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From:	Ms Kristalina GEORGIEVA, Vice-president of the European Commission
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To:	Mr Pierre GRAMEGNA, President of the Council of the European Union
Subject:	Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 31/2015 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2015

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Delegations will find attached Commission document DEC 31/2015.

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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, 29/10/2015

GENERAL BUDGET - 2015  
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 02, 26

### TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 31/2015

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#### **FROM**

**CHAPTER - 0203** Internal market for goods and sectorial policies

ARTICLE - 02 03 03 European Chemicals Agency -- Chemicals legislation	Commitments	-7 800 000,00
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**CHAPTER - 2602** Multimedia production

ARTICLE - 26 02 01 Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts	Commitments	-1 000 000,00
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#### **TO**

**CHAPTER - 0202** Competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (Cosme)

ARTICLE - 02 02 02 Improving access to finance for small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the form of equity and debt	Commitments	8 800 000,00
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## **I. DECREASE**

### **I.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**02 03 03 - European Chemicals Agency -- Chemicals legislation**

#### **b) Figure at 16/10/2015**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	7 800 000,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	231 660,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	8 031 660,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>8 031 660,00</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>231 660,00</b>
<b>7 Proposed decrease</b>	<b>7 800 000,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	100,00 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 16/10/2015	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the transfer**

The income from fees collected by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has been higher than forecasted in 2015. This is mainly due to the continuation of new registrations in the two highest tonnage bands (over 1000 tonnes and 100-1000 tonnage band), even though the initial deadlines for these registrations were years 2010 and 2013. Furthermore, the number of submissions for the 2018 deadline has been higher than expected, and there is also healthy activity in terms of the registration of new (non-phase in) substances.

As a consequence, the Agency no longer needs to receive the subsidy foreseen for its REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) and CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging) activities in 2015, and so the corresponding amount (EUR 7.8 million) can be redeployed.

## **I.2**

### **a) Heading**

**26 02 01 - Procedures for awarding and advertising public supply, works and service contracts**

### **b) Figure at 16/10/2015**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	10 000 000,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	10 000 000,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	8 038 911,69
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>1 961 088,31</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>961 088,31</b>
<b>7 Proposed decrease</b>	<b>1 000 000,00</b>
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	10,00 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 16/10/2015	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

### **d) Detailed grounds for the transfer**

The surplus in commitment appropriations for the budget line 26 02 01 has arisen from two sources: production and IT projects.

With respect to production, the overall number of notices from the European institutions published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ) series S decreased by 6% compared to the forecasts.

While for IT, some development projects had to be postponed due to delays in the adoption of new tendering forms.

Therefore, an amount of EUR 1 million in commitment appropriations can be made available to cover additional budgetary needs in other areas.

## **II. INCREASE**

### **II.1**

#### **a) Heading**

**02 02 02 - Improving access to finance for small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the form of equity and debt**

#### **b) Figure at 16/10/2015**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	174 791 725,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	139 833,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	174 931 558,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	160 591 746,63
<b>5 Amount not used/available (3-4)</b>	<b>14 339 811,37</b>
<b>6 Requirements up to year-end</b>	<b>23 139 811,37</b>
<b>7 Proposed increase</b>	<b>8 800 000,00</b>
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	5,03 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a

#### **c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)**

	<b>Commitments</b>
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 16/10/2015	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a

#### **d) Detailed grounds for the transfer**

The market response has been very positive since the launch of the COSME financial instruments through open calls for expression of interest published in August 2014 by the European Investment Fund (EIF), the entity entrusted with their implementation.

Especially for the Loan Guarantee Facility (LGF) under COSME, the roll-out is extremely successful and market demand throughout Europe is very strong and has outstripped available budgetary resources. As of August 2015, the EIF had received 47 applications from financial institutions of 19 countries. The LGF targets the improvement of access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) who might otherwise not be able to obtain funding due to their perceived higher risk or a lack of sufficient collateral. With an average loan size under the LGF estimated at EUR 65 000, the additional EUR 8.8 million in commitment appropriations would allow the provision of finance to around 120 SMEs.