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Delegations will find in the annex the Council Conclusions on the implementation of the general provisions on data protection of Chapter 6 of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA - Evaluation of Greece with regard to automated exchange of vehicle registration data, approved by the Council at its 3837th meeting held on 9 December 2021.

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS**on the implementation of the general provisions on data protection
of chapter 6 of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA****Evaluation of Greece with regard to automated exchange of vehicle registration data**

1. According to Article 25(2) of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA, the supply of personal data provided for under the Decision may not take place until the provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of the Decision have been implemented in the national law of the territories of the Member States involved in such supply. The Council must unanimously decide whether this condition has been met. This provision does not apply to those Member States where the supply of personal data as provided for in the Decision has already started pursuant to the "Prüm Treaty" (2005).
2. According to Article 20 of Decision 2008/616/JHA, the verification that the above condition has been met is to be done on the basis of an evaluation report based on a questionnaire. With respect to automated data exchange in accordance with Chapter 2 of Decision 2008/615/JHA, the evaluation report is also to be based on an evaluation visit and a pilot run.
3. According to Chapter 4, point 1.1, of the Annex to Decision 2008/616/JHA, the questionnaire drawn up by the relevant Council Working Group concerns each of the automated data exchanges and has to be answered by a Member State as soon as it believes it fulfils the prerequisites for sharing data in the relevant data category.
4. **Greece** has completed the questionnaire on data protection and the questionnaire on vehicle registration data exchange. A successful pilot run has been carried out by **Greece** with the Netherlands. An evaluation visit has taken place in Greece and a report on the evaluation visit has been produced by the evaluation team from the **Netherlands** and **Cyprus** and forwarded to the relevant Council Working Group (5927/1/18 REV 1 DAPIX 27 CRIMORG 12 ENFOPOL 51 ENFOCUSTOM 22 JAI 79).

5. At the time of discussing the evaluation visit report, it was recommended that the competent working party come back to finalise the evaluation as soon as Greece has notified the General Secretariat of the Council to have implemented the legislation on data protection with particular regard to VRD. This has been done by Greece by means of a new reply to the questionnaire on data protection (13929/21 IXIM 241 CRIMORG 136 ENFOPOL 440 ENFOCUSTOM 166 JAI 1238).
 6. An overall evaluation report, summarising the results of the questionnaire, the evaluation visit and the pilot run concerning vehicle registration data exchange has been presented to the Council (13930/21 IXIM 242 CRIMORG 137 ENFOPOL 441 ENFOCUSTOM 167 JAI 1239).
 7. At the informal videoconference of the member of the Working Party on JHA Information Exchange (IXIM) of 2 December 2021, it was acknowledged that each Member State bound by 2008/615/JHA agrees that the conditions are fulfilled for the Council to conclude that for the purposes of automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data, **Greece** has fully implemented the general provisions on data protection of Chapter 6 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
 8. On this basis, the Council concludes that for the purposes of automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data, **Greece** has fully implemented the general provisions on data protection of Chapter 6 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
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