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ANNEX 1

ANNEX

to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

amending the Commission implementing decision $C(2023)\ 1119$ as regards the implementation of actions under the Single Market Programme

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ANNEX I

AMENDMENT OF THE ACTIONS UNDER THE ACTIVITY 'INTERNAL MARKET, STANDARDISATION, CONSUMERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES END-USERS'

Annex I is amended as follows:

- (a) In subsection 2.1.3.1. 'Administrative arrangements with the JRC', the amount 'EUR 6 217 000' is replaced by 'EUR 4 882 000'
- (b) In subsection 2.1.4.1. 'GHS hazard classes'
 - i. In the type of applicants targeted, the text:

'Grant to OECD to start working on the amendment of the UN GHS hazard classes (in cooperation with ENV)'

is replaced by:

'Contribution agreement to OECD on amending UN GHS hazard classes in the Purple Book (in cooperation with ENV)'

ii. In the description, the text:

'The OECD – duly mandated by the UN ECOSOC Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals – will coordinate the work necessary to amend the UN GHS hazard classes that the European Commission will propose by end of 2022 for a review during the biennium 2023-2024.

The OECD would be the secretariat of this work. This entails the organisation of regular meetings, support in the drafting of documents and coordination in the negotiations with the support of a lead country or organisation (which is expected to be the Commission in this case).

Different OECD informal working groups developing the criteria would designate their chair. For ad hoc expert group meetings, in principle the OECD Secretariat is meant to chair.

Other activities include organisation of on-line and in-person events related to the work on amending the UN GHS hazard classes. These events would be co-organised with the Commission (DG GROW with the support of DG ENV) as part of the dissemination necessary to create consensum on the European Union position on the topic.

These activities are undertaken in cooperation with DG ENV that will also provide a contribution to the OECD to cover this activities. However, the provided contribution can only cover half of 2023 work, while DG GROW financial contribution would cover the OECD activities for the second semester of 2023.'

is replaced by the following:

'The OECD – duly mandated by the UN ECOSOC Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals – will coordinate the work necessary to amend the UN GHS hazard classes based on the proposal by the EU delegation adopted in December 2022 (see UN/SCEGHS/43/INF.39 and ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2022/18).

The OECD would be the secretariat of this work. This entails the organisation of regular meetings, support in the drafting of documents and coordination in the negotiations with the support of a lead country or organisation (which is expected to be the EU delegation led by the European Commission). The aim is to develop science and criteria on potential new hazard classes proposed by the EU delegation and their representation in the GHS.

Different OECD informal working would designate their chair. For ad hoc expert group meetings, in principle the OECD Secretariat is meant to chair, unless another organisation or country is appointed to chair such meetings.

Other activities include organisation of on-line and in-person events related to the work on amending the UN GHS hazard classes. These events would be co-organised with the Commission (DG GROW with the support of DG ENV) as part of the dissemination necessary to create consensum on the European Union position on the topic.

The OECD Secretariat will report back about the progress of the work to the European Commission and to the UN GHS Sub-Committee at least before each UN GHS Sub-Committee session.

These activities are undertaken in cooperation with DG ENV that will also provide a contribution to the OECD to cover this activities. The provided contribution will cover the OECD activities for the second semester of 2023 and eventually 2024; depending on the development of a mandate to the OECD by the UN GHS Sub-Committee.'

(c) In subsection 2.1.4.2.:

- i. The title is replaced by 'EIB's investment survey: industrial ecosystems module and supply chains survey'
- ii. The amount 'EUR 300 000' is replaced by 'EUR 380 000'
- iii. In 'Type of applicants targeted', the text: 'Contribution to the EIB to finance the extension of two of its surveys to include an additional module covering DG GROW's ecosystem-related needs' is replaced by the following: 'Contribution to the EIB to finance the extension of its reputed EIBIS investment survey to include an additional module covering DG GROW's classification of industrial ecosystems and the setting up of a new standalone supply chains survey'
- iv. In 'description of the activities', the text:

'A contribution to the EIB to finance the extension of two of its surveys to include an additional module covering DG GROW's ecosystem-related needs. The EIB will deliver the product to GROW.

