29.12.2016
Germany	OneTwo Aviation GmbH & Co. KG	Willhoop 1, 22453 Hamburg	passengers, cargo, mail	B	14.2.2017	suspended since 26.7.2016
Germany	Reibel-Air-Service-GmbH	Airport Boulevard B 216, 77836 Rheinmünster	passengers, cargo, mail	B	18.5.2017	
Greece	MINOAN AIR	St. Kazantzidi Str. & 1 Vosporou Str., 71601 N. Alikarnassos, Heraklion, Crete	passengers, cargo, mail	A	29.6.2017	suspended since 9.5.2016
Hungary	Nitrogénművek Vegyipari Zrt.	H-8105 Pétfürdő, Hősök tere 14	passengers	B	7.2.2017	
Italy	Aliven S.r.l.	Via Pietro Bembo n. 70 - 37062 Dossobuono (VR)	passengers	B	10.7.2017	suspended since 21.4.2016
Italy	Elimediterranea S.r.l.	Via Divisione Folgore n. 7/D - 36100 Vicenza (VI)	passengers, cargo	B	5.12.2017	suspended since 12.5.2017
Italy	Eliwork S.r.l.	Via Nazario Sauro n. 62 - 23100 Sondrio (SO)	passengers, cargo	B	24.3.2017	
Latvia	Baltic Jet Aircompany Ltd	International airport 'Riga', Marupe civil parish, Riga district LV-1053	passengers	B	20.6.2017	suspended since 18.1.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Comments
Netherlands	Denim Air ACMI B.V.	Vermogenweg 3, 3641 SR Mijdrecht	passengers, cargo, mail	A	27.3.2017	suspended since 24.11.2016
Romania	S.C. FLY 365 AVIATION SRL	Bucharest, Sector 1, 36 Grigore Alexandrescu street, Romania	passengers, cargo	A	23.11.2017	suspended since 23.5.2017
Romania	SPEDITION UMB S.R.L	Str. Calea Marasesti nr. 145, Bacau	passengers, cargo, mail	B	1.11.2017	suspended since 1.5.2017
Romania	VEGA OFFSHORE SRL	Oraş Voluntari, şos. Pipera-Tunari nr. 97, Etaj 1, Camera nr. 6, judeţul Ilfov, ROMÂNIA	passengers, cargo	B	5.10.2017	suspended since 2.4.2017
Spain	Bestfly, S.L.	c. Serrano, 32 - 28001 Madrid	passengers, cargo, mail	B	22.2.2017	suspended since 2.6.2016
Spain	Privum, S.L. (Excelair)	C/ Albalá nº 5, 28037 - MADRID	passengers, cargo, mail	B	16.1.2017	suspended since 12.5.2016
Sweden	NextJet AB	Box 123 - SE-190 46 Stockholm-Arlanda	passengers, cargo, mail	A	18.8.2017	
Sweden	Rotor Service Norden AB	Strömsgatan 43 - SE-982 60 Porjus	passengers, cargo, mail	B	2.6.2017	
United Kingdom	AH Helicopter Services Ltd	Knowle House Cottage, Lustleigh, Devon, TQ13 9SP	passengers, cargo, mail	B	2.6.2017	
United Kingdom	Central Helicopters Limited	C/o Johnson Tindall, 81 Burton Road, Derby SE1 1TJ	passengers, cargo, mail	B	10.12.2017	

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since	Comments
United Kingdom	Hebridean Air Services Ltd	C/o Air Task Group, Trent House, Cranfield Technology Park, Cranfield MK43 0AN	passengers, cargo, mail	B	1.9.2017	
United Kingdom	Monarch Airlines td	Prospect House, Luton International Airport, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 9NU	passengers, cargo, mail	A	8.12.2017	

Change of name of licence holder

Member State	Previous name of air carrier	Name of air carrier	Address	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since:
Belgium	SHS Antwerp Aviation N.V. (doing business as VLM Airlines)	SHS Antwerp Aviation N.V. (doing business as VLM Regional)	Luchthavenlei z/n bus 69 - 2100 Deurne	passengers	A	7.12.2017
Belgium	Thomas Cook Airlines Belgium N.V.	VLM Airlines N.V.	Bedrijvenzone Diegem-Luchthaven 45 - 1831 Diegem	passengers, cargo, mail	A	31.10.2017
Belgium	TNT Airways S.A. (doing business as ASL Airlines Belgium)	ASL Airlines Belgium S.A.	Aéroport de Liège Rue de l'Aéroport 101 - 4460 Grace-Hollogne	passengers, cargo, mail	A	24.1.2017
Bulgaria	BULGARIAN AIR CHARTER Ltd.	BULGARIAN AIR CHARTER Jsc.	35 Pavel Krasov Str., Gorubliane, 1138, Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria	passengers, cargo, mail	A	31.10.2017
Germany	AirGO Private Airline GmbH & Co. KG	AirGO Private Airline GmbH	Am Finther Wald 5833, 55126 Mainz	passengers, cargo, mail	B	14.12.2017
Ireland	Comhfhorbairt (Gaillimh), T/A Aer Arann, Aer Lingus Regional or Stobart Air	Stobart Air Unlimited Company T/A Stobart Air, Aer Lingus Regional	1 Northwood Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9.	passengers, cargo, mail	A	16.2.2017

