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- the date of adoption,
- the relevant Council session,
- the number of the document adopted,
- the Official Journal reference,
- reference to the minutes of the Council session when the act was adopted.

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

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INFORMATION ON THE ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN MARCH 2025

4082nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs) held in Brussels on 5 and 7 March 2025
(Minutes: 7089/25 + ADD1 + ADD1 REV1)

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<p><i>Council Implementing Decision authorising Greece to introduce a VAT derogation</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/502 of 5 March 2025 authorising Greece 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, 2025/502, 13.3.2025</p>	6135/25
<p><i>Council Decision on the renewal of the science and technology cooperation agreement with Ukraine</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/463 of 5 March 2025 on the renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine OJ L 2025/463, 7.3.2025</p>	14848/24
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position at the 68th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as regards placing new psychoactive substances under international control</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/493 of 5 March 2025 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union in the sixty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the scheduling of substances under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 OJ L, 2025/493, 12.3.2025</p>	6155/25

4084th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Economic and Financial Affairs) held in Brussels on 11 March 2025
(Minutes: 7009/25 + ADD1)

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<p><i>Directive as regards VAT rules for the digital age</i> Council Directive (EU) 2025/516 of 11 March 2025 amending Directive 2006/112/EC as regards VAT rules for the digital age OJ L, 2025/516, 25.3.2025</p>	15342/24
<p><i>Regulation as regards the VAT administrative cooperation arrangements needed for the digital age</i> Council Regulation (EU) 2025/517 of 11 March 2025 amending Regulation (EU) No 904/2010 as regards the VAT administrative cooperation arrangements needed for the digital age OJ L, 2025/517, 25.3.2025</p>	15343/24

<p><i>Council Decision amending Protocol No 5 on the statute of the European Investment Bank</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/504 of 11 March 2025 amending Protocol No 5 on the Statute of the European Investment Bank OJ L, 2025/504, 14.3.2025</p>	6143/25
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<p><i>Implementing Regulation as regards information requirements for certain VAT schemes</i> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/518 of 11 March 2025 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 282/2011 as regards information requirements for certain VAT schemes OJ L, 2025/518, 25.3.2025</p>	15344/24
<p><i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Türkiye’s unauthorised drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/484 of 11 March 2025 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1894 concerning restrictive measures in view of Türkiye’s unauthorised drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean OJ L, 2025/484, 12.3.2025</p>	6083/25
<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/487 of 11 March 2025 implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1890 concerning restrictive measures in view of Türkiye’s unauthorised drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean OJ L, 2025/487, 12.3.2025</p>	6085/25
<p><i>Council Decision on the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI)</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/488 of 11 March 2025 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 on the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) OJ L, 2025/488, 13.3.2025</p>	6279/25
<p><i>Council Decision in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/494 of 11 March 2025 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, its inter-sessional programme and the preparations for its Tenth Review Conference OJ L, 2025/494, 12.3.2025</p>	6007/25 ADD1

<p><i>Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement amending the Agreement setting out terms and conditions for the participation of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2025/521 of 10 March 2025 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/521, 18.3.2025</p>	5943/25
<p><i>Council Decision authorising negotiations for the participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to governmental services</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2025/538 of 11 March 2025 authorising the opening of negotiations with Iceland for an agreement laying down the rules for the participation of Iceland in the GOVSATCOM component of the Union Space Programme and in the Union Secure Connectivity Programme, and for access to governmental services</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/538, 24.3.2025</p>	5814/25 + ADD1
<p><i>Council Decision on the EU position within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to the EEA Agreement</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2025/554 of 11 March 2025 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (GOVSATCOM and Secure Connectivity) (Text with EEA relevance)</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/554, 25.3.2025</p>	5908/25 + ADD1
<p>4086th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Foreign Affairs) held in Brussels on 17 March 2025 (Minutes: 7188/25 + ADD1)</p>	
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<p><i>Council Implementing Decision on the third instalment under the Ukraine Plan of the Ukraine Facility</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/657 of 17 March 2025 establishing the satisfactory fulfilment of the conditions for the payment of the third instalment of the non-repayable financial support and of the loan support under the Ukraine Plan of the Ukraine Facility</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/657, 31.3.2025</p>	6395/25 + ADD1