In particular, the EIB will incorporate the ecosystem-related module into its firm-level Investment Survey and its Local Municipalities Survey. This will imply: i) including in the survey questions close to DG GROW's portfolio; ii) reporting results using the ecosystem metric; iii) enlarging the survey size to make it representative for each single EU Member State.

With its focus on firms and on local entities' investment needs, the surveys will help addressing one of the challenges DG GROW faces, namely better incorporating economic actors into the ecosystem lenses and better capturing their investment needs.

The EIB has been running the surveys for many years. They are well-established, state of the art surveys and DG GROW would use its existing survey infrastructure and would benefit from its expertise and knowledge in setting up and running large surveys'

is replaced by:

'A contribution to the EIB to finance the extension of the EIBIS survey to include an additional module covering DG GROW's industrial ecosystem-related needs and the launch and implementation of a new and EU-wide survey of firms to assess the impact of supply chain disruptions using the EIBIS survey infrastructure as an umbrella. The EIB will deliver the product to GROW, including access to the underpinning data.

In particular, the EIB will incorporate the ecosystems lens into its firm-level EIBIS Survey. This will imply: i) including in the survey questions relevant for DG GROW's portfolio; ii) reporting results using the ecosystem aggregation; iii) enlarging the survey size to make it representative for each single EU Member State. In parallel, the EIB will run for the first time a representative survey on firms' supply chains in 2023 (the first report to be delivered in 2024).

The EIB has been running the EIBIS survey for many years. It is a well-established, state of the art survey and DG GROW would use this existing survey infrastructure to benefit from the EIB's expertise and knowledge in setting up and running large EU-wide surveys.'

(d) A new subsection 2.1.4.3. is inserted: 'Valuation of health and environmental endpoints in the context of chemicals exposure':

Amount

EUR 125 000

Type of applicants targeted

Contribution agreement to the OECD (via DG ENV) for the their work on valuation of human health and environmental endpoints to be used in the context of the REACH Regulation.

Description of the activities

The project aims to improve the availability of quantified and monetised values for human health and environmental endpoints. This will contribute to the assessment of the impacts stemming from the REACH Regulation and more broadly to an evidence-based chemicals risk management, in line with the Commission Better Regulation guidelines. The project consists of two main actions. The first concerns the continuation

of surveys to establish reliable willingness-to pay values to avoid a number of adverse health effects related to the exposure to chemicals. The second builds new survey instruments to estimate monetary values for the social benefits of environmental improvements from chemical management and regulatory decisions.

Implementation

Via co-delegation to another Directorate General, in particular DG ENV.

(e) In Section 2.4., 'Budget line 03.020104 – Company law'

Section '2.4. Budget line 03.020104 Company law' is amended as follows:

- i. subsection '2.4.2. Actions in indirect management' is deleted
- ii. subsection '2.4.3. *Other actions or expenditure*' is renumbered to become subsection '2.4.2 *Other actions or expenditure*' and to read as

2.4.2. Other actions or expenditure

The global budgetary envelope reserved for administrative arrangements and other expenditure under this work programme under this budget line is EUR 290 382.

2.4.2.1 Contributions paid by the Union as subscriptions to bodies of which it is a member.

Amount

EUR 175 000

Description

Contributions paid by the Union as subscriptions to bodies of which it is a member and on which the Commission is represented by DG FISMA such as:

- The Union's subscription to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) which is an intergovernmental body defining international standards on anti-money laundering, countering terrorism financing and countering proliferation financing (the Commission is a founding member of FATF since 1989).
- A subscription to the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL), in which the Commission may participate as a member.

2.4.2.2 Administrative Arrangement with JRC

Amount

EUR 115 382

Description

An administrative agreement with JRC for the provision of specialist technical assitance in the field of Anti-Money Laundering.