Member State	Previous name of air carrier	Name of air carrier	Address	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since:
Italy	INAER Aviation Italia S.p.A.	Babcock Mission Critical Services S.p.A.	Piazza Castello n. 26 - 20121 Milano (MI)	passengers, cargo	B	2.3.2017
Netherlands	Prince Helicopters	Prince Helicopters V.O.F.	Gooikensweg 1 - 4301 PD ZIERIKZEE	passengers, cargo	B	1.1.2017
Poland	Aircraft Management and Consulting sp. z o.o.	AMC Aviation sp. z o.o.	ul. Ruchliwa 15, 02-182 Warszawa	passengers	A	18.5.2017
Portugal	Babcock Mission Critical Services Portugal, Lda	Babcock Mission Critical Services Portugal, Unipessoal, Lda	Heliporto de Salemas, n.º 2, Lugar de Salemas, 2670-760 Lousa-Loures	passengers, cargo, mail	B	27.3.2017
Spain	Aeronova, S.L.	Aeronova, S.L.U.	Polígono Son Noguera, Ctra. Arenal a Llucmajor Km. 21,5. 07620-Llucmajor. Illes Balears	passengers, cargo, mail	A	14.3.2017
Spain	Pan Air Líneas Aéreas, S.A.	ASL Airlines Spain, S.A.	Edificio TNT - Avda. Central Parcela 1.5.b -Centro de Carga Aérea - 28042 Barajas (Madrid)	cargo, mail	A	20.1.2017
Spain	Taf Helicopters, S.L.	Habock Aviation, S.L.U.	Calle Basílica, 19 – 6º B 28020 Madrid	passengers, cargo, mail	B	11.8.2017
Spain	Inaer Helicópteros, S.A.U.	Babcock Mission Critical Services España, S.A.U.	Aeródromo de Muchamiel - Partida La Almaina, 92 - 03110 Muchamiel (Alicante)	passengers, cargo, mail	B	16.5.2017
Sweden	Scandinavian Air Ambulance AB	Babcock SAA FW AB	Flygstationsvägen 4, 972 54 Luleå, SWEDEN	passengers, cargo, mail	B	13.1.2017

Member State	Previous name of air carrier	Name of air carrier	Address	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since:
Sweden	Scandinavian MediCopter AB	Babcock Scandinavian Air Ambulance AB	Lugnviksvägen 3 S-831 52 ÖSTERSUND	passengers, cargo, mail	B	13.1.2017
United Kingdom	Bristol Flying Centre Ltd T/A Centreline Air Charter	Centreline AV Limited	Bristol International Airport, North Somerset, Bristol BS48 3DP	passengers, cargo, mail	B	12.4.2017
United Kingdom	Thomson Airways Limited	TUI Airways Limited	Wigmore House, Wigmore Place, Wigmore Lane Luton LU2 9TN	passengers, cargo, mail	A	3.10.2017
United Kingdom	Xclusive Jet Charter Limited	XJC Limited	Hangar 2, Southampton Airport, Hampshire, SO18 2HG	passengers, cargo, mail	B	11.4.2017
United Kingdom	Atlantic Airlines Limited	West Atlantic UK Limited	Ground Floor East Wing. 2M Middlemarch Office Park, Siskin Drive, Coventry CV3 4FJ	passengers, cargo, mail	A	8.11.2017

Change of address of the licence holder

Member State	Name of air carrier	Previous address of air carrier	Address	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since:
Austria	Avcon Jet AG	1040 Wien - Argentinierstraße 29	Wohllebengasse 12-14, 1040 Wien	passengers, cargo, mail	A	26.9.2017
Austria	BAIRLINE Fluggesellschaft m.b.H & Co KG	Innsbrucker Bundesstraße 95, 5020 Salzburg	Innsbrucker Bundesstraße 107, 5020 Salzburg	passengers, cargo, mail	A	21.3.2017
Austria	MJet GmbH	1010 Wien, Tegetthoffstraße 7	1010 Wien, Dorotheergasse 6 - 8/R/011	passengers, cargo, mail	A	24.1.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Previous address of air carrier	Address	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since:
Finland	Lapin Lentopalvelut Oy	Joulupukin Pajakylä, Joulumaantie 10, 96930 Napapiiri Rovaniemi	Pulkonkoskentie 541, 71680 Pulkonkoski	passengers, cargo	B	29.3.2017
Germany	BHF Bodensee-Helicopter GmbH	Am Flughafen 64, 88074 Meckenbeuren	Am Flugplatz 64, 88074 Meckenbeuren	passengers, cargo, mail	B	2.8.2017
Germany	Heli Service International GmbH	Am Luneort 15, 27572 Bremerhaven	Gorch-Fock-Straße 105, 26721 Emden	passengers, cargo, mail, emergency services	B	3.4.2017
Germany	Heli Transair European Air Services GmbH	Flugplatz, 63329 Egelsbach	Hans-Fleissner-Str. 50, 63329 Egelsbach	passengers, cargo, mail	B	22.2.2017
Germany	Jetcall GmbH & Co. KG	Black & Decker-Straße 1-3, 65510 Idstein	Walramstraße 21, 65510 Idstein	passengers, cargo, mail	B	4.12.2017
Germany	Reupke Airservice GmbH & Co. KG	Hilgesdorfer Str. 1, 39345 Flechtingen	Ottersleber Chaussee 99, 39120 Magdeburg	passengers, cargo, mail	B	28.6.2017
Ireland	CHC Ireland DAC	Unit 4 Block E, Shannon Business Park, Shannon Industrial Estate, Co. Clare.	Riverside One, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland	passengers, cargo, mail	A	20.6.2017
Ireland	Norwegian Air International Limited	70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2.	Ground Floor, Imbus House, Dublin Airport, Co. Dublin	passengers, cargo, mail	A	23.1.2017
Italy	Aeropa S.r.l.	Via Casilina n. 961 – 00172 Roma (RM)	Via Antonio Ciamarra n. 259 – 00173 Roma (RM)	passengers, cargo	B	9.2.2017
Italy	Alitalia - Società Aerea Italiana S.p.A.	Via A. Nasseti - Pal. NHQ s.n.c. – 00054 Fiumicino (RM)	Via A. Nasseti - Pal. Alfa s.n.c. – 00054 Fiumicino (RM)	passengers, cargo, mail	A	3.5.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Previous address of air carrier	Address	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since:
Italy	Hoverfly s.r.l.	Via Benedetto Croce n. 249 – 66100 Chieti (CH)	Via Orazio n. 152 – 65128 Pescara (PE)	passengers, cargo	B	21.9.2017
Lithuania	Getjet Airlines, UAB	Rodunios kelias 34, LT-02187 Vilnius	Darius ir Girenas str. 81-1, LT-02189 Vilnius	passengers, cargo, mail	A	22.3.2017
Luxembourg	JETFLY Aviation S.A.	2, rue Peternelchen L-2370 Howald	11, rue Jean Fischbach L-1372 Leudelange	passengers	A	15.12.2017
Poland	AMC Aviation sp. z o.o.	Al. Krakowska 110/114, 02-256 Warszawa	ul. Ruchliwa 15, 02-182 Warszawa	passengers	A	18.5.2017
Romania	Carpatair S.A.	comuna Dumbravita, strada Zoltan Franyo nr. 19, judetul Timiș	Romania, judetul Timis, Municipiul Timisoara, strada Ion Ionescu de la Brad nr. 15, etaj 1	passengers, cargo	A	10.1.2017
Spain	Aeronova, S.L.U.	Avda. dels Arcs, 10 46940 Manises (Valencia)	Polígono Son Noguera, Ctra. Arenal a Llucmajor Km. 21,5. 07620-Llucmajor. Illes Balears	passengers, cargo, mail	A	14.3.2017
Spain	Habock Aviation, S.L.U.	Apartado de Correos 1063 - 08204 Sabadell (Barcelona)	C/ Basílica, 19 – 6º B 28020 Madrid	passengers, cargo, mail	B	11.8.2017
Spain	Urgemer Canarias, S.L.	C/ Galicia, 29, 1º N - 35007 Las Palmas (Gran Canaria)	C/ Basílica, 19 6º B - 28020 Madrid	passengers, cargo, mail	B	10.8.2017
Sweden	Amapola Flyg AB	Box 57, SE-230 32 Malmö-Sturup	Box 14237, SE-104 40 Stockholm	passengers, cargo, mail	A	23.8.2017

