Council Regulation 2022/350 gives effect to the measures set out in Council Decision 2022/351 and suspends the broadcasting activities of various media outlets in the Union, or directed at the Union, namely RT- Russia Today English, RT- Russia Today UK, RT - Russia Today Germany, RT - Russia Today France, RT - Russia Today Spanish and Sputnik until 31 July 2022. The suspension should be maintained until the aggression against Ukraine is brought to an end and until the Russian Federation and its associated outlets cease conducting disinformation and information manipulation actions against the EU and its Member States. The rationale behind these legal acts is the fact that those outlets are under the permanent direct or indirect control of the leadership of the Russian Federation and are essential to and instrumental in promoting and supporting the military aggression against Ukraine and to destabilising its neighbouring countries.

As set out in Recital 10 of the Decision and of the Regulation, the restrictive measures are consistent with the fundamental rights and freedoms recognised in the Charter of Fundamental Rights, in particular with the right to freedom of expression and information as recognised in Article 11 of the Charter.

Recital 11 of the Decision and of the Regulation underlines the fact that the measures do not modify the obligation to respect the rights, freedoms and principles referred to in Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union, including in the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and in Member States' constitutions, within their respective fields of application.