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II

(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/848

of 17 May 2019

on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph of Article 218(6) and Article 218(7) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) On 19 November 2013 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the Union in order to conclude a new international agreement on olive oil and table olives.
- (2) The text of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015 ('the Agreement') was adopted on 9 October 2015 by the representatives of 24 Member States of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and two intergovernmental organisations during the United Nations Conference for the Negotiation of a Successor Agreement to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2005.
- (3) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2016/1892 ⁽¹⁾, the Agreement was signed on behalf of the Union on 28 November 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (4) The Agreement entered into force provisionally on 1 January 2017 in accordance with Article 31(2) thereof.
- (5) The Council of Members is the decision-making organ of the International Olive Council and exercises all powers and performs all the functions necessary to achieve the objectives of the Agreement. The Commission should be authorised to represent the Union in the Council of Members.
- (6) In accordance with Article 19(2) of the Agreement, the Council of Members is able to amend the designations and definitions of olive oils, olive pomace oils and table olives provided for in Annexes B and C to the Agreement, and thus amend the Agreement.
- (7) In order to facilitate the adoption of such amendments to the Agreement by the Council of Members and to avoid the risk of not having a Union position, the Commission should be authorised to approve such proposed amendments on behalf of the Union, under specific substantive and procedural conditions.
- (8) In order to ensure that the approval by the Commission of the proposed amendments to Annexes B and C to the Agreement is in conformity with the conditions laid down in this Decision, the Commission should submit those proposed amendments sufficiently in advance to the Council.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2016/1892 of 10 October 2016 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015 (OJ L 293, 28.10.2016, p. 2).

- (9) The conformity of the proposed amendments submitted by the Commission to the Council should be assessed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the governments of the Member States ('Coreper'). The Commission should approve those proposed amendments unless a number of Member States representing a blocking minority of the Council in accordance with Article 16(4) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) objects to them in Coreper.
- (10) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union ⁽²⁾.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall designate the person(s) empowered to deposit, on behalf of the Union, the instrument of approval provided for in Article 28(4) of the Agreement ⁽³⁾.

Article 3

The Commission shall represent the Union in the Council of Members.

Article 4

Where the Council of Members is called upon to adopt amendments to the designations and definitions of olive oils, olive pomace oils and table olives provided for in Annexes B and C to the Agreement, in accordance with Article 19(2) of the Agreement, the Commission shall be authorised to approve the proposed amendments on behalf of the Union, under the following conditions:

- (1) The Commission shall ensure that the approval on behalf of the Union:
- is in the interests of the Union,
 - serves the objectives pursued by the Union within the framework of its trade policy,
 - takes into account the interests of the producers, traders and consumers of the Union,
 - is not contrary to Union law or international law, and in particular is not contrary to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾, without prejudice to the Commission's right to adopt delegated acts amending the Union's rules in accordance with the amendments to the Agreement adopted by the Council of Members, particularly as regards marketing standards in the olive oil and table olives sector, as referred to in Article 75 of that Regulation,
 - where applicable, supports the improvement of the quality of olive products by improving the detection of fraudulent and misleading practices and adulteration,
 - where applicable, takes better into account the diversity of authentic olive products,
 - where applicable, aims at the approximation of international standards relating to the physico-chemical and organoleptic characteristics of olive oils, olive pomace oils and table olives,
 - where applicable, avoids creating obstacles to innovation, and
 - where applicable, facilitates the trade in olive products.

⁽²⁾ The text of the Agreement has been published in OJ L 293, 28.10.2016, p. 4, together with the decision on signature.

⁽³⁾ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

⁽⁴⁾ 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 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

- (2) Before the Commission approves such proposed amendments on behalf of the Union, the Commission shall submit them to the Council sufficiently in advance and at least 15 working days before the session where the Council of Members is called upon to adopt those proposed amendments.

The conformity of the proposed amendments with the criteria laid down in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be assessed by Coreper.

The Commission shall approve the proposed amendments on behalf of the Union unless a number of Member States representing a blocking minority of the Council in accordance with Article 16(4) TEU object to them. If there is such a blocking minority, the Commission shall reject the proposed amendments on behalf of the Union.

Article 5

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

Done at Brussels, 17 May 2019.