<p><i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/514 of 17 March 2025 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them OJ L, 2025/514, 17.3.2025</p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/515 of 17 March 2025 implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them OJ L, 2025/515, 17.3.2025</p>	<p>6604/25</p> <p>6606/25</p>
<p><i>Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2025/510 of 17 March 2025 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo OJ L, 2025/510, 17.3.2025</p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/509 of 17 March 2025 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo OJ L, 2025/509, 17.3.2025</p>	<p>6580/25</p> <p>6582/25</p>
<p><i>Council Decision in support of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) “Science and Technology Watchtower: Monitoring Innovation for Disarmament”</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/529 of 17 March 2025 on Union support for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research project ‘Science and Technology Watchtower: Monitoring Innovation for Disarmament’ OJ L, 2025/529, 18.3.2025</p>	<p>6617/25 + ADD1</p>
<p>4087th meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs) held in Brussels on 18 March 2025 (Minutes: 7207/25 + ADD1)</p>	
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<p><i>Regulation on establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova</i></p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2025/535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 March 2025 establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova OJL, 2025/535, 21.3.2025</p>	<p>DOCUMENT</p> <p>1/1/25 REV1</p>

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<i>Confirmatory application No 02/c/01/25</i>	6073/25 ADD1
<i>Council Implementing Decision authorising Estonia to extend a VAT derogation</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/539 of 18 March 2025 authorising Estonia to apply a special measure derogating from Article 26(1), point (a), and Articles 168 and 168a of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax OJL, 2025/539, 21.3.2025	6238/25
<i>Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted regarding the decision of the participants to the sector understanding on export credits for civil aircraft</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/542 of 18 March 2025 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union regarding the decision of the Participants to the Sector Understanding on Export Credits for Civil Aircraft contained in Annex III to the Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits on amendments to that Sector Understanding OJ L, 2025/542, 21.3.2025	6394/25 + ADD1
<i>Council Decision on the EU position within the EU–Türkiye customs cooperation committee as regards the use of A.TR movement certificates issued electronically</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/559 of 18 March 2025 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Cooperation Committee established under the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and Turkey as regards the adoption of a decision on the use of A.TR movement certificates issued electronically OJ L, 2025/559, 24.3.2025	6209/25
4088th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Agriculture and Fisheries) held in Brussels on 24 March 2025 (Minutes: 7379/25 + ADD1)	
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<i>Benchmarks Regulation</i> <i>Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons</i> Position (EU) No 1/2025 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) 2016/1011 as regards the scope of the rules for benchmarks, the use in the Union of benchmarks provided by an administrator located in a third country, and certain reporting requirements Adopted by the Council on 24 March 2025 OJ C, C/2025/2428, 25.4.2025	5123/25 + ADD1 + ADD COR1

<p><i>Regulation on European Union labour market statistics on businesses</i> <i>Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons</i> Position (EU) No 2/2025 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Union labour market statistics on businesses, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 and Regulations (EC) No 450/2003 and (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council Adopted by the Council on 24 March 2025 OJ C, C/2025/2430, 25.4.2025</p>	17082/24 + ADD1
<p><i>Regulation on a Border Regions' instrument for development and growth (BRIDGEforEU)</i> <i>Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons</i> Position (EU) No 3/2025 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Border Regions' instrument for development and growth (BRIDGEforEU) Adopted by the Council on 24 March 2025 OJ C, C/2025/2432, 25.4.2025</p>	17102/1/24 REV1 + ADD1
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<p><i>Public access to documents - Confirmatory Application - 03/c/01/25</i></p>	6246/25 + ADD1
<p><i>Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Cabo Verde</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/643 of 24 March 2025 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde OJ L, 2025/643, 28.3.2025</p>	11267/24
<p><i>Council Decision approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/642 of 24 March 2025 amending Decision 98/481/EC approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank OJ L, 2025/642, 28.3.2025</p>	6332/25

