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## INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

#### **COUNCIL DECISION**

#### of 14 April 2014

on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or otherwise Print Disabled

(2014/221/EU)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 114 and 207, in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

#### Whereas:

- (1) Since 22 January 2011, pursuant to Council Decision 2010/48/EC (¹), the Union has been bound by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; its provisions have become an integral part of the Union legal order.
- (2) On 26 November 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, an international agreement within the World Intellectual Property Organization on improved access to books for print-impaired persons.
- (3) The negotiations were successfully concluded at the Diplomatic Conference held in Marrakesh from 17 to 28 June 2013 and the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or otherwise Print Disabled (the 'Marrakesh Treaty') was adopted on 27 June 2013.
- (4) The Marrakesh Treaty establishes a set of international rules which ensure that there are limitations or exceptions to copyright at national level for the benefit of persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled and enable the cross-border exchange of accessible format copies of published works that have been made under limitations or exceptions to copyright.
- (5) The Marrakesh Treaty is open for signing by any eligible party for one year after its adoption. It should be signed on behalf of the Union as regards matters falling within the Union's competence, subject to its conclusion at a later date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

The signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or otherwise Print Disabled (2) is hereby authorised, subject to its conclusion.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Council Decision 2010/48/EC of 26 November 2009 concerning the conclusion, by the European Community, of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OJ L 23, 27.1.2010, p. 35).

<sup>(2)</sup> The text of the Marrakesh Treaty will be published together with the decision on its conclusion.

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Marrakesh Treaty on behalf of the Union.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, 14 April 2014.

For the Council The President A. TSAFTARIS

### REGULATIONS

## COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014

#### establishing the 'Europe for Citizens' programme for the period 2014-2020

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 352 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions (2),

Acting in accordance with a special legislative procedure,

#### Whereas:

- (1) In line with Articles 10 and 11 of the Treaty on European Union, every citizen has the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union and the Union's institutions should give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action, as well as maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society.
- (2) With the Commission Communication of 3 March 2010 entitled 'Europe 2020 — A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth', the Union and the Member States aim at delivering growth, employment, productivity and social cohesion for the coming decade.
- (3) While there is objectively an added value in being a Union citizen with established rights, the Union does not always highlight in an effective way the link between the solution to a broad range of economic and social problems and the Union's policies. Hence, the impressive achievements in terms of peace and stability in Europe, long-term sustainable growth, stable prices, an efficient protection of consumers and the environment and the promotion of fundamental rights, have not always led to a strong feeling among citizens of belonging to the Union.
- (4) In order to bring Europe closer to its citizens and to enable them to participate fully in the construction of an ever closer Union, a variety of actions and coordinated efforts through transnational and Union level activities are required. The European Citizens' Initiative provides a unique opportunity to enable citizens to participate directly in shaping the development of EU legislation (3).
- (5) Decision No 1904/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (4) set out an action programme which has confirmed the need to promote sustained dialogue with civil society organisations and municipalities and to support the active involvement of citizens.

<sup>(</sup>¹) OJ C 299, 4.10.2012, p. 122. (²) OJ C 277, 13.9.2012, p. 43.

Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 on the citizens' initiative (OJ L 65, 11.3.2011, p. 1).

Decision No 1904/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 the programme 'Europe for Citizens' to promote active European citizenship (OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p. 32).

- (6) The interim evaluation report of the Europe for Citizens programme (2007-2013), together with a public online consultation and two consecutive stakeholder consultation meetings, have confirmed that a new 'Europe for Citizens' programme is considered relevant both by civil society organisations and by participating individuals. It was also considered that it should be established in order to have an impact at an organisational level in terms of capacity-building and on a personal level in terms of increased interest in Union matters. This Regulation should therefore establish a 'Europe for Citizens' programme for the period from 2014 to 2020 (the Programme).
- (7) With regard to the themes of projects, their embedding in the local and regional context, and the composition of stakeholders, there should be important synergies with other Union programmes, namely in the areas of education, vocational training and youth, sport, culture and the audiovisual sector, fundamental rights and freedoms, social inclusion, gender equality, combating discrimination, research and innovation, information society, enlargement and the external action of the Union.
- (8) The Programme should cover a wide spectrum of different actions, including, citizens' meetings, contacts and debates on citizenship issues, Union level events, initiatives to raise awareness of, and to promote reflection on, defining moments in European history, initiatives to make European citizens, particularly young people, aware of the history of the Union and of the functioning of the Union institutions, and debates on European policy issues, with a view to invigorating all aspects of public life.
- (9) The European Parliament resolution of 2 April 2009 on European conscience and totalitarianism and the Council Conclusions of 9-10 June 2011 on the memory of the crimes committed by totalitarian regimes in Europe underline the importance of keeping the memories of the past alive as a means of moving beyond the past and building the future, and highlight the value of the Union's role in facilitating, sharing and promoting the collective memory of these crimes. The relevance of historical, cultural and intercultural aspects should therefore also be taken into account, as well as the existing links between remembrance and European identity.
- (10) A horizontal dimension of the Programme should ensure the valorisation and transferability of results for enhanced impact and long-term sustainability. For this purpose, activities launched should have a link to the Union political agenda and be communicated appropriately.
- (11) Special attention should be paid to the balanced integration and participation of citizens and civil society organisations from all Member States into transnational projects and activities, taking into account the multilingual character of the Union and the need to include underrepresented groups.
- (12) The acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates benefiting from a pre-accession strategy on one side, and the EFTA countries party to the EEA Agreement on the other side are recognised as potential participants in Union programmes, in accordance with the agreements concluded with them. Furthermore, pursuant to Council Decision 2001/822/EC (¹), overseas countries and territories are eligible to participate in the Programme.
- (13) The objectives of establishing deep and sustainable democracy and developing a thriving civil society should be common to both the Programme and Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (²). The Union offers a privileged relationship, building upon a mutual commitment to shared values and principles, to the countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Instrument.
- (14) The resources allocated to communication actions under this Regulation could also contribute to institutional communication of the political priorities of the Union as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation.
- (15) The Programme should be monitored regularly and evaluated independently in cooperation with the Commission and the Member States in order to allow for the readjustments which are necessary if the measures are to be properly implemented.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community ('Overseas Association Decision') (OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27).