For the Council
The President
E.O. TEODOROVICI

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/849

of 24 May 2019

amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1492 as regards the maximum content of cholecalciferol (vitamin D₃) in feed for salmonids

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 13(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1492 ⁽²⁾ authorises cholecalciferol (vitamin D₃) as nutritional additive for all animal species. In that Regulation, the maximum authorised content of vitamin D₃ for fish is 3 000 IU/kg of complete feedingstuff.
- (2) The Norwegian Food Safety Authority (NFSA) submitted studies on the safety of vitamin D₃ for fish and consumers at substantially higher levels (60 000 IU/kg of complete feedingstuff) than the maximum authorised content.
- (3) For control purposes the results of calculation of tolerance levels can lead to a discrepancy in values between the two units (mg or IU). For this reason, the levels in the authorisation should be established only in International Units.
- (4) On the basis of the data submitted by the NFSA, the European Food Safety Authority concluded in its opinions of 25 January 2017 ⁽³⁾ and 29 November 2018 ⁽⁴⁾ that a total level of 60 000 IU of vitamin D₃ per kg of complete feedingstuff is safe for consumers and the environment. The European Food Safety Authority also concluded that the levels proposed were safe for salmonids. For other fish, no sufficient data were available to conclude on the safety for a total level of 60 000 IU vitamin D₃/kg of complete feedingstuff. Consequently, the authorisation should be restricted to salmonids. It also concluded in the opinion of 13 November 2012 ⁽⁵⁾ that vitamin D₃ is not an irritant to skin and eyes and is not a skin sensitiser. For some formulations of vitamin D₃ there is a potential for workers to be exposed to high levels of vitamin D₃ by inhalation. Inhaled vitamin D₃ is highly toxic. Exposure to dust is harmful to persons handling the additive. As the levels of vitamin D₃ have been increased this may have implications for user safety, therefore, the Commission considers that appropriate protective measures should be taken to prevent adverse effects on human health, in particular as regards the users of the additive.
- (5) The Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1492 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1492 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1492 of 21 August 2017 concerning the authorisation of cholecalciferol as a feed additive for all animal species (OJ L 216, 22.8.2017, p. 19).

⁽³⁾ EFSA Journal 2017;15(3):4713.

⁽⁴⁾ EFSA Journal 2019;17(1):5540.

⁽⁵⁾ EFSA Journal 2012;10(12):2968

*Article 2***Entry into force**

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

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

Done at Brussels, 24 May 2019.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						IU of cholecalciferol ⁽¹⁾ /kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %.			

Category of nutritional additives. Functional group: Vitamins, provitamins and chemically well-defined substances having similar effect.

3a671	—	'Cholecalciferol' or 'Vitamin D ₃ '	<p><i>Additive composition</i></p> <p>Cholecalciferol.</p> <p><i>Characterisation of the active substance</i></p> <p>Cholecalciferol</p> <p>C₂₇H₄₄O</p> <p>CAS number: 67-97-0</p> <p>Cholecalciferol solid and resin form, produced by chemical synthesis.</p> <p>Purity criteria:</p> <p>Min. 80 % (cholecalciferol and precholecalciferol) and max. 7 % tachysterol.</p> <p><i>Method of analysis</i> ⁽²⁾</p> <p>— For the determination of Vitamin D₃ in the feed additive: High Performance Liquid Chromatography coupled to UV detection (HPLC-UV, 254 nm) - European Pharmacopoeia method 01/2008:0574,0575,0598.</p> <p>— For the determination of Vitamin D₃ in premixtures: High Performance Liquid Chromatography coupled to UV detection at 265 nm (HPLC-UV) - VDLUFA 1997, Methodenbuch, Method 13.8.1.</p>	Pigs	—	—	2 000 IU	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vitamin D₃ may be placed on the market and used as an additive consisting of a preparation. The additive shall be incorporated into the feed in the form of a premixture. In the directions for use of the additive and premixtures, the storage and stability conditions shall be indicated. Maximum content of the combination of 25-hydroxycholecalciferol with cholecalciferol per kg of complete feedingstuff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≤ 5 000 IU of vitamin D₃ for chickens for fattening and turkeys for fattening, ≤ 3 200 IU for other poultry, ≤ 2 000 IU for pigs. Simultaneous use with Vitamin D₂ is not allowed. 	11 September 2027
				Milk replacers for piglets	—	—	10 000 IU		
				Bovines	—	—	4 000 IU		
				Milk replacers for calves	—	—	10 000 IU		
				Ovines	—	—	4 000 IU		
				Chickens for fattening	—	—	5 000 IU		
				Turkeys	—	—	5 000 IU		
				Other poultry	—	—	3 200 IU		
				Equines	—	—	4 000 IU		
				Salmonids	—	—	60 000 IU		
Other fish species	—	—	3 000 IU						
Other animal species	—	—	2 000 IU						

