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Subject: MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS - APRIL 2018

This document lists the acts¹ adopted by the Council in April 2018.^{2 3}

It provides information on the adoption of legislative acts, including:

- the date of adoption,
- the relevant Council session,
- the number of the document adopted,
- the Official Journal reference,
- applicable voting rules, voting results and, where appropriate, explanations of vote and statements published in the minutes of the Council.

¹ For easy reference, the "short titles" as mentioned in the Council's agendas are also indicated (see in *italics*).

² With the exception of certain acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, decisions of bodies set up by international agreements, specific budgetary decisions, etc.

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INFORMATION ON THE ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN APRIL 2018

Written procedures completed on 6 April 2018

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/551 of 6 April 2018 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea OJ L 91, 9.4.2018, p. 16–26	7612/18
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/548 of 6 April 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea OJ L 91, 9.4.2018, p. 2–10	7614/18

3611th meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs) held in Luxembourg on 12 April 2018

LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT	DOCUMENT	VOTING RULE	VOTES
<i>MFA Georgia</i> Decision (EU) 2018/598 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 providing further macro-financial assistance to Georgia OJ L 103, 23.4.2018, p. 8–13	7/18	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
<i>Regulation on Rail Transport Statistics (recast)</i> Regulation (EU) 2018/643 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 on rail transport statistics OJ L 112, 2.5.2018, p. 1–18	8/18	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

<p><i>Directive on control of Newcastle disease</i> Directive (EU) 2018/597 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 amending Council Directive 92/66/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 103, 23.4.2018, p. 4–7</p>	6/18	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
<p><i>Regulation on the Creative Europe Programme - EU Youth Orchestra (EUYO)</i> Regulation (EU) 2018/596 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2014 to 2020) OJ L 103, 23.4.2018, p. 1–3</p>	5/18	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour, except: Abstention: PL
<p><i>Decision on Europass</i> Decision (EU) 2018/646 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 on a common framework for the provision of better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) and repealing Decision No 2241/2004/EC (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 112, 2.5.2018, p. 42–50</p>	70/17	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
<p><i>Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services</i> Regulation (EU) 2018/644 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 on cross-border parcel delivery services (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 112, 2.5.2018, p. 19–28</p>	69/17	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
<p><i>Directive on qualification of professional drivers</i> Directive (EU) 2018/645 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 amending Directive 2003/59/EC on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers and Directive 2006/126/EC on driving licences (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 112, 2.5.2018, p. 29–41</p>	71/17	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour; except: Against: LU, AT Abstention: IT

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<i>Council conclusions on delivery and implementation of cohesion policy post-2020</i> Council Conclusions on Streamlining the Delivery System and Implementation of Cohesion Policy and the European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds post-2020	7880/18
<i>Conclusions on European Court of Auditors' Special Report 1/2018: JASPERS</i> Council Conclusions on European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 1/2018: "Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions (JASPERS) - time for better targeting"	7878/18
<i>Conclusions on ECA SR No 23/2017 on Single Resolution Board and ECA SR No 2/2018 on the operational efficiency of the ECB's crisis management for banks</i> Council Conclusions on Special Report No 23/2017 "Single Resolution Board: Work on a challenging Banking Union task started, but still a long way to go", and on Special Report No 2/2018 "The operational efficiency of the ECB's crisis management for banks"	8003/18
<i>EUCAP Somalia - opening negotiations on status of mission agreement - Decision</i> Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Federal Republic of Somalia, for an Agreement on the status of the European Union Capacity Building Mission in Somalia (EUCAP SOMALIA)	5809/18
<i>Iran Human Rights restrictive measures - review - Decision and Implementing Regulation</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/568 of 12 April 2018 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran OJ L 95, 13.4.2018, p. 14–20	6305/18