- (16) The financial interests of the Union should be protected through proportionate measures throughout the expenditure cycle, including the prevention, detection and investigation of irregularities, the recovery of funds lost, unduly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, administrative and financial penalties in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹) (hereinafter 'the Financial Regulation') and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 (²).
- (17) Preference should be given to grants for projects irrespective of their size but with a high impact, in particular those which are directly linked to Union policies with a view to participating in the shaping of the Union political agenda. Moreover, following the principle of sound financial management, the implementation of the Programme should be further simplified by recourse to lump-sums, flat-rate financing and the application of unit-cost rates.
- (18) In order to ensure continuity in the funding support to be covered by the Programme, this Regulation should apply from 1 January 2014. For reasons of urgency, this Regulation should enter into force immediately after its publication.
- (19) Since the objectives of this Regulation, namely to contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity, and to foster European citizenship and improve the conditions for civic and democratic participation, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore, by reason of the transnational and multilateral nature of the Programme, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.
- (20) A financial reference amount for the Programme, within the meaning of point 18 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management (³), is included in this Regulation for the entire duration of the Programme, without the budgetary powers of the European Parliament and the Council, as set out in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, being affected thereby.
- (21) This Regulation should provide for transitional measures to monitor actions which began before 31 December 2013 under Decision No 1904/2006/EC.
- (22) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission within the scope and the objectives of the Programme. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council (4),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

#### Subject matter and scope

- (1) This Regulation establishes the 'Europe for Citizens' programme for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020 (the Programme).
- (2) Under the overall aim of bringing the Union closer to citizens, the general objectives of the Programme are the following:
- (a) to contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity;
- (b) to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

 <sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.
 (4) Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

#### Specific objectives of the Programme

The Programme shall have the following specific objectives which shall be implemented through actions at transnational level or with a European dimension:

- (a) to raise awareness of remembrance, the common history and values of the Union and the Union's aim, namely to
  promote peace, the values of the Union and the well-being of its peoples, by stimulating debate, reflection and the
  development of networks;
- (b) to encourage the democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level, by developing citizens' understanding of the Union policy making-process and promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at Union level.

#### Article 3

#### Structure of the Programme and supported actions

- 1. The Programme, while fostering European citizenship in accordance with the general objectives as set out in Article 1(2), shall be divided into the following two strands:
- (a) 'European remembrance';
- (b) 'Democratic engagement and civic participation'.

The two strands shall be complemented by horizontal actions for analysis, dissemination and use of project results ('Valorisation' action).

- 2. In order to achieve its objectives, the Programme shall finance, inter alia, the following types of action, implemented at transnational level or with a European dimension:
- (a) Mutual learning and cooperation activities such as:
  - citizens' meetings, town-twinning, networks of twinned towns;
  - projects implemented by transnational partnerships including different types of stakeholders listed in Article 6;
  - remembrance projects with a European dimension;
  - exchanges based, inter alia, on the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) and/or social media;
- (b) Structural support for organisations such as:
  - bodies pursuing an aim of general Union interest as defined in Article 177 of Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012;
  - Europe for Citizens Contact Points;
- (c) Union level analytical activities such as:
  - studies focusing on issues relating to the objectives of the Programme;
- (d) Awareness raising and dissemination activities designed to use and further valorise the results of the supported initiatives and to highlight good practices, such as:
  - Union level events including conferences, commemorations and award ceremonies;
  - peer reviews, expert meetings and seminars.
- 3. Initiatives relating to the actions listed in paragraph 2 are described in the Annex to this Regulation.

#### Union measures

- 1. Union measures may take the form of grants or public procurement contracts.
- 2. Union grants may be provided through operating grants or action grants.
- 3. Public procurement contracts shall cover the purchase of services, such as for organising events, studies and research, information and dissemination tools, monitoring and evaluation.

#### Article 5

#### Participation in the Programme

The Programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries:

- (a) the Member States;
- (b) acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation of those countries in Union programmes established in the respective Framework Agreements, Association Council Decisions or similar Agreements;
- (c) the EFTA countries party to the EEA Agreement, in accordance with that Agreement.

#### Article 6

#### Access to the Programme

The Programme shall be open to all stakeholders promoting European citizenship and integration, in particular local and regional authorities and organisations, twinning committees, European public policy research organisations (think-tanks), civil society organisations (including survivors' associations), and cultural, youth, educational and research organisations.