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						IU of cholecalciferol ⁽¹⁾ /kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %.			
			<p>— For the determination of vitamin D₃ in feedingstuffs:</p> <p>— High Performance Liquid Chromatography coupled to UV detection at 265 nm (HPLC-UV)-VDLUF 1997, Methodenbuch, Method 13.8.1; or</p> <p>— Reverse-Phase High Performance Liquid Chromatography coupled to UV detection at 265 nm (RP-HPLC-UV), EN 12821.</p> <p>— For the determination of vitamin D₃ in water: Reverse-Phase High Performance Liquid Chromatography coupled to UV detection at 265 nm (RP-HPLC-UV), EN 12821.</p>					6. For users of the additive and premixtures, feed business operators shall establish operational procedures and organisational measures to address the very hazardous effects of vitamin D ₃ by inhalation. Where the risks associated to those very hazardous effects cannot be eliminated or reduced to a minimum by such procedures and measures, the additive and premixtures shall be used with personal protective equipment, including breathing protection.	

⁽¹⁾ 40 IU cholecalciferol = 0,001 mg cholecalciferol

⁽²⁾ Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/eurl/feed-additives/evaluation-reports>

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/850**of 24 May 2019****amending for the 303rd time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 of 27 May 2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(1)(a) and Article 7a(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 lists the persons, groups and entities covered by the freezing of funds and economic resources under that Regulation.
- (2) On 21 May 2019, the Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council decided to remove one entry from the list of persons, groups and entities to whom the freezing of funds and economic resources should apply. Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*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 Brussels, 24 May 2019.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Head of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 29.5.2002, p. 9.

ANNEX

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 is amended as follows:

The following entry under the heading 'Natural persons' is deleted: 'Mazen Salah **Mohammed** (*alias* (a) Mazen Ali Hussein, (b) Issa Salah Muhamad). Date of birth: (a) 1.1.1982, (b) 1.1.1980. Place of birth: Baghdad, Iraq. Nationality: Iraqi. Passport No: German travel document ("Reiseausweis") A 0144378 (revoked as at Sep.2012). Address: 94051 Hauzenberg, Germany. Date of designation referred to in Article 2a(4)(b): 6.12.2005.'

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/851

of 14 May 2019

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the International Maritime Organization during the 74th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the 101st session of the Maritime Safety Committee, on the adoption of amendments to Annex II to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011, amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code, amendments to Forms C, E and P of the appendix to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, and amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-flashpoint Fuels

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 100(2), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Action by the Union in the sector of maritime transport should aim to protect the marine environment and improve maritime safety.
- (2) The Marine Environment Protection Committee ('MEPC') of the International Maritime Organization ('IMO'), during its 74th session on 13 to 17 May 2019 ('MEPC 74'), is expected to adopt amendments to Annex II to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships ('MARPOL Annex II').
- (3) The Maritime Safety Committee ('MSC') of the IMO, during its 101st session on 5 to 14 June 2019 ('MSC 101'), is expected to adopt amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 ('2011 ESP Code'), amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code ('LSA Code'), amendments to the Records of Equipment (Forms C, E and P of the appendix to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea ('SOLAS')) and amendments to parts A and A-1 of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-flashpoint Fuels ('IGF Code').
- (4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf during MEPC 74, as the amendments to MARPOL Annex II will be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, namely Directive 2005/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ and Directive 2000/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf during MSC 101 as: the amendments to the 2011 ESP Code will be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, namely Regulation (EU) No 530/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾; the amendments to the LSA Code will be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, namely Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/773 ⁽⁴⁾ and Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁵⁾; the amendments

