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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2025/...

of ...

**amending Decision 1999/70/EC
concerning the external auditors of the national central banks,
as regards the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Protocol No 4 on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

Having regard to the Recommendation of the European Central Bank of 29 July 2025 to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank (ECB/2025/27)¹,

¹ OJ C, C/2025/4400, 1.8.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2025/4400/oj>.

Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and of the national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are to be audited by independent external auditors recommended by the Governing Council of the ECB and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) The mandate of the current external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank, KPMG Accountants N.V., will end following the audit for the financial year 2025. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2026 onwards.
- (3) De Nederlandsche Bank has selected EY Accountants B.V. as its external auditors for the financial years 2026 to 2032.
- (4) The Governing Council of the ECB has recommended that EY Accountants B.V. be appointed as the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank for the financial years 2026 to 2032.
- (5) Following the recommendation of the Governing Council of the ECB, Council Decision 1999/70/EC² should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

² Council Decision 1999/70/EC of 25 January 1999 concerning the external auditors of the national central banks (OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 69, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1999/70\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1999/70(1)/oj)).

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 1999/70/EC, paragraph 8 is replaced by the following:

- ‘8. EY Accountants B.V. are hereby approved as the external auditors of De Nederlandsche Bank for the financial years 2026 to 2032.’.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its notification.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the European Central Bank.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