#### Article 7

#### Cooperation with international organisations

The Programme may support joint activities in the field covered by it, with relevant international organisations, such as the Council of Europe and Unesco, on the basis of joint contributions and in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

#### Article 8

#### Implementation of the Programme

- 1. The Commission shall implement the Programme in accordance with the Financial Regulation.
- 2. In order to implement the Programme, the Commission shall adopt annual work programmes by way of implementing acts in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 9(2). The annual work programmes shall set out the objectives pursued, the expected results, the method of implementation and the total amount of the financing plan. They shall also contain a description of the actions to be financed, an indication of the amount allocated to each action and an indicative implementation timetable. In relation to grants, the annual work programmes shall include the priorities, the essential evaluation criteria and the maximum rate of co-financing.

#### Committee

- 1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.
- 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

#### Article 10

#### Stakeholder consultation

The Commission shall have a regular dialogue with the beneficiaries of the Programme and relevant partners and experts.

#### Article 11

#### Coherence with other Union instruments

The Commission shall ensure the coherence and the complementarity between the Programme and instruments in other areas of Union action, especially education, vocational training and youth, sport, culture and the audiovisual sector, fundamental rights and freedoms, social inclusion, gender equality, combating discrimination, research and innovation, information society, enlargement and the external action of the Union.

#### Article 12

#### **Budget**

- 1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of the Programme for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020 is set at 185 468 000 EUR.
- 2. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the European Parliament and the Council within the limits of the multiannual financial framework.
- 3. The resources allocated to communication actions under this Regulation may also contribute proportionally to covering the institutional communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation.

#### Article 13

#### Protection of the Union's financial interest

- 1. The Commission shall ensure that, when actions financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected by the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, by effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, by the recovery of the amounts unduly paid and, where appropriate, by effective, proportionate and dissuasive administrative and financial penalties.
- 2. The Commission or its representatives and the Court of Auditors shall have the power of audit, on the basis of documents and on-the-spot checks, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union funds under the Programme.

- 3. The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections on economic operators concerned directly or indirectly by such funding, in accordance with the provisions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹) and Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 (²) with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant agreement or grant decision or a contract funded under the Programme.
- 4. Without prejudice to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, cooperation agreements with third countries and international organisations, contracts, grant agreements and grant decisions resulting from the implementation of this Regulation shall contain provisions expressly empowering the Commission, the Court of Auditors and OLAF to conduct such audits and investigations, according to their respective competences.

#### Communication

The Commission shall provide the Member States with information on the projects which have received the Union's funding by transmitting the selection decisions to them within two weeks of their adoption.

#### Article 15

#### Monitoring and evaluation

1. The Commission shall ensure that the Programme is regularly monitored against its objectives using performance related indicators. The results of the monitoring and evaluation process shall be used in implementing the Programme. Monitoring shall include in particular the drawing up of the reports referred to in points (a) and (c) of paragraph 4.

Where relevant, indicators shall be disaggregated by gender and age.

- 2. Regarding the specific objectives referred to in Article 2, progress shall be measured against indicators laid down in the Annex to this Regulation.
- 3. The Commission shall ensure that a regular, external and independent evaluation of the Programme be carried out and shall report to the European Parliament on a regular basis.
- 4. The Commission shall submit the following to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions:
- (a) by 31 December 2017, an interim evaluation report on the results obtained and on the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the implementation of the Programme;
- (b) by 31 December 2018, a communication on the continuation of the Programme;
- (c) by 1 July 2023, an ex-post evaluation report.

#### Article 16

#### Transitional provisions

Decision No 1904/2006/EC shall be repealed with effect from 1 January 2014.

Actions which began before 31 December 2013 pursuant to Decision No 1904/2006/EC shall continue to be governed, until their completion, by that Decision.

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 1999 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) (OLAF)

the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) (OJ L 136, 31.5.1999, p. 1).

(\*) Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 2).

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As provided for in Article 21 of the Financial Regulation, the appropriations corresponding to assigned revenue arising from the repayment of amounts unduly paid pursuant to Decision No 1904/2006/EC may be made available to the Programme.

#### Article 17

### **Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It shall apply from 1 January 2014.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 April 2014.

For the Council The President A. TSAFTARIS

#### **ANNEX**

#### I. DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVES

#### Complementary information on access to the Programme

#### STRAND 1: European remembrance

This strand will support activities that encourage reflection on European cultural diversity and on common values in the broadest sense, taking into account gender equality. Funds may be made available for initiatives to reflect on the causes of totalitarian regimes in Europe's modern history (especially but not exclusively Nazism which led to the Holocaust, Fascism, Stalinism and totalitarian communist regimes) and to commemorate the victims of their crimes. The strand will also encompass activities concerning other defining moments and reference points in recent European history. In particular, it will give preference to actions which encourage tolerance, mutual understanding, intercultural dialogue and reconciliation as a means of moving beyond the past and building the future, in particular with a view to reaching the younger generation.

As an indication, approximately 20 % of the total budget of the Programme will be devoted to this strand.

#### STRAND 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation

This strand will accommodate activities that cover civic participation in the broadest sense, and will focus in particular on structuring methods to ensure that funded activities have a lasting effect.

It will give preference to initiatives and projects with a link to the Union political agenda.

The strand may also cover projects and initiatives that develop opportunities for mutual understanding, intercultural dialogue, solidarity, societal engagement and volunteering at Union level.

Much remains to be done to increase the democratic participation of young people and the participation of women in political and economic decision-making. Their voices should be better heard and acted upon by those responsible for taking the policy decisions that have an impact on people's lives.