Member State	Name of air carrier	Previous address of air carrier	Address	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since:
United Kingdom	Centreline AV Limited	Bristol Flying Centre, Bristol International Airport, North Somerset, Bristol BS48 3DP	Bristol International Airport, North Somerset, Bristol BS48 3DP	passengers, cargo, mail	B	12.4.2017
United Kingdom	TUI Airways Limited	TUI Travel House, Crawley Business Centre, Fleming way, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 9QL	Wigmore House, Wigmore Place, Wigmore Lane Luton LU2 9TN	passengers, cargo, mail	A	31.12.2017
United Kingdom	West Atlantic UK Limited	Hangar 5, Coventry Airport, Coventry, CV8 3AZ	Ground Floor East Wing. 2M Middlemarch Office Park, Siskin Drive, Coventry CV3 4FJ	passengers, cargo, mail	A	8.11.2017

Change of category

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address	Previous Category	Category	Permitted to carry	Decision effective since:
Croatia	EUROPSKI OBALNI AVIOPRIJEVOZNIK d.o.o.	HR-21217 KAŠTEL ŠTAFILIĆ, Put Divulja 7	A	B	passengers, cargo, mail	8.2.2017
Germany	Global Helicopter Service GmbH	Industriestr. 4, 83404 Ainring	B	A	passengers, cargo, mail	29.3.2017
Germany	T F C Flugbetrieb und -technik Beratungsgesellschaft mbH	Rehmannshof 45, 45257 Essen	B	A	passengers, cargo, mail	20.11.2017
Netherlands	Heli Holland Air Service B.V.	Kanaal B ZZ 3 7881 NB Emmer-Compascuum	B	A	passengers, cargo, mail	30.6.2017
Romania	COBREX TRANS S.R.L.	Brasov, str. Cristianului, nr. 26, jud. Brasov, ROMANIA	B	A	passengers, aerial works	30.9.2017
Sweden	H-Bird Aviation Services AB	Tegeluddsvägen 76 - SE-115 28 Stockholm	A	B	passengers, cargo, mail	11.5.2017

Change of permission to carry

Member State	Name of air carrier	Address	Previous Permitted to carry	Permitted to carry	Category	Decision effective since:
Bulgaria	AVB 2012 Ltd.	14, Iskar Str., Sofia, 1000 -- Contact Address: 23, Alexandar Malinov Blvd., Sofia, 1729	passengers	passengers, cargo, mail	A	10.3.2017
Bulgaria	Bright Flight Ltd	16A, j.k. Bokar, Bulgaria blvd., 1404 Sofia, Bulgaria	passengers, cargo, mail	cargo, mail	A	30.6.2017
Bulgaria	Cargo Air Ltd	75, G.M.Dimitrov blvd., Sofia 1700, Republic of Bulgaria Contact address: 1, Brussels blvd. Sofia 1540, Bulgaria	cargo, mail	passengers, cargo, mail	A	6.4.2017
Italy	Airstar Aviation S.r.l.	Strada Statale n. 232 - Regione Piane - 13874 Mottalciata (BI)	passengers	passengers, cargo	B	20.1.2017
Poland	Husair sp. z o.o.	ul. Księżycowa 3, Hangar 11, 01-934 Warszawa	passengers, cargo	passengers	B	11.9.2017

DECISIONS RELATING TO BINDING TARIFF INFORMATION

(2018/C 110/04)

List of customs authorities designated by Member States for the purposes of receiving applications, or taking decisions relating to binding tariff information, adopted in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 ⁽¹⁾.

Member State	Customs Authority
AUSTRIA	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Zentralstelle für Verbindliche Zolltarifauskünfte (ZVZ) Vordere Zollamtsstraße 5 1030 Wien</p>
BELGIUM	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Centrale Administratie der Douane en Accijnzen Dienst Operationele Expertise en Ondersteuning Expertise Wet- en regelgeving – Tarief North Galaxy - Toren A Koning Albert II-laan 33 – bus 37 – A8 1030 Brussel</p> <p>Administration Centrale des Douanes et Accises Service Expertise Opérationnelle et Support Expertise Législation et Réglementation - Tarif North Galaxy - Tour A Boulevard du roi Albert II 33 – boîte 37 – A8 1030 Bruxelles</p>
BULGARIA	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Агенция ‘Митници’ Централно Митническо Управление ул. ‘Т. С. Раковски’ No 47 1202 София/Sofia</p>
CYPRUS	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Τμήμα Τελωνείων Υπουργείο Οικονομικών Γωνία Μ. Καραολή και Γρ. Αυξεντίου 1096 Λευκωσία/Nicosia Ταχ. Διεύθυνση: Αρχιτελωνείο, 1440 Λευκωσία/Nicosia</p>