- (f) In Section 2.7., 'Budget line 03.020107 Market Surveillance'
 - i. The first indent 'for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.7.1): EUR 3 000 000' is replaced by the following: 'for grants (implemented under direct management) (2.7.1): EUR 3 000 000.'
 - ii. The second indent 'for procurements (implemented inder direct management) (1.7.2.): EUR 10 603 528' is replaced by the following: 'for procurements (implemented inder direct management) (2.7.2.) EUR 9 268 528.'
 - iii. The third indent 'for other actions, in particular administrative arrangements (2.1.2): 1 310 000' is replaced by the following: 'for administrative arrangements and other expenditure (2.7.3.): EUR 2 665 000.'
- (g) In subsection 2.7.3.1. 'Administrative arrangement with JRC',
 - i. The amount 'EUR 750 000' is replaced by the following: 'EUR 2 085 000';
 - ii. in the description, the text: 'DG GROW and JRC need to cooperate for several actions in accordance with Articles 21, 42 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020. This administrative arrangement will fund JRC technical support to product market surveillance activities, including EU testing capacity, market surveillance indicators and peer reviews.' is replaced by the following:
 - 'DG GROW and JRC need to cooperate for several actions in accordance with Articles 21, 42 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 as well as Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2018/858. This administrative arrangement will fund JRC technical support to product market surveillance activities, including EU testing capacity, inspections, market surveillance indicators and peer reviews.'
- (h) Section '3.1. Budget line 03.020301 European Standardisation' is amended as follows:
 - In subsection '3.1.1.2 Support to organisations representing small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) and societal stakeholders in standardisation activities', under the 'description of the type of applicants targeted by the direct award':
 - i. the second paragraph 'The European Environmental Organisation for Standardisation (ECOS) representing environmental interests in European standardisation activities' is replaced by the following text: '2. The Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS) representing environmental interests in European standardisation activities.'
 - ii. the last paragraph 'The European organisation(s) representing SMEs in European standardisation activities which will be selected following a call for proposals for European stakeholder organisations meeting the criteria set out in Article 1 of the Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 to carry out the activities referred to

in Article 16' is replaced by the following text: '4. The Small Business Standards (SBS) representing SMEs in European standardisation activities.'

In subsection '3.1.1.2 Support to organisations representing small and middle-sized enterprises (SMEs) and societal stakeholders in standardisation activities', under the 'description of the type of applicants targeted by the direct award':

- i. the third paragraph 'Operating grant to the European Environmental Organisation for Standardisation (ECOS) representing environmental interests in European standardisation activities under framework partnership agreements to carry out the activities referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012.' is replaced by the following text: 'Operating grant to the Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS) representing environmental interests in European standardisation activities under framework partnership agreements to carry out the activities referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012. The Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS)';
- ii. the fourth paragraph 'Action grants to the European Environmental Organisation for Standardisation (ECOS) representing environmental interests in European standardisation activities under framework partnership agreements to carry out the activities referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012.' is replaced by the following text: 'Action grants to the Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS) representing environmental interests in European standardisation activities under framework partnership agreements to carry out the activities referred to in Article 16 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012.';
- iii. the sixth paragraph 'Operating grant to the European organisation(s) representing SMEs in European standardisation activities which will be selected following a call for proposals for a European stakeholder organisations meeting the criteria set out in Article 1 of Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 and after framework partnership agreement to carry out the activities referred to in Article 16.' is replaced by the following text: 'Operating grant to the Small Business Standards (SBS) under framework partnership agreement to carry out the activities referred to in Article 16.';
- iv. the last paragraph 'Action grants to the European organisation(s) representing SMEs in European standardisation activities which will be selected following a call for proposals for a European stakeholder organisations meeting the criteria set out in Article 1 of Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 and after framework partnership agreement to carry out the activities referred to in Article 16' is replaced by the following text: 'Action grants to the Small Business Standards (SBS) under framework partnership agreement to carry out the activities referred to in Article 16.';
- v. After the last paragraph the following paragraph is inserted: 'Action grants to the Small Business Standards (SBS) representing SMEs in European standardisation activities and after framework partnership agreement to carry out the activities referred to in points (c) and (g) of paragraph 1 of Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, in cooperation with the European standardisation organisations.'