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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

COUNCIL DECISION 2014/.../EU

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) The United Kingdom has notified the General Secretariat of the Council of changes to its security classifications.
- (3) It is, therefore, necessary to modify Decision 2013/488/EU accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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).

Article 1

Appendix B to Decision 2013/488/EU is replaced by the text appearing in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

"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 |

Czech Republic | 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 |

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 Défense | Secret Défense | Confidentiel Défense | nota ⁽³⁾ 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 | Visišškai slaptai | Slaptai | Konfidencialiai | Riboto naudojimo |

Luxembourg | Très Secret Lux | Secret Lux | Confidentiel Lux | Restreint Lux |

Hungary | Szigorúan titkos! | Titkos! | Bizalmas! | Korlátozott terjesztésű! |

Malta | L-Ogħla Segretezza | Sigriet | Kunfidenzjali | Ristrett |

Top Secret | Secret | Confidential | Restricted ⁽⁴⁾

Netherlands | Stg. ZEER GEHEIM | Stg. GEHEIM | Stg. CONFIDENTIEEL | Dep.
VERTROUWELIJK |

Austria | Streng Geheim | Geheim | Vertraulich | Eingeschränkt |

Poland | Ściśle 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 |

Finland | ERITTÄIN SALAINEN YTTTERST HEMLIG | SALAINEN HEMLIG |
LUOTTAMUKSELLINEN KONFIDENTIELL | KÄYTTÖ RAJOITETTU BEGRÄNSAD
TILLGÅNG |

Sweden ⁽⁵⁾ | HEMLIG/TOP SECRET HEMLIG AV SYNNERLIG BETYDELSE FÖR RIKETS
SÄKERHET | HEMLIG/SECRET HEMLIG | HEMLIG/CONFIDENTIAL HEMLIG |
HEMLIG/RESTRICTED HEMLIG |

United Kingdom | UK TOP SECRET| UK SECRET| nota ⁽⁶⁾ below| UK OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

- (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.
- (³) 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.
- (⁵) Sweden: the security classification markings in the top row are used by the defence authorities and the markings in the bottom row by other authorities.
- (⁶) The UK no longer uses the classification "UK CONFIDENTIAL" in its national system. The UK handles and protects "CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL" classified information in accordance with the protective security requirements for "UK SECRET".
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