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 29 12 2015, p. 558

Member State	Customs Authority
CROATIA	Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information
	Ministarstvo financija Carinska uprava Središnji ured Alexandera von Humboldta 4a HR-10 000 Zagreb
CZECH REPUBLIC	Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information
	Celní úřad pro Olomoucký kraj Oddělení 04 — Závazných informací Blanická 19 772 71 Olomouc
DENMARK	Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information
	SKAT Århus (Told — Tariferingscentret) Lyseng Allé 1 8270 Højbjerg (applicants with business address in the regions of Nordjylland, Midtjylland and Syddanmark)
	SKAT København Told — Tariferingscentret Sluseholmen 8 B 2450 København SV (other applicants)
ESTONIA	Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information
	Maksu- ja Tolliamet Lõõtsa 8a 15176 Tallinn
FINLAND	Customs authority designated for the purpose of taking decisions relating to binding tariff information
	Tulli — Tullausyksikkö Opastinsilta 12 PL 512 FI-00101 Helsinki
	Tullen — Förtullningsenheten Semaforbron 12 PB 512 FI-00101 Helsingfors
	Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications relating to binding tariff information
	All customs offices

Member State	Customs Authority
FRANCE	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Direction générale des douanes et droits indirects, bureau E1, 11 rue des deux communes 93558 Montreuil cedex</p>
GERMANY	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Hauptzollamt Hannover Waterloostraße 5 30169 Hannover</p>
GREECE	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Ανεξάρτητη Αρχή Δημοσίων Εσόδων Γενική Διεύθυνση Τελωνείων & Ειδικών Φόρων Κατανάλωσης Διεύθυνση Δασμολογικών θεμάτων, Ειδικών καθεστώτων & Απαλλαγών Τμήμα Α' (Δασμολογικό & Δασμολογητέας Αξίας) Ταχ.Δ/ση: Λεωφόρος Κηφισίας 124 & Ιατρίδου 2 Τ.Κ. 11526 Αθήνα/Athens</p>
HUNGARY	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Nemzeti Adó- és Vámhivatal Szakértői Intézete Budapest Hősök fasora 20-24. 1163</p>
IRELAND	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Office of the Revenue Commissioners Classification Unit Government Offices Nenagh Co. Tipperary</p>
ITALY	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Agenzia delle Dogane e dei Monopoli - Direzione centrale legislazione e procedure doganali Ufficio tariffa doganale, dazi e regimi dei prodotti agricoli Via Mario Carucci 71 00143 Roma RM</p>
LATVIA	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Valsts ieņēmumu dienests Muitas pārvalde Talejas iela 1 Rīga, LV-1978</p>

Member State	Customs Authority
LITHUANIA	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Muitinės departamento prie Lietuvos Respublikos finansų ministerijos Tarifų skyrius A. Jakšto g. 1 LT-01105 Vilnius Lietuva</p>
LUXEMBOURG	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Direction des douanes et accises B.P. 1605 1016 Luxembourg</p>
MALTA	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Binding Tariff Information Unit Customs Department Customs House Lascaris Wharf Valletta</p>
NETHERLANDS	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Belastingdienst/Douane Breda Team Bindende Tariefinlichtingen Postbus 3070 6401 DN Heerlen</p>
POLAND	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Dyrektor Izby Administracji Skarbowej w Warszawie ul. Felińskiego 2B 01-513 Warszawa</p>
PORTUGAL	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>AT-Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira Rua Prata, n.º 10 1149-027 Lisboa</p> <p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>DSTA-Direção de Serviços de Tributação Aduaneira</p>
ROMANIA	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>ANAF — Direcția Generală a Vămilelor Strada Alexandru Ivasiuc, nr. 34-40, sector 6 București</p>

Member State	Customs Authority
SLOVAKIA	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Colný úrad Bratislava Oddelenie colných taríf Miletičova 42 824 59 Bratislava</p>
SLOVENIA	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Ministrstvo za finance Finančna uprava Republike Slovenije Generalni finančni urad p.p. 631 Šmartinska cesta 55 1001 Ljubljana</p>
SPAIN	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Departamento de Aduanas e Impuestos Especiales Avda. Llano Castellano 17 28071 Madrid</p> <p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>All public administration offices</p>
SWEDEN	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>Tullverket Box 12854 SE-112 98 Stockholm</p>
UNITED KINGDOM	<p>Customs authority designated for the purpose of receiving applications and taking decisions relating to binding tariff information</p> <p>HM Revenue and Customs Tariff Products & Processes Tariff Classification Service 10th Floor, Alexander House 21 Victoria Avenue Southend-on-Sea Essex SS99 1AA</p>

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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON
COMMERCIAL POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures

(2018/C 110/05)

1. As provided for in Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union ⁽¹⁾, the Commission gives notice that, unless a review is initiated in accordance with the following procedure, the anti-dumping measures mentioned below will expire on the date mentioned in the table below.

2. Procedure

Union producers may lodge a written request for a review. This request must contain sufficient evidence that the expiry of the measures would be likely to result in a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury. Should the Commission decide to review the measures concerned, importers, exporters, representatives of the exporting country and Union producers will then be provided with the opportunity to amplify, rebut or comment on the matters set out in the review request.

3. Time limit

Union producers may submit a written request for a review on the above basis, to reach the European Commission, Directorate-General for Trade (Unit H-1), CHAR 4/39, 1049 Brussels, Belgium ⁽²⁾ at any time from the date of the publication of the present notice but no later than three months before the date mentioned in the table below.

4. This notice is published in accordance with Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036.

Product	Country(ies) of origin or exportation	Measures	Reference	Date of expiry ⁽¹⁾
Peroxosulphates (persulphates)	The People's Republic of China	Anti-dumping duty	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1343/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of peroxosulphates (persulphates) originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 (OJ L 338, 17.12.2013, p. 11)	18.12.2018

⁽¹⁾ The measure expires at midnight of the day mentioned in this column.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ TRADE-Defence-Complaints@ec.europa.eu

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8826 — Elia System Operator/Eurogrid International)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2018/C 110/06)

1. On 15 March 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Elia System Operator N.V./S.A. ('Elia', Belgium),
- Eurogrid International CVBA ('Eurogrid', Belgium).

Elia acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Eurogrid.

