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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 8.12.2022

**laying down additional technical specifications for the EU Emergency Travel Document
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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive (EU) 2019/997 of 18 June 2019 establishing an EU Emergency Travel Document and repealing Decision 96/409/CFSP², and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive (EU) 2019/997 lays down rules on the conditions and procedure for unrepresented citizens in third countries to obtain an EU Emergency Travel Document ('EU ETD') and establishes a uniform format for the document, consisting of a uniform EU ETD form and a uniform EU ETD sticker.
- (2) The Annexes to Directive (EU) 2019/997 set out specifications to which the uniform EU ETD form and sticker are to conform. It is now necessary to establish additional technical specifications concerning the design, format and colours of the uniform EU ETD form and sticker, the requirements for the material and printing techniques of the uniform EU ETD form, and security features and requirements including enhanced anti-forgery, counterfeiting and falsification standards.
- (3) To prevent counterfeiting and falsification, and in view of the particular nature of the additional technical specifications set out in Part II of the Annex to this Decision, they are to be kept secret and not to be published.
- (4) To ensure the availability of reference documents, Member States should provide each other and the Commission specimens of their EU ETD and hold specimens of subsequent print runs.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 6 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95³,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The additional technical specifications regarding the pre-requisites, instructions and standards for the production of EU Emergency Travel Documents ('EU ETD') shall be as set out in Part I of the Annex.

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² OJ L 163, 20.6.2019, p. 1.

³ Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 of 29 May 1995 laying down a uniform format for visas (OJ L 164 14.7.1995, p. 1).

The additional technical specifications regarding the design, format and colours of the uniform EU ETD form and sticker, the requirements for the material and printing techniques of the uniform EU ETD form, and security features and requirements including enhanced anti-forgery, counterfeiting and falsification standards shall be as set out in Part II of the Annex. Part II of the Annex shall be classified SECRET UE/EU SECRET.

Article 2

Each Member State shall send the Commission and the other Member States a reference specimen of its EU ETD. Each Member State shall also keep specimens of subsequent print runs and shall hold them at the disposal of the Commission and the other Member States.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8.12.2022

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

