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(Text with EEA relevance)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

This delegated act replaces Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications¹ with an updated version, following notifications from Member States, of the list of professional titles that qualify for automatic recognition in accordance with Title III, Chapter III of the Directive.

The Directive, which entered into force on 20 October 2005, provides that seven sectoral professions (architect, doctor of medicine, dental practitioner, midwife, nurse responsible for general care, pharmacist and veterinary surgeon) may qualify for automatic recognition of their qualification subject to it meeting the minimum training standards set out in Title III, Chapter III, Sections 2 to 8 of the Directive.

Article 21(7) of the Directive requires Member States to notify the Commission of legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions they adopt with regard to the issuing of evidence of formal qualifications benefiting from automatic recognition. These submissions are then evaluated against agreed minimum training standards. Holders of qualifications found to be in compliance then benefit from automatic recognition of their qualification in all Member States. Annex V lists the evidence of formal qualifications in question.

After the Directive entered into force, Member States notified the Commission of various changes to their respective evidences of formal qualification and the Commission published updates by way of 16 communications in the *Official Journal*².

Directive 2005/36/EC was amended by Directive 2013/55/EU, which entered into force on 17 January 2014³. Article 21a(3) of the amended Directive stipulates that the Internal Market Information System be used to notify new or amended evidence of formal qualifications. Article 21a(4) provides the legal basis for the use of delegated acts to update the relevant points of Annex V.

Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2016/790⁴ updated and consolidated Annex V for the first time. Following Member States' request that Annex V be updated on a regular basis, possibly once a year, with new and amended titles that they have notified, a new Delegated Decision is now needed. This Act consolidates all new and amended professional titles notified by Member States since December 2015.

¹ Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications (OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 22).

² OJ C 301, 17.10.2013, p. 1; OJ C 183, 28.6.2013, p. 4; OJ C 396, 21.12.2012, p. 1; OJ C 244, 14.8.2012, p. 1; OJ C 367, 16.12.2011, p. 5; OJ C 183, 24.6.2011, p. 1; OJ C 337, 14.12.2010, p. 10; OJ C 129, 19.5.2010, p. 3; OJ C 279, 19.11.2009, p. 1; OJ C 114, 19.5.2009, p. 1; OJ C 322, 17.12.2008, p. 3; OJ C 137, 4.6.2008, p. 8; OJ C 165/06, 19.7.2007, p. 13; OJ C 165/07 19.7.2007, p. 18; OJ C 148/1, 24.6.2006, p. 34; and OJ C 003/6, 6.1.2006, p. 12.

³ Directive 2013/55/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System ('the IMI Regulation') (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 132).

⁴ OJ L 134/135, 24.5.2016, p. 135.

The proposed changes to Annex V reflect programmes of which the Commission has been notified and which it has approved as meeting agreed harmonised standards. A different procedure applies in the case of architects, whereby the Member States are consulted on the inclusion of new titles or programmes.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

Member States' authorities were consulted on these amendments to Annex V and no objections have been raised.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The proposed measure is based on Article 21a(4) of Directive 2005/36/EC, as amended, which empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 57c of that Directive to amend points 5.1.1 to 5.1.4, 5.2.2, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.4.2, 5.5.2, 5.6.2 and 5.7.1 in Annex V, concerning the updating of the titles adopted by the Member States for evidence of formal qualifications and, where appropriate, the body which issues the evidence of formal qualifications, the certificate which accompanies it and the corresponding professional title.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications¹, and in particular Article 21a(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC contains lists of the evidence of formal qualifications of doctors of medicine, nurses responsible for general care, dental practitioners, veterinary surgeons, midwives, pharmacists and architects.
- (2) Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2016/790² updated Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC following notifications from Member States of amendments to their legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions on the issuing of evidence of the formal qualifications in question. Since the adoption of that Decision, several Member States have notified the Commission of further such amendments. The Commission considers that the amended provisions are in conformity with the conditions set out in Title III, Chapter III of the Directive. Annex V to the Directive should therefore be updated.
- (3) For reasons of clarity and legal certainty, all relevant points of Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC on the evidence of formal qualifications and the titles of training courses should be replaced.
- (4) Directive 2005/36/EC should therefore be amended accordingly,

¹ OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 22.

² Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2016/790 of 13 January 2016 amending Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the evidence of formal qualifications and the titles of training courses (OJ L 134, 24.5.2016, p. 135).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex V to Directive 2005/36/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11.9.2017

For the Commission
Elżbieta BIENKOWSKA
Member of the Commission