The concentration is accomplished by way of change in shareholding structure of minority shareholders.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Elia: company owning, operating, maintaining and developing Belgium's high- and extra-high-voltage grid,
- for Eurogrid: company investing in electric utility-related companies and providing support services to its customers. Eurogrid owns 100 % of 50 Hertz Transmission GmbH, one of the four TSOs in Germany. Eurogrid itself is currently jointly controlled by Elia and IFM Investors Pty Ltd ('IFM'), owning respectively 60 % and 40 % of the shares. IFM will reduce its shareholding in Eurogrid to 20 %.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

M.8826 — Elia System Operator/Eurogrid International

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

Email: COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu

Fax +32 22964301

Postal address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8817 — Standard Life Aberdeen/Neptune/PensionDanmark/NGT)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 110/07)

1. On 15 March 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- SLCP Infrastructure I — B SARL, controlled by Standard Life Aberdeen (United Kingdom),
- Neptune (United Kingdom), jointly controlled by the Carlyle Group CVC Capital Partners ('CVC') and China Investment Corporation ('CIC'),
- PensionDanmark (Denmark),
- Noordgastransport BV ('NGT', Netherlands).

Standard Life Aberdeen, Neptune and PensionDanmark acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of NGT. The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Standard Life Aberdeen is a global investment company active in a wide array of industries,
- for Neptune: investing in large oil & gas portfolios that may come available as a result of energy market dynamics,
- PensionDanmark functions as a holding company that owns 100 % of the shares of PensionDanmark Pensionsforsikringsaktieselskab ('PD'). PD is a Danish non-profit, labour-market-related, life- insurance limited company,
- for NGT: the operation of a subsea transportation system for natural gas on the Dutch continental shelf and of a gas treatment station in Uithuizen. NGT transports and processes the natural gas that is extracted from the Dutch continental shelf and beyond.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

M.8817 — Standard Life Aberdeen/Neptune/PensionDanmark/NGT

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

OTHER ACTS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Publication of an application under Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs

(2018/C 110/08)

This publication confers the right to oppose the application pursuant to Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾.

SINGLE DOCUMENT

‘CZOSNEK GALICYJSKI’**EU No: PGI-PL-02211 — 22.12.2016****PDO () PGI (X)****1. Name(s)**

‘Czosnek galicyjski’

2. Member State or Third Country

Poland

3. Description of the agricultural product or foodstuff**3.1. Type of product**

Class 1.6 — Fruit, vegetables and cereals, fresh or processed.

3.2. Description of the product to which the name in (1) applies

The name ‘Czosnek galicyjski’ applies to fresh bulbs of common garlic (*Allium sativum* L.). It refers to garlic produced by cultivation of the ‘Harnaś’ and ‘Arkus’ varieties.

The specific characteristics of ‘Czosnek galicyjski’ are as follows: Content of active biological substances and typical morphological characteristics:

- alliin content — minimum 1,65 g 100 g⁻¹ dm,
- anthocyanin colour to the skin (purple-pink or purple), which covers at least 30 % of the surface of the skin of the cloves,
- spherical bulb not less than 50 mm in diameter,
- approximately 6-9 cloves of garlic per bulb,
- resistance to cold.

3.3. Feed (for products of animal origin only) and raw materials (for processed products only)

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3.4. Specific steps in production that must take place in the identified geographical area

- planting,
- irrigation, fertilisation, protective measures,
- harvesting,
- drying.

3.5. Specific rules concerning slicing, grating, packaging, etc. of the product the registered name refers to

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

3.6. *Specific rules concerning labelling of the product the registered name refers to*

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4. **Concise definition of the geographical area**

Małopolskie Province (the municipalities of Słomniki and Radziemice and the following communities in the municipality of Koniusza: Niegardów, Niegardów Kolonia, Piotrkowice Wielkie, Budziejowice and Muniaczkowice).

5. **Link with the geographical area**

Above all, 'Czosnek galicyjski' derives its specificity from the product's qualities and reputation.

The specific characteristics of 'Czosnek galicyjski' are as follows:

The high quality and specific characteristics of 'Czosnek galicyjski' are dependent on the characteristics of the soil and climate in the area in which it is cultivated and on the expertise of local producers. These factors combine, resulting in garlic with specific physical, chemical and organoleptic properties that distinguish it from other products. 'Czosnek galicyjski' is characterised by a high alliin content, purple-pink or purple skin and large bulbs with a small number of cloves, due to which the size of an individual clove is also larger than that of other kinds of garlic.

The geographical area in which 'Czosnek galicyjski' is cultivated is situated in Galicia, a part of Poland that was under Austro-Hungarian rule between 1774 and 1918. The name 'Czosnek galicyjski' derives from this historical name.

The soil in the geographical area in which 'Czosnek galicyjski' is cultivated is rich in organic matter (humus). It is a rendzina area with a high pH value, resulting from the disintegration of limestone which covers only one per cent of Poland and creates a specific microclimate soil in which to cultivate garlic. The area is characterised by soil with a very high pH value of around pH 6,7-7,9. The growing season in the area defined in (4) begins significantly earlier than in neighbouring areas.

The skin covering the bulbs of 'Czosnek galicyjski' owes its colour entirely to the soil reaction. This is because in neutral soil, the anthocyanin present in the bulbs produces a purple-pink colour, while alkaline produces purple.

Moreover, the growing period in the geographical area referred to in (4) begins exceptionally early, enabling the optimal use of water stored in the soil after rain and snowfall in the winter. This is extremely important in the first growth phase, and particularly beneficial to onion species such as garlic. As a result, bulbs of 'Czosnek galicyjski' are large in size.

The expertise of local producers also has a major impact on the quality of 'Czosnek galicyjski', as demonstrated at each stage of production. Their expertise includes knowing when the best time for planting is, so that the plants can develop well before the frost comes. After pre-selection, producers select approved material (bulbs). Selecting seed bulbs of a suitable size by splitting bulbs into individual cloves immediately before planting guarantees a high yield of good quality.

If the soil is too dry, producers decide whether to irrigate it, because soil humidity in late spring is favourable to the growth of large garlic bulbs with a high content of alliin — an organic compound containing sulphur — which is responsible for the intense aroma of garlic and its distinctive, pungent taste. On average, the alliin content is five per cent higher than garlic of the same varieties grown elsewhere in Poland.

