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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2022/625

of 13 April 2022

amending Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 215 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/627 of 13 April 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the joint proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 ⁽²⁾ gives effect to certain measures provided for by Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP ⁽³⁾, including the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain natural or legal persons, entities or bodies, or natural or legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them.
- (2) In view of the humanitarian crisis resulting from the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by armed forces of the Russian Federation, on 13 April 2022 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/627, amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP in order to include exceptions to the freezing of the assets of, and the restrictions on making funds and economic resources available to, designated persons, entities and bodies for certain clearly defined categories of bodies, persons, entities, organisations and agencies for exclusively humanitarian purposes in Ukraine.
- (3) Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Regulation (EU) No 269/2014, the following article is inserted:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 116, 13.4.2022.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 6).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 16).

'Article 2a

1. Article 2(2) shall not apply to funds or economic resources made available by organisations and agencies which are pillar-assed by the Union and with which the Union has signed a financial framework partnership agreement on the basis of which the organisations and agencies act as humanitarian partners of the Union, provided that the provision of such funds or economic resources is necessary for exclusively humanitarian purposes in Ukraine.
2. In cases not covered by paragraph 1 of this Article, and by way of derogation from Article 2, the competent authorities may grant specific or general authorisations, under such general or specific conditions as they deem appropriate, to release certain frozen funds or economic resources or to make available certain funds or economic resources, provided that the provision of such funds or economic resources is necessary for exclusively humanitarian purposes in Ukraine.
3. In the absence of a negative decision, a request for information or a notification for additional time from the competent authority within 5 working days of the date of receipt of a request for authorisation under paragraph 2, the authorisation shall be considered granted.
4. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under paragraphs 2 and 3 within 2 weeks of the authorisation.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 13 April 2022.

For the Council
The President
J.-Y. LE DRIAN