<p><i>Iran Human Rights restrictive measures - review - Decision and Implementing Regulation</i> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/565 of 12 April 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran OJ L 95, 13.4.2018, p. 1–8</p>	6307/18
<p><i>Democratic Republic of the Congo restrictive measures - Implementing Decision and Regulation</i> Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/569 of 12 April 2018 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo OJ L 95, 13.4.2018, p. 21–22</p>	7279/18
<p><i>Democratic Republic of the Congo restrictive measures - Implementing Decision and Regulation</i> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/566 of 12 April 2018 implementing Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo OJ L 95, 13.4.2018, p. 9–10</p>	7281/18
<p><i>Conclusions on the reformed ITER project</i> Council Conclusions on the reformed ITER project</p>	7881/18
<p>Statement by Luxembourg</p> <p>While recognising the importance of the ITER project, Luxembourg remains, in general, highly critical of the funding of nuclear research activities by the European Union. The Government of Luxembourg would like EU funding to be channelled to a greater extent into renewable energies in the future. Since the Council conclusions on a reformed ITER project do not advocate this stance, our position remains unchanged. However, despite our reservations about the content, in a constructive spirit we are able to withdraw our general reservation and approve the text of the conclusions.</p>	

<p><i>Decision on Satellite-based Augmentation Services in Ukraine based on EGNOS: opening of negotiations</i> Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with Ukraine for an agreement between the European Union and Ukraine laying down the terms and conditions for the provision of Satellite-based Augmentation Services (SBAS) in Ukraine, based on the European Satellite Navigation Programme EGNOS</p>	6934/18		
<p><i>Decision on the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the European GNSS Agency: opening of negotiations</i> Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Swiss Confederation for an agreement laying down the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the European GNSS Agency</p>	6673/18		
3612th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Agriculture and Fisheries) held in Luxembourg on 16 April 2018			
LEGISLATIVE ACTS			
ACT	DOCUMENT	VOTING RULE	VOTES
<p><i>Regulation on protection against dumped or subsidised imports from countries not member of the European Community (TDI Modernisation)</i> Position (EU) No 1/2018 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union and Regulation (EU) 2016/1037 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Union OJ C 184, 29.5.2018, p. 1–18</p>	5700/18	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour; except: Against: SE, UK Abstention: IE

Statement by The Netherlands

The Netherlands can support the final agreement on the Modernisation of Trade Defence Instruments (MTDI). However, the Netherlands remains very concerned about the newly created possibility to enforce trade defense measures to be applied on the continental shelf by the Customs Authorities.

The Netherlands wants to make sure that this element of the MTDI proposal will be implemented only when the Union legislation has been amended in such a way as to facilitate the levying and collecting of duties and the necessary changes have been made to the customs IT systems in order to allow these systems to perform this new task. These changes need to be effected as part of the broader IT developments of the Multi Annual Strategic Plan (MASP) and the Union Customs Code IT work program. These conditions will have to be met in the further deliberations on the implementing act in the relevant Council working parties before its adoption.

Joint Statement by Malta and Denmark

We note that the outcome on the Trade Defence Instruments Modernisation dossier is overall balanced and acceptable. Whilst accepting this outcome, we are nevertheless expressing our concern with the inclusion of the possibility of applying duties on the continental shelf.

This element was not part of the Commission proposal or the original Council position. It is disproportionate to the problem it aims to address and risks becoming an unreasonable administrative burden for certain Member States, in the form of practical monitoring, surveillance, costs and enforcement by the Customs Authorities.

In view of the work on this element, we would like to stress the need for a mechanism that is the least burdensome possible, both from the perspective of administration as well as of costs and call on the Commission to provide clarity at the earliest. The Commission should also not submit a proposal for an implementing act until all Member States are satisfied that the new provisions will be manageable in practice.

Statement by Sweden

The proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 will contribute to an increased level of trade protection, and thus harm the competitiveness of the EU industry.

<p><i>Decision on the financial provisions for the Research Fund for Coal and Steel</i> Council Decision (EU) 2018/599 of 16 April 2018 amending Decision 2003/76/EC establishing the measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research Fund for Coal and Steel OJ L 101, 20.4.2018, p. 1–2</p>	14532/18	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS			
ACT		DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS	
<p><i>Conclusions on EU and its MS' participation in UNFF 13</i> Council Conclusions with a view to the European Union and its Member States participation in the Thirteenth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF 13)</p>	7939/18		
<p><i>Council Decision on opening negotiations on Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Kingdom of Morocco</i> Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco for the amendment of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Communities and the Kingdom of Morocco and for the conclusion of a Protocol implementing that Agreement</p>	7548/18		
<p><i>Conclusions on Single European Sky (CoA SR n° 18/2017)</i> Council Conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 18/2017 entitled "Single European Sky: a changed culture but not a single sky"</p>	7446/18		
<p><i>Airworthiness Regulation</i> Council Regulation (EU) 2018/581 of 16 April 2018 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain goods of a kind to be incorporated in or used for aircraft, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1147/2002 OJ L 98, 18.4.2018, p. 1–3</p>	6809/18		