⁽¹⁾ Directive 2005/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on ship-source pollution and on the introduction of penalties, including criminal penalties, for pollution offences (OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ Directive 2000/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2000 on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues (OJ L 332, 28.12.2000, p. 81).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 530/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2012 on the accelerated phasing-in of double-hull or equivalent design requirements for single-hull oil tankers (OJ L 172, 30.6.2012, p. 3).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/773 of 15 May 2018 on design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for marine equipment and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/306 (OJ L 133, 30.5.2018, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on marine equipment and repealing Council Directive 96/98/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014, p. 146).

to the SOLAS Convention will be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, namely Directive 2009/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁶⁾; and the amendments to the IGF Code will be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, namely Directive 2009/45/EC.

- (6) The amendments to MARPOL Annex II should ensure reduction of the impact on the environment related to cargo residues and tank washings of persistent floating products with a high viscosity and/or a high melting point.
- (7) The amendments to the 2011 ESP Code should include editorial changes to the Code, identifying all mandatory requirements and improving the tables and forms, as well as merge those editorial changes with text regarding new substantial requirements in order to reflect recent updates to the International Association of Classification Societies' Unified Requirements Z10 series.
- (8) The amendments to paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code should ensure uniform implementation concerning manual launching of small rescue boats that are not one of a ship's survival craft.
- (9) The amendments to paragraph 4.4.8.1 of the LSA Code should ensure exemption for lifeboats with two independent propulsion systems from the obligation to be equipped with sufficient buoyant oars and related items to make headway in calm seas.
- (10) The amendments to item 8.1 in Records of Equipment Forms C, E and P in the appendix to the SOLAS Convention should ensure clarity as regards the fact that not all of the indicators listed are applicable to all ships and that the indicators can therefore be deleted as appropriate.
- (11) The amendments to parts A and A-1 of the IGF Code should ensure consistency regarding the existing requirements for ships using natural gas as fuel by introducing necessary amendments based on the experience gained as regards application of the Code.
- (12) The Union is not a member of the IMO, nor a contracting party to the relevant conventions and codes. The Council should therefore authorise the Member States to express the position of the Union and to express their consent to be bound by those amendments, to the extent that those amendments fall under the exclusive competence of the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf at the 74th session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee shall be to agree to the adoption of the amendments to Annex II to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, relating to the discharge requirements for tank washings of persistent floating products with a high viscosity and/or a high melting point, as laid down in the Annex to IMO Document MEPC 74/3/1.

Article 2

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf at the 101st session of the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee shall be to agree to:

- (a) the adoption of the amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011, as laid down in IMO document SDC 6/13/Add.1;
- (b) the adoption of the amendments to paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the International Life-Saving Appliance Code, as laid down in Annex 4 to IMO document MSC 101/3;
- (c) the adoption of the amendments to paragraph 4.4.8.1 of the International Life-Saving Appliance Code, as laid down in Annex 4 to IMO document MSC 101/3;

⁽⁶⁾ Directive 2009/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 on safety rules and standards for passenger ships (OJ L 163, 25.6.2009, p. 1).

- (d) the adoption of the amendments to item 8.1 in Records of Equipment Forms C, E and P in the appendix to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, as laid down in Annex 1 to IMO document MSC 101/3;
- (e) the adoption of the amendments to parts A and A-1 of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-flashpoint Fuels, as laid down in Annex 3 to IMO document MSC 101/3.

Article 3

1. The position to be taken on the Union's behalf as set out in Article 1 shall be expressed by the Member States, which are all members of the IMO, acting jointly in the interests of the Union.
2. The position to be taken on the Union's behalf as set out in Article 2 shall be expressed by the Member States, which are all members of the IMO, acting jointly in the interests of the Union.
3. Minor changes to the positions referred to in Articles 1 and 2 may be agreed upon without further decision of the Council.

Article 4

Member States are hereby authorised to give their consent to be bound, in the interests of the Union, by the amendments referred to in Articles 1 and 2, to the extent that those amendments fall under the exclusive competence of the Union.

Article 5

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

Done at Brussels, 14 May 2019.

