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signed by Mr Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU, Director

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To: Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European  
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(Text with EEA relevance)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The basis for this delegated act is the empowerment granted to the Commission in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup>.

### **2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT**

The Commission carried out consultations, including at expert level, during the preparatory work for this delegated act. The parties consulted included the Directors of Macroeconomic Statistics, who discussed the draft delegated act at their meeting of 17-18 December 2014, and the European System Statistical Committee, who met on the 12 February 2015.

Both the European Parliament and the Council have been duly informed.

### **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The objective of this delegated act is, in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) No 549/2013, to introduce the necessary amendments to the methodology for the current European system of accounts (ESA 2010) by bringing the references made in Annex A to Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 to the classification of products by activity into line with the new classification introduced by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1209/2014<sup>2</sup>.

The delegated act has no implications for the EU budget.

It concerns a matter relating to the European Economic Area and its application should therefore extend to the European Economic Area.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the European Union (OJ L 174, 26.6.2013, p. 1).

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 1209/2014 of 29 October 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 451/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a new statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93 (OJ L 336, 22.11.2014, p. 1).

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(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the European System of national and regional accounts in the European Union<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 2(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The European system of accounts set up by Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 (ESA 2010) is a system of national and regional accounts designed to meet the requirements of the Unions economic, social and regional policy.
- (2) The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 451/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>4</sup>, which provides for a classification of products by activity (CPA), was adopted to reflect the Unions requirements in the area of statistics. It was replaced by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1209/2014<sup>5</sup>.
- (3) The references made to the classification of products by activity (CPA) in the European system of accounts (ESA 2010) should be in line with the new classification established by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1209/2014.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly.

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<sup>3</sup> OJ L 174, 26.6.2013, p. 1.

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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annex A to Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 shall be amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22.4.2015

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*Jean-Claude JUNCKER*