<p><i>Council Implementing Decision authorising France to apply a reduced rate of taxation to unleaded petrol used as motor fuel and consumed in Corsica</i></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/644 of 24 March 2025 authorising France to apply a reduced rate of taxation to unleaded petrol used as motor fuel and consumed in Corsican departments in accordance with Directive 2003/96/EC</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/644, 28.3.2025</p>	6585/25
<p><i>Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Haiti</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/601 of 24 March 2025 amending Decision (CFSP) 2022/2319 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Haiti</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/601, 25.3.2025</p>	16353/24
<p>Council Regulation (EU) 2025/608 of 24 March 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2022/2309 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Haiti</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/608, 25.3.2025</p>	16355/24
<p><i>Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the armed forces of Mauritania</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/609 of 24 March 2025 on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the Armed Forces of Mauritania</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/609, 25.3.2025</p>	5373/25
<p><i>Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic</i></p> <p>Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/604 of 24 March 2025 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/604, 25.3.2025</p>	5561/24
<p>Council Regulation (EU) 2025/610 of 24 March 2025 amending Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/610, 25.3.2025</p>	5564/24
<p><i>Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the EU and Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services</i></p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2025/633 of 24 March 2025 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/633, 27.3.2025</p>	10844/24

**4089th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Environment) held in Brussels on 27 March 2025
(Minutes: 7548/25 + ADD1)**

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<p><i>Council Implementing Decision amending the Council Implementing Decision on the operating rules of the selection panel of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/653 of 27 March 2025 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1696 on the operating rules of the selection panel provided for in Article 14(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO')</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/653, 31.3.2025</p>	7126/25
<p><i>Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement with Kazakhstan on facilitating the issuance of visas</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/667 of 27 March 2025 authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Kazakhstan for an agreement on facilitating the issuance of visas</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/667, 1.4.2025</p>	7154/25 + ADD 1 R-UE
<p><i>Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement with Norway regarding the modifications of the EU's tariff rate quotas in the WTO schedule following Brexit</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/685 of 27 March 2025 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/685, 4.4.2025</p>	13817/23
<p><i>Council Implementing Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine</i> Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2025/632 of 27 March 2025 implementing Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/632, 27.3.2025</p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/631 of 27 March 2025 implementing Article 8a(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine</p> <p>OJ L, 2025/631, 27.3.2025</p>	6743/25 6746/25
<p><i>Council Decision in support of facilitating a successful outcome of the 2026 review conference of the parties to the Treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT)</i></p>	5992/25 + ADD 1

Council Decision (EU) 2025/646 of 27 March 2025 in support of facilitating a successful outcome of the 2026 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons OJ L, 2025/646, 28.3.2025	
<i>Council Decision on the EU position within the CETA Joint Committee on expedited procedures for the resolution of investment disputes between investors and states, in particular for natural persons and SMEs</i> Council Decision (EU) 2025/703 of 27 March 2025 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the CETA Joint Committee established under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a decision setting out supplemental rules on expedited procedures for the resolution of investment disputes between investors and states, in particular for natural persons or small and medium-sized enterprises OJ L, 2025/703, 10.4.2025	9449/24
Written procedures	
Written procedure completed on 3 March 2025	CM 1804/25
<i>Council Decision on the signing and conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia establishing a framework for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in European Union crisis management operations</i>	6192/25
Written procedure completed on 14 March 2025	CM 1629/25 + REV1
<i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/528 of 14 March 2025 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine OJ L, 2025/528, 15.3.2025	5646/25
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/527 of 14 March 2025 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine OJ L, 2025/527, 15.3.2025	5648/25

Written procedure completed on 31 March 2025	CM 2136/25
<i>Council Regulation fixing for 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (1st amendment)</i> Council Regulation (EU) 2025/669 of 31 March 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2025/202 fixing for 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters OJ L, 2025/669, 1.4.2025	6890/25