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From:	Mr Johannes HAHN, Member of the European Commission
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Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2023 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2023
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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 18/2023.

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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 20/10/2023

GENERAL BUDGET - 2023

SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 02, 03

### TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 18/2023

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#### **FROM**

**CHAPTER** - 0305 Cooperation in the field of customs (Customs)

ARTICLE - 03 05 01 Cooperation in the field of customs (Customs)	Commitments	-11 500 000,00
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**CHAPTER** - 0310 Decentralised agencies

ITEM - 03 10 01 01 European Chemicals Agency -- Chemicals legislation	Commitments	-1 900 000,00
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**CHAPTER** - 0320 Pilot projects, preparatory actions, prerogatives and other actions

ITEM - 03 20 03 01 Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts	Commitments	-500 000,00
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#### **TO**

**CHAPTER** - 0204 Digital Europe programme

ITEM - 02 04 06 11 Semiconductors -- Chips Joint Undertaking	Commitments	13 900 000,00
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## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**03 05 01 - Cooperation in the field of customs (Customs)**

#### **b) Figures at 11/10/2023**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	132 753 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	132 753 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	71 426 613,60
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>61 326 386,40</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>11 500 000,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>49 826 386,40</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	8,66 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	4 295 336,44
2 Appropriations available on 11/10/2023	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the decrease**

The European Union is implementing a new customs pre-arrival security and safety programme, underpinned by a large-scale advance cargo information system - Import Control System 2 (ICS2). However, due to a delay of more than one year in the delivery of the ICS2 project and awaiting the outcome of the feasibility study in Member States that would have allowed the implementation phase, the entire ICS2 Release 4 project is pushed back in time. The corresponding underconsumption amounts to EUR 16,6 million.

At the same time, the launch of a grant agreement for the future ICS2 SSA Expert Team has been postponed to 2024, which leads to the release of another EUR 2,5 million of commitment appropriations.

In parallel, redeployment within the programme towards preparation of the customs data hub (EUR 5 million), consultancy of Union customs code (EUR 1,6 million) and a new study on the rules of origin (EUR 1 million) have been identified for an amount of EUR 7,6 million. Therefore, a total amount of EUR 11,5 million in commitment appropriations can be made available for the Semiconductors - Chips Joint Undertaking.

## **I.2**

### **a) Heading**

**03 10 01 01 - European Chemicals Agency -- Chemicals legislation**

### **b) Figures at 11/10/2023**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	68 362 343,00
2 Transfers	-1 000 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	67 362 343,00
4 Appropriations already used	65 462 343,00
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>1 900 000,00</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>1 900 000,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>0,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	2,78 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	2 348 679,96
2 Appropriations available on 11/10/2023	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

### **d) Detailed grounds for the decrease**

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) – Chemicals legislation realised higher fee collection revenues than budgeted. An amount of EUR 1,9 million of commitment appropriations of the EU balancing subsidy can therefore be made available for the Semiconductors - Chips Joint Undertaking.

### **I.3**

#### **a) Heading**

**03 20 03 01 - Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts**

#### **b) Figures at 11/10/2023**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	9 700 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	9 700 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	5 788 195,48
<b>5 Appropriations available (3-4)</b>	<b>3 911 804,52</b>
<b>6 Decrease proposed</b>	<b>500 000,00</b>
<b>7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)</b>	<b>3 411 804,52</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	5,15 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	33 881,66
2 Appropriations available on 11/10/2023	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the decrease**

An overall surplus of EUR 0,5 million has been identified in commitment appropriations, given that IT costs for the improvement of the eForms applications are lower than initially estimated in the 2023 Draft Budget. Stakeholders in the Member States need more time than expected to make the transition to eForms, and therefore further improvements to the system are postponed to 2024. As a consequence, the budget initially earmarked for IT improvements this year can be made available.

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**02 04 06 11 - Semiconductors -- Chips Joint Undertaking**

#### **b) Figures at 11/10/2023**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	251 877 865,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	251 877 865,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	251 877 865,00
6 Increase requested	13 900 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	265 777 865,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	5,52 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 11/10/2023	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	n/a

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the increase**

The political agreement on the Chips Act was reached in April this year and the legislative act adopted and published in the Official Journal on 13 September. In the political agreement, the co-legislators invited the Commission to propose to the budgetary authority the allocation of an additional amount of EUR 50 million in the period 2023-27, with a view to reaching the targeted amount of EUR 1 575 million to be financed under the Digital Europe programme. The proposed transfer will allow covering a first tranche of it, which is requested to finance the activities of the Chips Joint Undertaking.