

**COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1944**  
**of 13 October 2022**  
**amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 15 October 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 <sup>(1)</sup> concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons.
- (2) Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 applies until 16 October 2022. On the basis of a review of that Decision, the restrictive measures set out therein should be extended until 16 October 2023 and one entry on the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Articles 2 and 3, as set out in the Annex to that Decision, should be updated.
- (3) Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 8 is replaced by the following:

*'Article 8*

This Decision shall apply until 16 October 2023. This Decision shall be kept under constant review. It shall be renewed, or amended as appropriate, if the Council deems that its objectives have not been met.'

- (2) the Annex is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

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

Done at Luxembourg, 13 October 2022.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
P. BLAŽEK

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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 of 15 October 2018 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons (OJ L 259, 16.10.2018, p. 25).

## ANNEX

Entry No 12 on the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Articles 2 and 3, as set out in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544, under the heading 'A. Natural persons', is replaced by the following entry:

	Name	Identifying information	Grounds for designation	Date of listing
'12.	Sergei Ivanovich MENYAILO (Сергей Иванович МЕНЯЙЛО)	Gender: male; Date of birth: 22 August 1960; Place of birth: Alagir; Nationality: Russian; Title: Head of North Ossetia-Alania.	<p>Sergei Menyailo is the Head of North Ossetia-Alania. He was the Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the Siberian Federal District between 2016 and April 2021. In that capacity he was responsible for ensuring the implementation of the constitutional powers of the President including the implementation of domestic and foreign policy of the State. Sergei Menyailo was a member of the Security Council of the Russian Federation until August 2021.</p> <p>Alexei Navalny has been the target of systematic harassment and repression by State and judicial actors in the Russian Federation due to his prominent role in the political opposition.</p> <p>Alexei Navalny's activities were closely monitored by the authorities of the Russian Federation during his journey to Siberia in August 2020. On 20 August 2020, he was taken seriously ill and admitted to a hospital in Omsk, Russian Federation. On 22 August 2020, he was transported to a hospital in Berlin, Germany. A specialised laboratory in Germany subsequently found clear evidence, also corroborated by laboratories in France and Sweden, that Alexei Navalny had been poisoned with a toxic nerve agent of the Novichok group. This toxic agent is accessible only to State authorities in the Russian Federation. In those circumstances, it is reasonable to conclude that the poisoning of Alexei Navalny was only possible with the consent of the Presidential Executive Office.</p> <p>Given his senior leadership role as the former representative of that Office in the Siberian Federal District, Sergei Menyailo is therefore responsible for inducing and providing support to the persons who carried out or were involved in the poisoning of Alexei Navalny with the Novichok nerve agent, which constitutes a use of chemical weapons under the Chemical Weapons Convention.</p>	15.10.2020'.