As an indication, approximately 60 % of the total budget of the Programme will be devoted to this strand.

HORIZONTAL ACTION: Valorisation

This action will be defined for the Programme overall and will be applicable to both strands 1 and 2.

It will support initiatives that boost the transferability of results, provide better return on investment and increase learning from experience. The *raison d'être* of this action is the further 'valorisation' and use of the results of the initiatives launched in order to ensure their lasting effect.

It will include 'capacity building' — the development of support measures to exchange best practices, to pool experiences between stakeholders at local and regional levels including public authorities, and to develop new skills, for example through training. The latter could include peer-to-peer exchange, training for trainers, as well as, for example, the development of ICT tools providing information on the organisations or projects funded by the Programme.

As an indication, approximately 10 % of the total budget of the Programme will be devoted to this action.

#### II. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

The Programme will develop the principle of multi-annual partnerships based on agreed objectives, building on the analysis of the results achieved, in order to ensure mutual benefits for both civil society and the Union.

In general, preference will be given to grants for projects irrespective of their size but with a high impact, in particular those which are directly linked to Union policies with a view to encouraging participation in the shaping of the Union political agenda. As far as possible geographical balance will be taken into account.

The management of the Programme and the majority of actions may be centrally managed by an executive agency.

All actions will be implemented on a transnational basis or should have a European dimension. Actions will encourage the mobility of citizens and the exchange of ideas within the Union.

The elements of networking and focussing on the multiplier effects, including the use of state of the art ICT and social media, in particular with a view to reaching the younger generation, will be important and will be reflected both in the types of activities and the range of organisations involved. Interaction and synergy among the various types of stakeholders involved in the Programme will be strongly encouraged.

The Programme budget may also cover expenditure associated with the preparation, follow-up, monitoring, auditing and evaluation activities directly required for the management of the Programme and the realisation of its objectives, in particular studies, meetings, information and publication activities, expenditure associated with the IT networks for the exchange of information and any other administrative or technical support expenditure on which the Commission may decide for the management of the Programme.

The overall administrative expenditure of the Programme will be proportionate to the tasks provided for in the Programme.

The Commission may undertake information, publication and dissemination activities as appropriate, thereby ensuring broad knowledge and a high impact of the activities supported by the Programme.

The budget allocated may also cover institutional communication on the political priorities of the Union.

Approximately 10 % of the total budget of the Programme will be allocated to the Programme management.

#### III. MONITORING

The specific objectives in Article 2 describe the results which the Programme seeks to achieve. Progress will be measured by using performance-related indicators, such as the following:

Specific objective 1: to raise awareness of remembrance, the common history and values of the Union and the Union's aim, namely to promote peace, the values of the Union and the well-being of its peoples, by stimulating debate, reflection and the development of networks.

Performance-related indicators:

- the number of participants who are directly involved;
- the number of persons indirectly reached by the Programme;
- the number of projects;
- the quality of the project applications and the degree to which the results of selected projects can be further used/transferred;
- the percentage of first time applicants.

Specific objective 2: to encourage the democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level, by developing citizens' understanding of the Union policy making-process and promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at Union level.

#### Performance-related indicators:

- the number of participants who are directly involved;
- the number of persons indirectly reached by the Programme;
- the number of participating organisations;
- the perception of the Union and its institutions by the beneficiaries;
- the quality of project applications;
- the percentage of first time applicants;
- the number of transnational partnerships including different types of stakeholders;
- the number of networks of twinned towns;
- the number and quality of policy initiatives following-up on activities supported by the Programme at the local or European level;
- the geographical coverage of the activities:
  - (i) the comparison between the percentage of projects submitted by one Member State as a lead partner and the percentage of its population in the total population of the Union;
  - (ii) the comparison between the percentage of projects selected per Member State as a lead partner and the percentage of its population in the total population of the Union;
  - (iii) the comparison between the percentage of projects submitted by one Member State as a lead partner or copartner and the percentage of its population in the total population of the Union;
  - (iv) the comparison between the percentage of projects selected per Member State as a lead partner or co-partner and the percentage of its population in the total population of the Union.

#### **IV. CHECKS AND AUDITS**

For projects selected in accordance with this Regulation, a sampling audit system will be established.

The beneficiary of a grant shall make available to the Commission all supporting documents relating to expenditure for a period of five years from the date of the final payment of the grant. The beneficiary of a grant shall ensure that where applicable, supporting documents in the possession of partners or members are made available to the Commission.

## COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 391/2014 of 14 April 2014

terminating the partial interim review concerning the anti-subsidy measures on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America, as extended to imports consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 597/2009 of 11 June 2009 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Community (¹) and in particular Article 19 and Article 23(6) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal submitted by the European Commission after consulting the Advisory Committee,

Whereas:

#### 1. PROCEDURE

#### 1.1. MEASURES IN FORCE

- (1) By Regulation (EC) No 598/2009 (²) the Council imposed a definitive countervailing duty on imports of fatty-acid mono-alkyl esters and/or paraffinic gasoil obtained from synthesis and/or hydro-treatment, of non-fossil origin, commonly known as 'biodiesel', in pure form or in a blend containing by weight more than 20 % of fatty-acid mono-alkyl esters and/or paraffinic gasoil obtained from synthesis and/or hydro-treatment, of non-fossil origin ('the product under review', or 'biodiesel'), currently falling within CN codes ex 1516 20 98, ex 1518 00 91, ex 1518 00 99, ex 2710 19 43, ex 2710 19 46, ex 2710 19 47, ex 2710 20 11, ex 2710 20 15, ex 2710 20 17, ex 3824 90 97, 3826 00 10 and ex 3826 00 90 originating in the United States of America ('measures in force').
- (2) By Implementing Regulation (EU) No 443/2011 (3), following an anti-circumvention investigation, the Council extended the definitive anti-subsidy duty on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America to imports of biodiesel consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not ('measures in force as extended').