For the cultivation of 'Czosnek galicyjski' involving winter hardneck varieties, topping is required. The process involves removing the scapes from the bulbs after they have looped. The time chosen for doing this is very important, because removing the scapes too early leads to regrowth, while leaving them on the plant significantly reduces the yield and quality of the bulbs. Traditionally this procedure is done by hand, making it very labour-intensive. This is the only way of ensuring that each garlic plant is processed in a manner appropriate for its stage of growth. The precision of these procedures is rooted in the tradition of this area, and its effect on product quality is not inconsiderable.

After harvesting and drying, 'Czosnek galicyjski' is cleaned thoroughly by hand, thereby removing dirty skin and remains of roots and leaves. Treating the garlic in this way ensures it keeps well and retains excellent flavour and dietary properties. Drying at the right temperature and air circulation affects the stability of the main active substance of 'Czosnek galicyjski', namely alliin.

As a result of the suitability of the soil and climate conditions for the cultivation of garlic, coupled with the considerable expertise of local producers, the geographical area defined in (4) contains the largest cultivation area of this plant in Poland.

Reputation of 'Czosnek galicyjski'

References to the cultivation of 'Czosnek galicyjski' in the geographical area date back to the seventeenth century. In his work 'Zielnik herbarzem z języka łacińskiego zowią...' ['Herbarium with the Latin names...'] published in 1613, Szymon Syreński, also known as Syreniusz, a professor at the Krakow Academy, a botanist, doctor and scientist who examined the medicinal properties of plants, described 756 species of plants found in Southern Poland. In this book, the author mentions garlic more than one hundred times as a plant readily available in the vicinity of Krakow (i.e. 'Czosnek galicyjski' or Galician garlic), and extremely valuable for medical purposes.

The relationship between 'Czosnek galicyjski' and the area of its production and its reputation are also confirmed by a legend which had it that people came to local fairs and markets for a lump of salt and a clove of garlic.

It is highly likely that the garlic had a significant reputation, because Jan Chryzostom Pasek, a Polish diarist in the Baroque period, jokingly wrote in his memoirs that it was because of the garlic, which tasted better than the Hungarian variety, that the Transylvanian prince George Rákóczi invaded Poland in 1657. That said, according to Pasek, Rákóczi's army ate all the garlic which it stole.

Meanwhile, Zbigniew Morstin, a Baroque literary figure who was also present when the Swedes besieged Krakow (a city in the Małopolskie Province, which is where the 'Czosnek galicyjski' growing areas are) in 1655, wrote verse in which he extolled the virtues of garlic, according it pride of place among herbs and remedies together with onions and radishes.

The reputation of 'Czosnek galicyjski' in the geographical area defined in (4) is further consolidated by the fact that Małopolskie Province has organised a Garlic Festival there in July/August since 2007. This confirms that it is highly esteemed by local farmers and has immense potential. The Garlic Festival features dishes and products in which 'Czosnek galicyjski' is the star ingredient and competitions are organised for the most attractive decoration made from 'Czosnek galicyjski' and the heaviest garlic plait. All this takes place with the involvement of the provincial authorities, farmers' and producers' associations and the Polish equivalent of the Women's Institute. Local restaurants also offer dishes prepared using 'Czosnek galicyjski'.

The significance of the production of 'Czosnek galicyjski' in the geographical area in which it is grown is emphasised by local media, which refers to the tradition of cultivation and the awareness of producers, and by measures taken to increase the product's availability and foster the tradition of cultivating 'Czosnek galicyjski' in the area. Information on 'Czosnek galicyjski' has been broadcast on regional television and articles on it of interest to the local community have been published in the local press, concerning in particular the acquisition of new sales outlets, the activities of the association of producers of 'Czosnek galicyjski', and reports on the Małopolskie Province Garlic Festival. Information and promotional material on 'Czosnek galicyjski' have also been published, as have flyers. A special logo has also been produced exclusively for 'Czosnek galicyjski'. It appears on promotional material and in places selling 'Czosnek galicyjski', including menus at restaurants using the product.

'Czosnek galicyjski' is very important to the inhabitants of the geographical area defined in (4), as shown primarily by the large quantities of the vegetable produced and supplied.

Reference to publication of the specification

(the second subparagraph of Article 6(1) of this Regulation)

<http://www.minrol.gov.pl/jakosc-zywnosci/Produkty-regionalne-i-tradycyjne/Zlozone-wnioski-o-rejestracje-Produkty-regionalne-i-tradycyjne/OGLOSZENIE-MINISTRA-ROLNICTWA-I-ROZWOJU-WSI-z-dnia-5-pazdziernika-2016-roku>

Publication of an application pursuant to Article 17(6) of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks

(2018/C 110/09)

This publication confers the right to oppose the application pursuant to Article 17(7) of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾

MAIN SPECIFICATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL FILE

‘ABSINTHE DE PONTARLIER’

EU No: PGI-FR-01870 — 16.4.2014

1. Organisation

‘ABSINTHE DE PONTARLIER’

2. Category of the spirit drink

‘Absinthe de Pontarlier’ belongs to the category ‘Other spirit drinks’ in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008.

3. Description of the spirit drink, including the product’s physical, chemical and/or organoleptic characteristics

‘Absinthe de Pontarlier’ is a clear, pale-yellow spirit with greenish hues that contains no sediment. Water is added to the drink when it is consumed, giving it an ivory-like opalescent shade and a cloudiness that renders it opaque.

It is characterised by aromas reminiscent of common wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium* L.). These aromas are dominant compared to those of the other plants used to make ‘Absinthe de Pontarlier’.

If the product is aged in wood for several months, its colour becomes slightly darker and golden, the taste of anise gives way to that of absinthe and the product mellows.

When placed on the market for the consumer, the spirit contains at least 20 milligrams of thujone per litre of spirits. Its alcoholic strength by volume is equal to or higher than 45 %.

4. Definition of the geographical area concerned

The cultivation and drying of common wormwood, the maceration of the plants, the distillation of the macerate and the preparation and bottling of the spirit drink are carried out in the following municipalities of the department of Doubs: Arçon, Bannans, Bonnevaux, Boujailles, Bouverans, Bulle, Chaffois, Chapelle d’Huin, La Cluse-et-Mijoux, Courvières, Dommartin, Dompierre-les-Tilleuls, Doubs, Frasne, Granges-Narboz, Houtaud, Pontarlier, La Rivière-Drugeon, Sainte-Colombe, Vuillecin.