For the Council
The President
P. DAEA

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/852
of 21 May 2019
determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 300 of the Treaty sets out the rules for the composition of the Committee of the Regions.
- (2) Council Decision 2014/930/EU ⁽¹⁾ adapted the composition of the Committee of the Regions following the accession of Croatia. The number of members for each of Estonia, Cyprus and Luxembourg was reduced by one in order to address the discrepancy between the maximum number of members of the Committee of the Regions set out in the first paragraph of Article 305 of the Treaty and the number of members of the Committee of the Regions following the accession of Croatia.
- (3) The preamble to Decision 2014/930/EU states that that Decision is to be revised in time for the mandate of the Committee of the Regions starting in 2020.
- (4) On 3 July 2018, the Committee of the Regions adopted recommendations to the Commission and to the Council on its future composition.
- (5) The current balance in the composition of the Committee of the Regions should as far as possible be maintained as it is the result of successive Intergovernmental Conferences.
- (6) The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union would result in 24 vacant seats in the Committee of the Regions. Therefore, the balance in the allocation of seats that existed before the adoption of Decision 2014/930/EU should be restored,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The number of members of the Committee of the Regions shall be as follows:

Belgium	12
Bulgaria	12
Czechia	12
Denmark	9
Germany	24
Estonia	7
Ireland	9
Greece	12
Spain	21
France	24
Croatia	9
Italy	24
Cyprus	6
Latvia	7
Lithuania	9

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2014/930/EU of 16 December 2014 determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 365, 19.12.2014, p. 143).

Luxembourg	6
Hungary	12
Malta	5
Netherlands	12
Austria	12
Poland	21
Portugal	12
Romania	15
Slovenia	7
Slovakia	9
Finland	9
Sweden	12.

2. In the event that the United Kingdom is still a Member State of the Union at the date of the application of this Decision, the number of members of the Committee of the Regions shall be that provided for in Article 1 of Decision 2014/930/EU until the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union becomes legally effective. From the date that the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union becomes legally effective, the number of members of the Committee of the Regions shall be that provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 26 January 2020.

Done at Brussels, 21 May 2019.

For the Council
The President
G. CIAMBA

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/853
of 21 May 2019
determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 301 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 300 of the Treaty sets out the rules for the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee.
- (2) Council Decision (EU) 2015/1157 ⁽¹⁾ adapted the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee following the accession of Croatia. The number of members for each of Estonia, Cyprus and Luxembourg was reduced by one in order to address the discrepancy between the maximum number of members of the European Economic and Social Committee set out in the first paragraph of Article 301 of the Treaty and the number of members of the European Economic and Social Committee following the accession of Croatia.
- (3) The preamble to Decision (EU) 2015/1157 states that that Decision is to be revised in time for the mandate of the European Economic and Social Committee starting in 2020.
- (4) On 18 September 2018, the European Economic and Social Committee adopted recommendations to the Commission and to the Council on its future composition.
- (5) The current balance in the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee should as far as possible be maintained as it is the result of successive Intergovernmental Conferences.
- (6) The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union would result in 24 vacant seats in the European Economic and Social Committee. Therefore, the balance in the allocation of seats that existed before the adoption of Decision (EU) 2015/1157 should be restored,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The number of members of the European Economic and Social Committee shall be as follows:

Belgium	12
Bulgaria	12
Czechia	12
Denmark	9
Germany	24
Estonia	7
Ireland	9
Greece	12
Spain	21
France	24
Croatia	9
Italy	24
Cyprus	6
Latvia	7
Lithuania	9

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1157 of 14 July 2015 determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee (OJ L 187, 15.7.2015, p. 28).

Luxembourg	6
Hungary	12
Malta	5
Netherlands	12
Austria	12
Poland	21
Portugal	12
Romania	15
Slovenia	7
Slovakia	9
Finland	9
Sweden	12.

2. In the event that the United Kingdom is still a Member State of the Union at the date of application of this Decision, the number of members of the European Economic and Social Committee shall be that provided for in Article 1 of Decision (EU) 2015/1157 until the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union becomes legally effective. From the date that the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union becomes legally effective, the number of members of the European Economic and Social Committee shall be that provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 21 September 2020.

Done at Brussels, 21 May 2019.

For the Council
The President
G. CIAMBA

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