#### 1.2. REQUEST FOR A REVIEW

- (3) A request for a partial interim review ('the review request') pursuant to Article 19 and Article 23(6) of Regulation (EC) No 597/2009 (the 'basic Regulation') was lodged by Ocean Nutrition Canada ('the applicant'), an exporting producer from Canada.
- (4) The review request was limited in scope to the examination of the possibility of granting an exemption from the measures in force as extended, as far as the applicant is concerned.
- (5) In the review request the applicant claimed that it is a genuine producer of biodiesel and that it is able to produce the entire quantity of biodiesel that it has shipped to the Union since the start of the investigation period of the anti-circumvention investigation leading to the imposition of the measures in force as extended.

(2) Council Regulation (EC) No 598/2009 of 7 July 2009 imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of biodiscal originating in the United States of America (OLI 170, 10.7, 2009, p. 1)

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 188, 18.7.2009, p. 93.

duty imposed on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America (OJ L 179, 10.7.2009, p. 1).

(3) Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 443/2011 of 5 May 2011 extending the definitive countervailing duty imposed by Regulation (EC) No 598/2009 on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America to imports of biodiesel consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not, and extending the definitive countervailing duty imposed by Regulation (EC) No 598/2009 to imports of biodiesel in a blend containing by weight 20 % or less of biodiesel originating in the United States of America, and terminating the investigation in respect of imports consigned from Singapore (OJ L 122, 11.5.2011, p. 1).

- (6) The investigation period which was taken into consideration for the anti-circumvention investigation, covered the period from 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2010 ('the original investigation period'). The investigation period for this investigation covered the period from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 ('the investigation period').
- (7) The applicant provided prima facie evidence that it had been established as a producer of biodiesel in Canada long before the imposition of the measures in force. In addition, the applicant claimed that it is not related to any producer of biodiesel located in the United States of America.

#### 1.3. INITIATION OF A PARTIAL INTERIM REVIEW

(8) Having determined, after consulting the Advisory Committee, that the review request contained sufficient prima facie evidence to justify the initiation of a partial interim review, by a notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union (¹) ('the notice of initiation'), the Commission initiated, on 30 April 2013, a partial interim review pursuant to Article 19 and Article 23(6) of the basic Regulation limited to the examination of the possibility of granting an exemption from the measures in force as extended as far as the applicant is concerned.

#### 1.4. INTERESTED PARTIES

- (9) The Commission officially informed the applicant and the representatives of Canada about the initiation of the partial interim review. Interested parties were given the opportunity to make their views known in writing and to a request a hearing within the time limit set in the notice of initiation. Only the applicant came forward. No hearing was requested.
- (10) The Commission received the questionnaire reply submitted by the applicant, which was verified on the spot at the applicant's premises in Canada.

#### 2. FINDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND TERMINATION OF THE REVIEW

- (11) The investigation established that the applicant is a genuine producer of biodiesel and that it is not related to any producer of biodiesel located in the United States of America.
- (12) As a result of the findings made during the on-the-spot visits at its premises in Canada, the applicant was requested to submit further information proving that its production capacity was sufficient in order to support its volume of sales during the investigation period.
- (13) Notwithstanding several extensions of the deadline, the applicant did not provide to the Commission the information requested.
- (14) Furthermore, the investigation showed that after the entry into force of the measures in force as extended, the applicant might have exported the product concerned to the Union under a CN code not subject to those measures. The applicant was invited by the Commission to justify the use of that CN code. However, it did not provide any information or any other evidence showing that those exports should be covered by the CN code not subject to the measures in force as extended.
- (15) On the basis of the above, it is considered that the applicant has failed to demonstrate that it was able to produce the entire quantity of biodiesel that it shipped to the Union since the start of the original investigation period. Notwithstanding the fact that the applicant did not provide the information requested by the Commission, it did not provide any other evidence showing that it was not involved in circumvention practices. For that reason, the review investigation should be terminated without granting the applicant an exemption from the measures in force as extended.
- (16) Interested parties were informed of the intention to terminate the review investigation and were given the opportunity to comment. No comments which could alter the decision to terminate the review investigation were received.

(17) It is therefore concluded that the partial interim review concerning the anti-subsidy measures on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America, as extended to imports of biodiesel consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not should be terminated without amending the measures in force as extended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

The partial interim review of the anti-subsidy measures on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America, as extended by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 443/2011 to imports of biodiesel consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not, initiated pursuant to Article 19 and Article 23(6) of Regulation (EC) No 598/2009, is hereby terminated without amending the measures in force as extended.

#### Article 2

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 Luxembourg, 14 April 2014.

