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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION amending Decision 2013/488/EU on the security rules for protecting EU classified information
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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/...

of ...

**amending Decision 2013/488/EU on the security rules
for protecting EU classified information**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 240(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure¹, and in particular Article 24 thereof,

¹ OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35.

Whereas:

- (1) Appendix B to Council Decision 2013/488/EU¹ contains a table of equivalence of security classifications.
- (2) Appendix C to Decision 2013/488/EU contains a list of national security authorities (NSAs).
- (3) France has notified the General Secretariat of the Council of changes to its security classifications. Those changes introduce two new classification markings with effect from 1 July 2021: 'TRÈS SECRET' and 'SECRET'. Information generated by France before 1 July 2021 and classified 'TRÈS SECRET DÉFENSE', 'SECRET DÉFENSE' or 'CONFIDENTIEL DÉFENSE' should continue to be handled and protected at the equivalent level of 'TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET', 'SECRET UE/EU SECRET' or 'CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL' respectively.
- (4) Furthermore, Italy and Slovenia have notified the General Secretariat of the Council of changes to their respective NSAs.

¹ Council Decision 2013/488/EU of 23 September 2013 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 274, 15.10.2013, p. 1).

- (5) The Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community¹ (the ‘Withdrawal Agreement’) was concluded by the Union by means of Council Decision (EU) 2020/135² and entered into force on 1 February 2020. The transition period provided for in Article 126 of the Withdrawal Agreement, during which Union law continued to apply to and in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the ‘United Kingdom’) in accordance with Article 127 of the Withdrawal Agreement, ended on 31 December 2020. The references to the United Kingdom, its security classifications and its NSAs should therefore be removed from Appendices B and C to Decision 2013/488/EU respectively.
- (6) Decision 2013/488/EU should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ C 384I, 12.11.2019, p. 1.

² Council Decision (EU) 2020/135 of 30 January 2020 on the conclusion of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (OJ L 29, 31.1.2020, p. 1).

Article 1

Appendices B and C to Decision 2013/488/EU are replaced by the text appearing respectively in Annexes 1 and 2 to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 July 2021.

Done at ...,

For the Council

ANNEX 1

Appendix B

EQUIVALENCE OF SECURITY CLASSIFICATIONS

EU	TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET	SECRET UE/EU SECRET	CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL	RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED
Belgium	Très Secret (Loi 11.12.1998) Zeer Geheim (Wet 11.12.1998)	Secret (Loi 11.12.1998) Geheim (Wet 11.12.1998)	Confidentiel (Loi 11.12.1998) Vertrouwelijk (Wet 11.12.1998)	nota ⁽¹⁾ below
Bulgaria	Строго секретно	Секретно	Поверително	За служебно ползване
Czechia	Přísně tajné	Tajné	Důvěrné	Vyhrazené
Denmark	YDERST HEMMELIGT	HEMMELIGT	FORTROLIGT	TIL TJENESTEBRUG
Germany	STRENG GEHEIM	GEHEIM	VS ⁽²⁾ - VERTRAULICH	VS - NUR FÜR DEN DIENSTGEBRAUCH
Estonia	Täiesti salajane	Salajane	Konfidentsiaalne	Piiratud

EU	TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET	SECRET UE/EU SECRET	CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL	RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED
Ireland	Top Secret	Secret	Confidential	Restricted
Greece	Άκρως Απόρρητο Abr: ΑΑΠ	Απόρρητο Abr: (ΑΠ)	Εμπιστευτικό Abr: (ΕΜ)	Περιορισμένης Χρήσης Abr: (ΠΧ)
Spain	SECRETO	RESERVADO	CONFIDENCIAL	DIFUSIÓN LIMITADA
France	TRÈS SECRET TRÈS SECRET DÉFENSE ^(3a)	SECRET SECRET DÉFENSE ^(3a)	CONFIDENTIEL DÉFENSE ^{(3a), (3b)}	nota ^(3c) below
Croatia	VRLO TAJNO	TAJNO	POVJERLJIVO	OGRANIČENO
Italy	Segretissimo	Segreto	Riservatissimo	Riservato
Cyprus	Άκρως Απόρρητο Abr: (ΑΑΠ)	Απόρρητο Abr: (ΑΠ)	Εμπιστευτικό Abr: (ΕΜ)	Περιορισμένης Χρήσης Abr: (ΠΧ)
Latvia	Sevišķi slepeni	Slepeni	Konfidenciāli	Dienesta vajadzībām
Lithuania	Visiškai slaptai	Slaptai	Konfidencialiai	Riboto naudojimo

EU	TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET	SECRET UE/EU SECRET	CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL	RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED
Luxembourg	Très Secret Lux	Secret Lux	Confidentiel Lux	Restreint Lux
Hungary	Szigorúan titkos!	Titkos!	Bizalmas!	Korlátozott terjesztésű!
Malta	L-Ogħla Segretezza Top Secret	Sigriet Secret	Kunfidenzjali Confidential	Ristrett Restricted ⁽⁴⁾
Netherlands	Stg. ZEER GEHEIM	Stg. GEHEIM	Stg. CONFIDENTIEEL	Dep. VERTROUWELIJK
Austria	Streng Geheim	Geheim	Vertraulich	Eingeschränkt
Poland	Ścisłe Tajne	Tajne	Poufne	Zastrzeżone
Portugal	Muito Secreto	Secreto	Confidencial	Reservado
Romania	Strict secret de importanță deosebită	Strict secret	Secret	Secret de serviciu
Slovenia	STROGO TAJNO	TAJNO	ZAUPNO	INTERNO
Slovakia	Prísne tajné	Tajné	Dôverné	Vyhradené

EU	TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET	SECRET UE/EU SECRET	CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL	RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED
Finland	ERITTÄIN SALAINEN YTTERST HEMLIG	SALAINEN HEMLIG	LUOTTAMUKSELLINEN KONFIDENTIELL	KÄYTTÖ RAJOITETTU BEGRÄNSAD TILLGÅNG
Sweden	Kvalificerat hemlig	Hemlig	Konfidentiell	Begränsat hemlig

- (1) 'Diffusion Restreinte/Beperkte Verspreiding' is not a security classification in Belgium. Belgium handles and protects 'RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED' information in a manner no less stringent than the standards and procedures described in the security rules of the Council of the European Union.
- (2) Germany: VS = Verschlusssache.
- (3a) Information generated by France before 1 July 2021 and classified 'TRÈS SECRET DÉFENSE', 'SECRET DÉFENSE' or 'CONFIDENTIEL DÉFENSE' continues to be handled and protected at the equivalent level of 'TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET', 'SECRET UE/EU SECRET' or 'CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL' respectively.
- (3b) France handles and protects 'CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL' information in accordance with the French security measures for protecting 'SECRET' information.
- (3c) France does not use the classification 'RESTREINT' in its national system. France handles and protects 'RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED' information in a manner no less stringent than the standards and procedures described in the security rules of the Council of the European Union.
- (4) The Maltese and English markings for Malta can be used interchangeably.

ANNEX 2

Appendix C

LIST OF NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITIES (NSAs)

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