<p><i>Conclusions on Import Procedures (CoA SR No 19/2017)</i> Council Conclusions concerning Court of Auditors' Special Report No 19/2017 on Import Procedures: Shortcomings in the Legal Framework and an Ineffective Implementation Impact the Financial Interests of the EU</p>	7474/18
<p>Statement by Austria, Denmark, Finland and Sweden</p> <p>Regarding the eighth bullet point, which reads “STRESSES that the issue of budgetary resources for customs services will need to be addressed in the context of future EU financial programmes”, Austria, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden emphasise that this cannot prejudice negotiations on the next Multiannual Financial Framework</p>	
<p><i>Council Decision on the conclusion of the EU-New Zealand agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters</i> Council Decision (EU) 2018/601 of 16 April 2018 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters OJ L 101, 20.4.2018, p. 5–5</p>	7712/16
<p><i>Council Decision on the conclusion of the EU-New Zealand agreement on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters</i> Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters OJ L 101, 20.4.2018, p. 6–15</p>	7682/16
<p><i>Schengen evaluation Recommendation - France police cooperation</i> Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2016 evaluation of France on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation</p>	7578/18
<p><i>Italy VAT derogation to apply a mandatory electronic invoicing</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/593 of 16 April 2018 authorising the Italian Republic to introduce a special measure derogating from Articles 218 and 232 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax OJ L 99, 19.4.2018, p. 14–15</p>	6266/18

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NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
<i>Conclusions on South Sudan</i> Council Conclusions on South Sudan	7735/18
<i>Conclusions on Chemical Disarmament and Non-Proliferation</i> Council Conclusions on chemical disarmament and non-proliferation with a view towards the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, The Hague, 21-30 November 2018	7862/18
<i>Conclusions on malicious cyber activities</i> Council Conclusions on malicious cyber activities	7925/18
<i>Syria</i> Council Conclusions on Syria	7956/18
3614th meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs) held in Luxembourg on 17 April 2018	
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
<i>Council Decision within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement - 2018</i> Council Decision (EU) 2018/616 of 17 April 2018 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement OJ L 102, 23.4.2018, p. 11–13	6797/18

<p><i>Council Decision within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XXII (Company Law) and Protocol 37 (containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the EEA Agreement</i> Council Decision (EU) 2018/635 of 17 April 2018 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XXII (Company Law) and Protocol 37 (containing the list provided for in Article 101) to the EEA Agreement OJ L 105, 25.4.2018, p. 21–24</p>		6801/18	
<p><i>EU position for Association Committee with Algeria concerning the update of bilateral concessions on agricultural products</i> Council Decision (EU) 2018/641 of 17 April 2018 on the position to be adopted on the behalf of the European Union within the EU-Algeria Association Committee as regards the modification of the conditions of application of the preferential tariffs for agricultural products and processed agricultural products set out in Article 14 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part OJ L 106, 26.4.2018, p. 17–22</p>		7414/18	
Written procedures completed on 26 April 2018			
LEGISLATIVE ACTS			
ACT	DOCUMENT	VOTING RULE	VOTES
<p>Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 May 2018 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations OJ L 114I , 4.5.2018, p. 1–6</p>	15/18	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/654 of 26 April 2018 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 on the European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq) OJ L 108, 27.4.2018, p. 28–28	6633/18
Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/653 of 26 April 2018 on the establishment of a warehouse capability for civilian crisis-management missions OJ L 108, 27.4.2018, p. 22–27	15386/17
Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/656 of 26 April 2018 implementing Decision 2011/486/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan OJ L 108, 27.4.2018, p. 36–37	8153/18
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/648 of 26 April 2018 implementing Article 11(4) of Regulation (EU) No 753/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan OJ L 108, 27.4.2018, p. 12–13	8154/18
Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/655 of 26 April 2018 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma OJ L 108, 27.4.2018, p. 29–35	7781/18
Council Regulation (EU) 2018/647 of 26 April 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Myanmar/Burma OJ L 108, 27.4.2018, p. 1–11	7784/18