For the Council The President A. TSAFTARIS

## COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 392/2014 of 14 April 2014

terminating the partial interim review concerning the anti-dumping measures on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America, as extended to imports consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 of 30 November 2009 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community (1) and in particular Articles 11(3) and 13(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal submitted by the European Commission after consulting the Advisory Committee,

Whereas:

#### 1. PROCEDURE

#### 1.1. MEASURES IN FORCE

- (1) By Regulation (EC) No 599/2009 (²) the Council imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of fatty-acid mono-alkyl esters and/or paraffinic gasoil obtained from synthesis and/or hydro-treatment, of non-fossil origin, commonly known as 'biodiesel', in pure form or in a blend containing by weight more than 20 % of fatty-acid mono-alkyl esters and/or paraffinic gasoil obtained from synthesis and/or hydro-treatment, of non-fossil origin ('the product under review', or 'biodiesel'), currently falling within CN codes ex 1516 20 98, ex 1518 00 91, ex 1518 00 99, ex 2710 19 43, ex 2710 19 46, ex 2710 19 47, ex 2710 20 11, ex 2710 20 15, ex 2710 20 17, ex 3824 90 97, 3826 00 10 and ex 3826 00 90 originating in the United States of America ('measures in force').
- (2) By Implementing Regulation (EU) No 444/2011 (3), following an anti-circumvention investigation, the Council extended the definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America to imports of biodiesel consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not ('measures in force as extended').

#### 1.2. REQUEST FOR A REVIEW

- (3) A request for a partial interim review ('the review request') pursuant to Articles 11(3) and 13(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 ('the basic Regulation') was lodged by Ocean Nutrition Canada ('the applicant'), an exporting producer from Canada.
- (4) The review request was limited in scope to the examination of the possibility of granting an exemption from the measures in force as extended, as far as the applicant is concerned.
- (5) In the review request the applicant claimed that it is a genuine producer of biodiesel and that it is able to produce the entire quantity of biodiesel that it has shipped to the Union since the start of the investigation period of the anti-circumvention investigation leading to the imposition of the measures in force as extended.

(2) Council Regulation (EC) No 599/2009 of 7 July 2009 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America (OJ L 179, 10.7.2009, p. 26).
 (3) Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 444/2011 of 5 May 2011 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 51.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 444/2011 of 5 May 2011 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation (EC) No 599/2009 on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America to imports of biodiesel consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not, and extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation (EC) No 599/2009 to imports of biodiesel in a blend containing by weight 20 % or less of biodiesel originating in the United States of America, and terminating the investigation in respect of imports consigned from Singapore (OJ L 122, 11.5.2011, p. 12).

- (6) The investigation period which was taken into consideration for the anti-circumvention investigation, covered the period from 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2010 ('the original investigation period'). The investigation period for the present investigation covered the period from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 ('the investigation period').
- (7) The applicant provided *prima facie* evidence that it had been established as a producer of biodiesel in Canada long before the imposition of the measures in force. In addition, the applicant claimed that it is not related to any producer of biodiesel located in the United States of America.

#### 1.3. INITIATION OF A PARTIAL INTERIM REVIEW

(8) Having determined, after consulting the Advisory Committee, that the review request contained sufficent prima facie evidence to justify the initiation of a partial interim review, by a notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union (¹) ('the notice of initiation'), the Commission initiated, on 30 April 2013, a partial interim review pursuant to Articles 11(3) and 13(4) of the basic Regulation limited to the examination of the possibility of granting an exemption from the measures in force as extended as far as the applicant is concerned.

#### 1.4. INTERESTED PARTIES

- (9) The Commission officially informed the applicant and the representatives of Canada about the initiation of the partial interim review. Interested parties were given the opportunity to make their views known in writing and to a request a hearing within the time limit set in the notice of initiation. Only the applicant came forward. No hearing was requested.
- (10) The Commission received the questionnaire reply submitted by the applicant, which was verified on the spot at the applicant's premises in Canada.

#### 2. FINDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND TERMINATION OF THE REVIEW

- (11) The investigation established that the applicant is a genuine producer of biodiesel and that it is not related to any producer of biodiesel located in the United States of America.
- (12) As a result of the findings made during the on-the-spot visits at its premises in Canada, the applicant was requested to submit further information proving that its production capacity was sufficient in order to support its volume of sales during the investigation period.
- (13) Notwithstanding several extensions of the deadline, the applicant did not provide to the Commission the information requested.
- (14) Furthermore, the investigation showed that after the entry into force of the measures in force as extended, the applicant might have exported the product concerned to the Union under a CN code not subject to those measures. The applicant was invited by the Commission to justify the use of that CN code. However, it did not provide any information or any other evidence showing that those exports should be covered by the CN code not subject to the measures in force as extended.
- (15) On the basis of the above, it is considered that the applicant has failed to demonstrate that it was able to produce the entire quantity of biodiesel that it shipped to the Union since the start of the original investigation period. Notwithstanding the fact that the applicant did not provide the information requested by the Commission, it did not provide any other evidence showing that it was not involved in circumvention practices. For that reason, the review investigation should be terminated without granting the applicant an exemption from the measures in force as extended.
- (16) Interested parties were informed of the intention to terminate the review investigation and were given the opportunity to comment. No comments which could alter the decision to terminate the review investigation were received.
- (17) It is therefore concluded that the partial interim review concerning the anti-dumping measures on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America, as extended to imports of biodiesel consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not should be terminated without amending the measures in force as extended,

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#### HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

The partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures on imports of biodiesel originating in the United States of America, as extended by Regulation (EU) No 444/2011 to imports of biodiesel consigned from Canada, whether declared as originating in Canada or not, initiated pursuant to Articles 11(3) and 13(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009, is hereby terminated without amending the measures in force as extended.