5. Description of the production method of the spirit drink

5.1. The cultivation of common wormwood

No fertilisers or herbicides are authorised.

5.2. The drying of common wormwood

The drying is carried out naturally, without a blower or mechanical ventilation. The plants may not be exposed to sunlight.

5.3. Maceration

The different plants and seeds used in the distillation of the spirit drink are macerated in ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin and water.

The different plants used to colour the spirit drink are macerated in an alcoholic medium.

It is forbidden to use plant extracts (including natural extracts).

The mixture to be macerated for the distillation must include common wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium* L.) and anise (*Pimpinella anisum*) in seed form.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 39, 13.2.2008, p. 16.

Roman wormwood (*Artemisia pontica*) and hyssop (*Hyssopus officinalis*) must be used when infusing the product with colouring substances.

Lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*), fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*) and mint (*Mentha* spp.) are authorised up to a maximum of 5 kilograms per hectolitre of pure alcohol from the macerate.

Other aromatic plants, with the exception of star anise, which is formally prohibited, are authorised up to a maximum of 1 kilogram per hectolitre of pure alcohol from the macerate.

5.4. Distillation

The distillation of the common wormwood and anise is obligatory.

The stills must be made of copper. Each still has a maximum capacity of 3 000 litres.

The distillation may comprise several consecutive stages.

5.5. Colouring

Colouring is obligatory. It is carried out exclusively by adding to the distillate obtained as prescribed above in 5.4:

— colouring plants, or

— an infusion of colouring substances as defined in 5.3, with the volume not exceeding 2 % of the volume of the finished product.

5.6. Preparation

The alcoholic strength by volume may not be increased after distillation, for example by adding ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin.

The spirit may be sweetened up to a maximum limit expressed as invert sugar of 35 grams per litre of finished product.

The spirit drink may be aged in wood. There may be no reference to ageing on the label unless the ageing in wood lasts for at least six months in oak barrels each having a maximum capacity of 600 litres. The minimum duration set out above must be uninterrupted, with the exception of any handling necessary for making the products.

The reduction, the ageing if applicable and the bottling are carried out on the same site as the distillation in order to make it possible to verify that the packaged products comply with the current specification through reinforced checks on their analytical and organoleptic characteristics.

6. Details bearing out the link with the geographical environment or the geographical origin

6.1. Specificity of the geographical area

6.1.1. Natural factors

This region has homogenous morphological, climatic and soil characteristics: it is a plateau with light and superficial soils not more than 30-40 centimetres deep. The highly alkaline soil with a silky-clay texture and a great number of calcareous stones has a low water reserve.

The altitude of around 750-900 metres means that temperatures are relatively mild in the summer, with annual temperatures averaging 7– 8 °C. Rainfall ranges from 1 400 to 1 600 millimetres a year and is slightly accentuated by the hilly landscape nearby.

The land of the Pontarlier region is ideally suited to the cultivation of the wormwood plant.

6.1.2. Human factors: know-how two centuries old

In the 18th century a number of texts in the Pontarlier region made mention of a liqueur called 'élixir d'Absinthe', in particular because of its medicinal properties.

Major Dubied transferred his production from Val-de-Travers, on the other side of the Swiss border, to Pontarlier on 14 February 1805. From that date onwards the number of distilleries kept on increasing in Pontarlier and surrounding areas, hand in hand with the growing consumption of absinthe. At the beginning of the 20th century there were 25 distilleries in the region. In 1907, the absinthe industry employed a total of over 3 000 persons in the arrondissement. Daily production reached 66 000 litres in 1914. Accounting for nearly one third of France's production, Pontarlier was the capital of absinthe.

In the first half of the 19th century, 'Absinthe de Pontarlier' started being exported throughout the world (Africa, America, China, etc.). Artists in the Paris of the day were swept away by the general enthusiasm for absinthe.

In the wake of the spirit's success, a great number of counterfeit products appeared, glutting the market. They were non-distilled absinthes of mediocre quality that were mass-produced by macerating plants in non-rectified alcohol or by using essences. Such beverages contained a number of harmful constituents, both from the alcohol and the heavy oils contained in the essences. In order to preserve the image of absinthe, which was threatened by those products, and make full use of the reputation of absinthe made in Pontarlier, the region's 25 liqueur producers worked to highlight the origin of their absinthes by including the word 'Pontarlier' systematically on each label starting in 1905.

In 1908, public prosecutor Edmond Couleur wrote a report at Parliament's request entitled: '*Au pays de l'absinthe*.' (Editions Société Anonyme d'imprimerie Montbéliardaise). In that document he explains the origins of absinthe production and shows the unique, solid historical link of that beverage to Pontarlier.

The countless labels of trademarks combining 'Absinthe' and 'Pontarlier', found notably in the numerous works written by Marie-Claude Delahaye ('*L'absinthe*', '*L'absinthe, art et histoire*', '*Promenades autour de l'Absinthe*', etc.) (Musée de l'Absinthe, 95430 Auvers-sur-Oise), attest to the ancient reputation of 'Absinthe de Pontarlier'.

Up until the 19th century, distilleries throughout France use the wormwood plants of Haut-Doubs.

The know-how and methods were kept alive during the prohibition of 'absinthe' thanks to aniseed-flavoured drinks, where the same procedures and materials were used as for the production of 'absinthe' before 1915.

Unlike pastis, which is a mixture of alcohol and of anise and liquorice extracts, the aniseed-flavoured drink made by Pontarlier since 1921 was a distilled anis (made by redistilling neutral alcohol together with anise) produced from anise. During that period, at least three anis brands distilled in Pontarlier referred to their origin, 'Pontarlier', on their labels. That aniseed-flavoured drink, generally known as 'Pont', was made in Pontarlier on the same premises and with the same materials and methods as 'absinthe' produced before 1915. Only the 'recipe' had to be changed by removing the wormwood and any plants producing a green colour, because in 1921 legislation forbade aniseed-flavoured drinks from containing wormwood or being green. That distilled anis is still produced in Pontarlier today.

