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Commission takes action to ensure complete and timely transposition of EU directives

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The European Commission is taking action against several EU Member States that have failed to notify the Commission of measures they have adopted to transpose EU Directives into their national laws. The deadline to transpose these Directives has expired recently. The Commission is sending a letter of formal notice to these Member States, giving them two months to reply and complete the transposition of the Directives. If they fail to do so, the Commission may issue a stronger warning, known as a reasoned opinion. The Member States in question have failed to fully transpose one EU directive related to defence, energy, transport, justice and health. The Commission is urging them to take immediate action to bring their laws in line with EU requirements.

Commission calls on Member State to fully transpose the Directive revising the list of defence-related products in line with the updated Common Military List

The European Commission decided to open infringement procedures by sending a letter of formal notice to Denmark for failing to transpose into its national legislation the Directive (EU) 2025/290 amending Directive 2009/43/EC as regards the updating of the list of defence-related products in line with the updated the Common Military List of the European Union. The Transfers Directive (Directive 2009/43/EC) relates to the terms and conditions for the transfer of defence-related products in the European Union and aims at simplifying the terms and conditions for transfers of defence-related products between European countries and ensure the proper functioning of the internal market. The Annex of the Transfers Directive defines the scope of products for which the Transfers Directive applies and mirrors the Common Military List of the European Union, which is regularly updated by the Council. The Council updated the Common Military List on 19 February 2024 and subsequently the Commission also updated the Common Military List, through Directive 2025/290. Member States had until 31 May 2025 to transpose Directive (EU) 2025/290. Denmark has not notified any transposition measures by the set deadline. The Commission is therefore sending letter of formal notice to the concerned Member State, which now has two months to respond, complete the transposition and notify the transposition measures to the Commission. In the absence of a satisfactory response, the Commission may decide to issue a reasoned opinion.

Commission calls on Member States to transpose the reinforced rules to promote renewable energy

The European Commission decided to open infringement procedures by sending letters of formal notice to 26 Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden) for failing to communicate to the European Commission the full transposition of the provisions of the amending Directive (EU) 2023/2413 into national law. The Directive was adopted in 2023. Member States had to notify the transposition of the Directive by 21 May 2025, except for some provisions related to permitting, which were already due by 1 July 2024. The new rules aim to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy in all sectors of the economy, not only in the power sector, but also and especially in those sectors where progress is more difficult like heating and cooling, buildings, transport and industry, where we have also set new or strengthened targets. They set important horizontal and cross-cutting measures to promote the deployment of renewables, such as the strengthening of guarantees of origin, facilitating energy system integration through the promotion of electrification and renewable hydrogen, and safeguards to ensure a more sustainable bioenergy production. The implementation of the legislation is instrumental to accelerate the roll-out of homegrown clean energy, to further reduce GHG emissions in the energy sector - which currently contributes over 75% of total GHG emissions in the Union-, and to strengthen energy security. It will

also contribute to lowering energy prices and enhancing the competitiveness of the EU economy. To date, only Denmark notified full transposition of the Directive by the legal deadline. The Commission is therefore sending letters of formal notice to 26 Member States. They now have two months to respond, complete their transposition and notify their measures to the Commission. In the absence of a satisfactory response, the Commission may decide to issue a reasoned opinion.

Commission calls on Member States to fully transpose the Directive criminalising the violation of Union restrictive measures

The European Commission decided to open infringement procedures by sending a letter of formal notice to 18 Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Hungary, Malta, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Slovenia) for failing to notify measures fully transposing the Directive on the criminalisation of the violation of Union restrictive measures (Directive (EU) 2024/1226). The Directive establishes common rules harmonising the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures. It seeks to prevent the circumvention of EU sanctions, including those adopted following the Russian aggression against Ukraine. Harmonising national criminal law in this field will facilitate the investigation and prosecution of violations of EU sanctions in all Member States, making EU restrictive measures more effective. Member States had until 20 May 2025 to transpose the Directive into their national law. To date, 18 Member States failed to communicate full transposition of the Directives to the Commission. The Commission is therefore sending letters of formal notice to the Member States concerned, which now have two months to respond, complete their transposition and notify their measures to the Commission. In the absence of a satisfactory response, the Commission may decide to issue a reasoned opinion.

Commission urges Member States to provide full notification of the measures updating rules on transporting dangerous goods by road, rail, and inland waterways

The European Commission decided to open infringement procedures by sending a letter of formal notice to 9 Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechia, Finland, Malta, Poland, Portugal, and Slovenia) for failing to fully communicate measures transposing Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2025/149 to update their legislation on the inland transport of dangerous goods. The EU has updated its rules for the safe transportation of dangerous goods by land, aligning them with the latest international standards and scientific research. This new Directive applies to all domestic and international transport operations within the EU and aims to ensure a consistent and high level of safety. The Directive modernizes EU regulations for the inland transportation of dangerous goods, covering both international and domestic operations within the EU, to reflect the latest scientific and technical advancements. By aligning EU laws with recent updates to international agreements and regulations, the Directive ensures a harmonized framework for the safe transport of hazardous materials. With a transposition deadline of 30 June 2025, Member States were required to incorporate the Directive's provisions into their national legislation. The Commission is therefore sending letters of formal notice to these 9 Member States, which now have two months to respond and complete their transposition. In the absence of a satisfactory response, the Commission may decide to issue a reasoned opinion.

Commission calls on Member States to fully transpose the Directive as regards the protocols for the examination of certain varieties of agricultural plant species and vegetable species

The European Commission decided to open infringement procedures by sending a letter of formal notice to Cyprus, Denmark, Portugal and Slovakia for failing to fully transpose Commission Directive (EU) 2024/2963. Member States had to transpose this Directive into national law by 31 May 2025. The Directive aims to harmonise the procedures for the acceptance of new varieties of agricultural plant species and of vegetable species with the protocols established by the Community Plant Variety Office ('CPVO'). Full implementation of the legislation is key to continuing harmonisation between all Member States in the area of seed marketing. The Commission is therefore sending letters of formal notice to the four Member States, which now have two months to respond, to complete their transposition and to notify their measures to the Commission. In the absence of a satisfactory response, the Commission may decide to issue a reasoned opinion.

Commission calls on Member States to fully transpose the Directive as regards the listing of pests of plants on seeds and other plant reproductive material

The European Commission decided to open infringement procedures by sending a letter of formal notice to Cyprus, the Netherlands, Portugal and Slovakia for failing to fully transpose Commission

<u>Directive (EU) 2024/3010</u>. Member States had to transpose this Directive into national law by 31 May 2025. The Directive aims to align the requirements in the Union legislation concerning the marketing of seeds and other propagating and planting material with the requirements under the Union legislation on plant health. Full implementation of the legislation is key to continuing harmonisation between all Member States in the area of plant health. The Commission is therefore sending letters of formal notice to the four Member States, which now have two months to respond, to complete their transposition and to notify their measures to the Commission. In the absence of a satisfactory response, the Commission may decide to issue a reasoned opinion.

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