#### Article 2

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 Luxembourg, 14 April 2014.

For the Council The President A. TSAFTARIS

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 394/2014 of 11 April 2014

## establishing a prohibition of fishing for skates and rays in Union waters of VIId by vessels flying the flag of the Netherlands

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy (1), and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) No 43/2014 of 20 January 2014 fixing for 2014 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, to Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters (2), lays down quotas for 2014.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted the quota allocated for 2014.
- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing activities for that stock,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

#### **Quota exhaustion**

The fishing quota allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for 2014 shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

#### Article 2

#### **Prohibitions**

Fishing activities for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. In particular it shall be prohibited to retain on board, relocate, tranship or land fish from that stock caught by those vessels after that date.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

<sup>(</sup>²) OJ L 24, 28.1.2014, p. 1.

## **Entry into force**

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, 11 April 2014.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Lowri EVANS
Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

#### ANNEX

No	05/TQ43
Member State	The Netherlands
Stock	SRX/07D.
Species	Skates and rays (Rajiformes)
Zone	Union waters of VIId
Closing date	27.3.2014

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 395/2014 of 16 April 2014

## establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) (1),

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors (²), and in particular Article 136(1) thereof,

#### Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in Annex XVI, Part A thereto.
- (2) The standard import value is calculated each working day, in accordance with Article 136(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, taking into account variable daily data. Therefore this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 136 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 are fixed in the Annex to this Regulation.

#### Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 16 April 2014.

For the Commission,

On behalf of the President,

Jerzy PLEWA

Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJL 157, 15.6.2011, p. 1.

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(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code (¹)	Standard import value
0702 00 00	IL	210,1
	MA	63,8
	TN	100,9
	TR	99,8
	ZZ	118,7
0707 00 05	AL	71,7
	MA	39,8
	MK	58,5
	TR	121,4
	ZZ	72,9
0709 93 10	MA	35,6
	TR	89,6
	ZZ	62,6
0805 10 20	EG	47,3
	IL	68,2
	MA	51,1
	TN	47,1
	TR	50,1
	ZZ	52,8
0805 50 10	MA	35,6
	TR	82,2
	ZZ	58,9
0808 10 80	AR	91,3
	BR	95,9
	CL	95,0
	CN	111,0
	MK	21,6
	NZ	139,8
	US	177,3
	ZA	130,1
	ZZ	107,8
0808 30 90	AR	96,4
	CL	120,0
	CN	82,0
	ZA	99,8
	ZZ	99,6

<sup>(</sup>¹) Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 (OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 396/2014 of 16 April 2014

amending Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 as regards representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors

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 183(b) thereof,
Whereas:
(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 (²) lays down detailed rules for implementing the system of additional import duties and fixes representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin.
(2) Regular monitoring of the data used to determine representative prices for poultrymeat and egg products and for egg albumin shows that the representative import prices for certain products should be amended to take account of variations in price according to origin.
(3) Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 should be amended accordingly.
(4) Given the need to ensure that this measure applies as soon as possible after the updated data have been made available, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication,
HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:
Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

<sup>(</sup>¹) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671. (²) OJ L 145, 29.6.1995, p. 47.

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

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

Done at Brussels, 16 April 2014.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jerzy PLEWA
Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

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CN code	Description of goods	Representative price (EUR/100 kg)	Security pursuant to Article 3(3) (EUR/100 kg)	Origin (¹)
0207 12 10	Fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> , not cut in pieces, presented as "70 % chickens", frozen	119,3	0	AR
0207 12 90	Fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, not cut	124,7	0	AR
	in pieces, presented as "65 % chickens", frozen		0	BR
0207 14 10	Fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, boneless cuts, frozen	286,6	4	AR
		222,4	23	BR
			0	CL
		254,9	14	TH
0207 14 60	Fowl of the species Gallus domesticus, legs, frozen	141,2	1	BR
0207 27 10	Turkeys, boneless cuts, frozen	265,3	9	BR
		315,1	0	CL
0408 91 80	Eggs, not in shell, dried	422,2	0	AR
1602 32 11	Preparations of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, uncooked	267,4	6	BR

<sup>(</sup>i) Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 (OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19). Code "ZZ" stands for "of other origin"."

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 396/2014 of 16 April 2014

on the issue of licences for the import of garlic in the subperiod from 1 June to 31 August 2014

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 188 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006 of 31 August 2006 laying down common rules for the administration of import tariff quotas for agricultural products managed by a system of import licences (2), and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

#### Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 341/2007 (3) opens and provides for the administration of tariff quotas and introduces a system of import licences and certificates of origin for garlic and other agricultural products imported from third countries.
- (2) The quantities for which 'A' licence applications have been lodged by traditional importers and by new importers during the first seven working days of April 2014, pursuant to Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 341/2007 exceed the quantities available for products originating in China.
- Therefore, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1301/2006, it is now necessary to establish the extent to which the 'A' licence applications sent to the Commission by 14 April 2014 can be met in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 341/2007.
- (4) In order to ensure sound management of the procedure of issuing import licences, the present Regulation should enter into force immediately after its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

Applications for 'A' import licences lodged pursuant to Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 341/2007 during the first seven working days of April 2014 and sent to the Commission by 14 April 2014 shall be met at a percentage rate of the quantities applied for as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

<sup>(</sup>¹) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671. (²) OJ L 238, 1.9.2006, p. 13.

