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**COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../...**

**of 9.11.2018**

**on the adaptation of Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network**

(Text with EEA relevance)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU (hereinafter "the Regulation") contains indicative TEN-T maps for certain neighbouring countries with which the Union has a close cooperation on transport issues:

The Regulation provides for the possibility to adopt delegated acts to adapt those indicative maps based on high-level agreements on transport infrastructure networks between the Union and the neighbouring countries concerned (Article 49(6)).

Such high-level agreements between the Union and Eastern Partnership countries (Republic of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) have been signed on 24 November 2017. The high-level agreement between the Union and Georgia has been signed on 18 July 2018.

These high level agreements are the result of a process conducted with the Eastern Partnership countries and concern the revision of the indicative extension of the comprehensive TEN-T maps, as well as the identification of the core network connections on the comprehensive network maps thus adapted. The objective is to allow the Union to better target its cooperation with the Eastern Partnership countries.

### **2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT**

The Commission has consulted experts of Member States' competent authorities, in the presence of experts of the European Parliament, on 9 December 2015, 16 March, 28 September, 7 December 2016. Another meeting is scheduled on 27 September 2018 prior to the adoption of the present Delegated Regulation.

### **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The delegated act adapts the indicative maps of third countries in the Annex III of the Regulation, as latest amended.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 49(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 provides for the possibility to adapt the indicative maps of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) which has been extended to specific neighbouring countries, based on high-level agreements on transport infrastructure networks between the Union and the neighbouring countries concerned.
- (2) High-level agreements on the adaptation of the indicative extension of the comprehensive TEN-T maps and on the identification of the core network connections on the comprehensive network maps were signed between the Union and Eastern Partnership countries (Republic of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) on 24 November 2017. The high-level agreement between the Union and Georgia was signed on 18 July 2018. The agreements concern the lines of the railway and road networks, as well as ports and airports. The adaptation of the indicative comprehensive network maps and, in particular, the identification of the indicative core network should allow the Union to better target its cooperation with the Eastern Partnership countries concerned.
- (3) Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

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

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9.11.2018

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*Jean-Claude JUNCKER*