Since 1988, when absinthe-based spirit drinks were authorised once again, the production of wormwood and the preparation of this spirit drink have been revived in the Pontarlier region in accordance with traditions that have been maintained without interruption.

Every year since 2002, during a major cultural event in Pontarlier called 'Absinthiades' dedicated to absinthe, a competition is organised for international absinthes (English, Swiss, Czech, German, etc.) marketed in France. Between 2002 and 2014, 'Absinthe de Pontarlier' spirits obtained 13 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 6 bronze medals.

Since 2012, absinthe has competed in a specific category during the Concours Général Agricole de Paris. Between 2012 and 2015, 'Absinthe de Pontarlier' spirits obtained 5 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 1 bronze medal at that fair.

In 2009 the 'Route de l'absinthe', which connects Pontarlier in France to Val-de-Travers in Switzerland, was inaugurated in the historical birthplace of 'absinthe'.

6.2. Specificity of the product

'Absinthe de Pontarlier' is a clear, pale-yellow spirit with greenish hues that contains no sediment. Water is added to the drink when it is consumed, giving it an ivory-like opalescent shade and a cloudiness that renders it opaque.

'Absinthe de Pontarlier' is characterised by aromas reminiscent of the perfumes released by the common wormwood plant when harvested. In order to preserve these aromas, 'Absinthe de Pontarlier' must contain at least 20 milligrams of thujone per litre.

If the product is aged in wood for several months, its colour becomes slightly darker and golden, the taste of anise gives way to that of absinthe and the product mellows.

'Absinthe de Pontarlier' is traditionally served with dissolved sugar, which eliminates any minor astringency from the distillation of anise.

6.3. Causal link between the defined area and the product

The organoleptic quality of 'Absinthe de Pontarlier' is based on:

- the common wormwood plant cultivated in the defined area,
- the production process, applied for more than two centuries by local distillers.

6.3.1. Common wormwood

The perfume of common wormwood is more delicate and concentrated in regions where the climate and soil are less favourable to its growth.

Haut-Doubs has always been renowned for the cultivation of aromatic plants. The effects of continentality and of the topography, just pronounced enough to bring out the perfumes while being just restrained enough to allow optimum growth of the plant, manifest themselves in a uniquely balanced way. For absinthe, in particular, Haut-Doubs amazingly combines the three principal factors behind both the growth and the gustatory quality of the plant: altitude, continentality and a shallow soil. As the plant has been used in the region since time immemorial, this leads one to believe it is indigenous.

There is also a climatic feature of importance to the cultivation practices: the unusual decline in rainfall in July corresponds exactly to the harvesting period for wormwood, when the weather must be dry.

Wormwood plants cultivated and dried in the defined area according to the methods described above have a concentration of essential oils that give the spirit a perfume unparalleled in intensity and freshness.

6.3.2. The production process

It is necessary to apply different procedures when using this particularly concentrated raw material:

- distillation, which eliminates the bitter taste of wormwood, is obligatory,
- incorporating anise in the mixture to be distilled, as it rounds off the strength of the absinthe in the mouth.

6.3.3. Reduction and bottling

The aromatic balance of 'Absinthe de Pontarlier' is complex and fragile at the same time. Obtaining it depends on the initial composition of the plants used and on the proportions of the different essential oils, in particular thujone, the minimum content of which has been defined in line with the characteristics of the product. The concentration of the different volatile compounds contributing to the aromatic balance of 'Absinthe de Pontarlier' varies greatly and depends mostly on the plants used and also on the traditional methods of distillation. The concentration levels vary according to the genetics of the plant, its development stage and nutrition, the climate and the nature of the soil. Depending on the distillation methods used, it is also possible to modify the extraction rate of these elements.

Consequently, in order to release for consumption a product sufficiently rich in compounds crucial to the characteristics of the geographical indication 'Absinthe de Pontarlier', the liqueur makers use the alcoholic strength by volume at marketing as an adjustment variable and adjust the water input at the time of reduction. Therefore, it is essential that the reduction, which comes right before bottling, be carried out by the liqueur maker.

Generally speaking, the volatile compounds in essential oils are very sensitive to stresses from the external environment, are often at play in chemical reactions and therefore show great instability:

Since the solubility of oxygen in the essential oil increases as the temperature decreases, there is a risk that the essential oils will oxidise even at a low temperature when emptying vats, pumping and bottling and produce mainly peroxide radicals and hydroperoxides, which jeopardise the quality of the essential oils.

When it is cold, small flakes of material may form and rise to the surface. Therefore if bottling takes place without warming and homogenising the absinthe, the flakes will be filtered before bottling, which in turn will affect considerably the organoleptic characteristics of the beverage. Conversely, if crystallisation occurs in the bottle after being exposed to the cold, this will have no effect, because when the product warms up it will reacquire its original characteristics without any deterioration to them.

Essential oils are also sensitive to reactions with certain plastic materials or certain metals, which may not be used during storage, handling or packaging.

In other words, the essential oils present in 'Absinthe de Pontarlier' are extremely unstable. Various reactions may change their properties substantially and consequently alter the organoleptic characteristics of this geographical indication. As a result, preserving them until and during bottling necessitates special precautions to minimise the presence of air, keep the spirit away from light and oxygen and reduce any incompatibility with certain plastic materials.

Reinforced checks in the form of analytical and organoleptic testing of the packaged products make it possible to detect any deterioration of the quality of the essential oils that affects the product's organoleptic or physico-chemical characteristics. If necessary, these checks may lead to a ban on the marketing of the defective product under the geographical indication 'Absinthe de Pontarlier'.

7. **Any requirements laid down by Community and/or national provisions**

Order of 12 July 2013 on the protected geographical indication 'Absinthe de Pontarlier', published in the Official Journal of the French Republic of 19 July 2013.

8. **Name and address of applicant:**

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9. **Additional remarks (labelling)**

Spirits for which the geographical indication 'Absinthe de Pontarlier' is claimed under this specification may not be offered for sale or sold without the labelling bearing the geographical indication referred to above.

The optional terms may appear on the label only if their size, including both width and height, is not more than double that of the letters of the geographical indication 'Absinthe de Pontarlier'.

The words 'aged in wood', possibly followed by the length of ageing, may only be used for spirits fulfilling the conditions set out in point 3 (penultimate paragraph).

