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Subject : MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS APRIL 2012

This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in April 2012.^{1 2}
- ANNEX II containing further details on the adoption of these acts. PART I provides information on the adoption of legislative acts, such as the date of adoption, the relevant Council session, the number of the document adopted, and where appropriate, applicable voting rules, voting results, explanations of vote and statements published in the minutes of the Council. PART II provides information that the Council has decided to make public on the adoption of other acts.

¹ 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.

² In the case of legislative acts adopted in the ordinary legislative procedure, there may be a difference between the date of the Council's meeting where the legislative act is adopted and the actual date of the act in question, since legislative acts adopted in the ordinary legislative procedure are only considered to have been adopted after signature by both the President of the Council and the President of the European Parliament and the Secretaries-General of the two Institutions.

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**LIST OF ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL
IN APRIL 2012****Written procedure completed on 12 April 2012**

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 325/2012 of 12 April 2012 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of oxalic acid originating in India and the People's Republic of China
OJ L 106, 18.4.2012, p. 1–10

Written procedure completed on 13 April 2012

Directive 2012/11/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 April 2012 amending Directive 2004/40/EC on minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields) (18th individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)
OJ L 110, 24.4.2012, p. 1–2

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 332/2012 of 13 April 2012 amending Regulation (EC) No 130/2006 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of tartaric acid originating in the People's Republic of China, and excluding company Hangzhou Bioking Biochemical Engineering Co., Ltd from the definitive measures
OJ L 108, 20.4.2012, p. 1–2

Written procedure completed on 16 April 2012

Council Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of tartaric acid originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009
7907/12

3159th meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS), held in Luxembourg on 23 April 2012

Council Conclusions on Myanmar/ Burma
8726/12

Council Conclusions on Mali/Sahel
8768/12

Council Conclusions on Sudan and South Sudan
8856/12

Council Conclusions on Guinea-Bissau
8857/12

Council Conclusions on Syria
8817/12

3160th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS), held in Luxembourg on 24 April 2012

Council Conclusions on Special Report No 15/2011 by the European Court of Auditors: Do the Commission's procedures ensure effective management of State aid control?
8217/12

Council Conclusions on Special Report No 14/2011 by the Court of Auditors: "Has EU assistance improved Croatia's capacity to manage post-accession funding?"
8795/12

2012/227/EU: Council Decision of 24 April 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement
OJ L 116, 28.4.2012, p. 2–4

Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms
7541/12

2012/229/EU: Council Decision of 24 April 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement
OJ L 116, 28.4.2012, p. 7–9

2012/251/EU: Council Decision of 24 April 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) and Annex XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement
OJ L 125, 12.5.2012, p. 2–24

2012/228/EU: Council Decision of 24 April 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XXI (Statistics) to the EEA Agreement
OJ L 116, 28.4.2012, p. 5–6

Council Decision on the conclusion by the European Union of the amended Constitution and Rules of Procedure of the International Rubber Study Group
13123/11

**3161st meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES),
held in Luxembourg on 26 and 27 April 2012**

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 617/2009 opening an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef
PE-CONS 6/12

Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the right to information in criminal proceedings
PE-CONS 78/11

2012/238/EU: Council Decision of 26 April 2012 on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States
OJ L 119, 4.5.2012, p. 47–48

Council Implementing Decision authorising Romania to apply measures derogating from Articles 26(1)(a) and 168 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax
7956/12

**3162nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS),
held in Luxembourg on 26 and 27 April 2012**

Council Conclusions on improving civil protection through lessons learnt
8149/12

2012/236/EU: Council Decision of 26 April 2012 on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to Vehicle Registration Data (VRD) in Poland
OJ L 118, 3.5.2012, p. 8–8

Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the use and transfer of Passenger Name Records to the United States
Department of Homeland Security
17433/11 + COR 1

2012/245/EU: Council Decision of 26 April 2012 on a revision of the Statutes of the Economic and Financial Committee
OJ L 121, 8.5.2012, p. 22–24

Council Decision 2012/225/CFSP of 26 April 2012 amending Decision 2010/232/CFSP renewing restrictive measures against Burma/Myanmar
OJ L 115, 27.4.2012, p. 25–26

Council Decision on the accession of the European Union to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation
in Southeast Asia
7434/12

Council Conclusions on de-radicalisation and disengagement from terrorist activities
8624/12

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS APRIL 2012			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
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	PE-CONS 6/12	qualified majority	all member states in favour
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Statement by Ireland concerning the Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the Use and Transfer of Passenger Name Records to the United States Department of Homeland Security In the circumstances where Ireland has taken part in discussions over a long period of time concerning the Agreement and mindful of the very great importance of the Agreement, and in particular the need to ensure its speedy implementation in order to combat terrorism and serious transnational crime, Ireland declares its intention, subject to Parliamentary approval as required by the Constitution of Ireland, to exercise the option provided in Article 4 of Protocol 21 on the Position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to indicate its acceptance of the measure after its adoption.	
2012/245/EU: Council Decision of 26 April 2012 on a revision of the Statutes of the Economic and Financial Committee 6898/12	
Council Conclusions on de-radicalisation and disengagement from terrorist activities 8624/12	
Council Decision 2012/225/CFSP of 26 April 2012 amending Decision 2010/232/CFSP renewing restrictive measures against Burma/Myanmar 8734/12 + COR 1 (sv)	
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Statement by the Commission to the Council Decision on the accession of the European Union to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia The Commission understands that the High Representative is authorized to sign and deposit the instrument of accession in her capacity as High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and as Vice-President of the Commission. Statement by the Commission on the accession by Member States to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia The Commission understands that, after the accession of the EU to the TAC, Member States may decide to individually adhere to the TAC in accordance with Articles 209 and 212 TFEU. Member States and the EU shall assist each other in carrying out the tasks which flow from that treaty. Council Conclusions on de-radicalisation and disengagement from terrorist activities 8624/12	