Commission Regulation (EC) No 341/2007 of 29 March 2007 opening and providing for the administration of tariff quotas and introducing a system of import licences and certificates of origin for garlic and certain other agricultural products imported from third countries (OJ L 90, 30.3.2007, p. 12).

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

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

Done at Brussels, 16 April 2014.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jerzy PLEWA
Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

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Origin	Order number	Allocation coefficient
Argentina		
— Traditional importers	09.4104	X
— New importers	09.4099	X
China		
— Traditional importers	09.4105	42,474033 %
— New importers	09.4100	0,410714 %
Other third countries		
— Traditional importers	09.4106	_
— New importers	09.4102	_

<sup>&#</sup>x27;X': No quota for this origin for the subperiod in question.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;--': No application for a licence has been sent to the Commission.

## **DIRECTIVES**

#### **COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DIRECTIVE 2014/58/EU**

#### of 16 April 2014

setting up, pursuant to Directive 2007/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, a system for the traceability of pyrotechnic articles

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION.

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

Having regard to Directive 2007/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 on the placing on the market of pyrotechnic articles (1), and in particular Article 18(2)(a) thereof,

#### Whereas:

- (1) Directive 2007/23/EC lays down rules for the safety of pyrotechnic articles on the Union market and provides for the setting up of a traceability system at Union level.
- (2) In order to ensure traceability of pyrotechnic articles they should be labelled with a registration number based on a uniform numbering system. Notified bodies should maintain a register with the registration numbers they assign when carrying out the conformity assessment. Such a system would guarantee identification of pyrotechnic articles and their manufacturers throughout all stages of the supply chain. Manufacturers and importers should maintain records of the registration numbers of the pyrotechnic articles made available on the market and make that information available to the relevant authorities upon request.
- (3) The uniform numbering system is based on elements already applied in accordance with existing harmonised standards and will therefore create little additional burden on economic operators.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Directive 2007/23/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

#### Article 1

#### Registration number

- 1. Pyrotechnic articles shall be labelled with a registration number comprising the following:
- (a) the four-digit identification number of the notified body that has issued EC type-examination certificate in accordance with the conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 9(a) of Directive 2007/23/EC (Module B), or certificate of conformity in accordance with the conformity assessments procedure referred to in Article 9(b) of Directive 2007/23/EC (Module G) or quality system approval in accordance with the conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 9(c) of Directive 2007/23/EC (Module H);

- (b) the category of the pyrotechnic article for which conformity is certified in abbreviated format, in upper case:
  - F1, F2, F3 or F4 for fireworks of category 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively,
  - T1 or T2 for theatrical pyrotechnic articles of category T1 and T2 respectively,
  - P1 or P2 for other pyrotechnic articles of category P1 and P2 respectively;
- (c) the processing number used by the notified body for the pyrotechnic article.
- 2. The registration number shall be structured as follows: 'XXXX YY ZZZZ...', where XXXX refers to point (a) of paragraph 1, YY refers to point (b) of paragraph 1 and ZZZZ... refers to point (c) of paragraph 1.

#### Obligations of notified bodies

1. Notified bodies carrying out conformity assessment procedures pursuant to Article 9 of Directive 2007/23/EC shall maintain a register of pyrotechnic articles, for which they have issued EC type-examination certificates in accordance with the conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 9(a) of Directive 2007/23/EC (Module B), or certificates of conformity in accordance with the conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 9(b) of Directive 2007/23/EC (Module G) or quality system approvals in accordance with the conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 9(c) of Directive 2007/23/EC (Module H); in the format set out in the Annex to this Directive.

The register of pyrotechnic articles shall contain at least the information on the items set out in the Annex. That information shall be kept for at least 10 years from the date on which the notified bodies have issued certificates or approvals referred to in the first subparagraph.

Notified bodies shall regularly update the register and make it publicly available on the internet.

2. Where the notification of a conformity assessment body is withdrawn, that body shall transfer the register to another notified body or the competent authority of the Member State concerned.

#### Article 3

#### Obligations of manufacturers and importers

Manufacturers and importers of pyrotechnic articles shall:

- (a) keep a record of all registration numbers of pyrotechnic articles manufactured or imported by them together with their trade name, generic type and subtype, if applicable, and the site of manufacture for at least 10 years after the article has been placed on the market;
- (b) transfer the record to the competent authorities in case the manufacturer or importer is ceasing its activity;
- (c) provide the competent authorities and market surveillance authorities of all Member States, upon their reasoned request, with the information referred to in point (a).

#### Article 4

#### **Transposition**

1. Member States shall adopt and publish, by 30 April 2015 at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

They shall apply those provisions from 17 October 2016.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

#### **Entry into force**

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

Article 6

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 April 2014.

For the Commission
The President
José Manuel BARROSO

## ANNEX

## Register format referred to in Article 2(1)

Registration number	Date of issue of EC type- examination certificate (Module B), certificate of conformity (Module G) or quality system approval (Module H) and date of expiry where applicable	Manufacturer	Type of product (generic) and subtype if applicable	Production phase conformity module (¹)	Notified body undertaking production phase conformity assessment ( <sup>1</sup> )	Additional information

<sup>(</sup>¹) Always has to be filled in if under responsibility of the notified body carrying out conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 9(a) of Directive 2007/23/EC (Module B). Not required for conformity assessment procedures referred to in Article 9(b) and (c) (Modules G and H). Information shall be given (where known) if another notified body is involved.



