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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 2019/517 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 on the implementation and functioning of the .eu top-level domain name and amending and repealing Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 874/2004, and in particular Article 6 (4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/517, Member States may notify to the Commission a list of domain names which are not to be registered pursuant to their national law ('blocked names'), or which may be registered or reserved only at the second-level by the Member States ('reserved names').
- (2) Since Regulation (EU) 2019/517 applies throughout the European Economic Area, undertakings having their registered office, central administration or principal place of business in Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein, organisations established in Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein and residents in Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein are allowed to register names under the .eu top-level domain (TLD). Accordingly, the lists of names that can be reserved or blocked by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway respectively should be added to the lists by the Member States.
- (3) The Commission has received lists of reserved and blocked names from the Member States and the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement through the Communication Committee established by Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹.
- (4) Those lists should now be adopted.
- (5) To ensure continuity with the previous legal framework² and with a view to preventing abusive and speculative registrations, the ISO alpha-2 codes, which are two-letter

¹ Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the European Electronic Communications Code ([OJ L 321, 17.12.2018, p. 36](#)).

² Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 April 2002 on the implementation of the .eu Top Level Domain ([OJ L 113, 30.4.2002, p. 1](#)), recitals 14 and 19 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 874/2004 laying down public policy rules concerning the implementation and functions of the .eu Top Level Domain and the principles governing registration ([OJ L 162, 30.4.2004, p. 40](#)), article 8.

codes that are internationally recognized to designate countries and territories, should not be used to register domain names directly under the .eu top level domain.

- (6) The Commission has consulted the European Registry for Internet domains, designated as the .eu TLD Registry by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1878³, to perform technical checks as regards the operability and format rules that need to be respected and made the required corrections to the lists.
- (7) The previous lists of reserved names are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 874/2004⁴, as amended in 2005⁵, 2009⁶ and 2015⁷ and will no longer apply with effect from 13 October 2022. This Regulation should therefore apply from that date.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Communications Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The names listed in section A of the Annex shall only be registered or reserved as second level domain names directly under the .eu top level domain by the Member States and the Contracting Parties to the EEA Agreement indicated in the list.
2. The names listed in part B of the Annex shall not be registered.

Article 2

Alpha-2 codes representing countries and territories shall not be used to register domain names directly under the .eu top level domain.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 13 October 2022.

³ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1878 of 25 October 2021 on the designation of the .eu top-level domain Registry in the Official Journal ([OJ L 378, 26.10.2021, p. 22](#)).

⁴ Commission Regulation (EC) No 874/2004 laying down public policy rules concerning the implementation and functions of the .eu Top Level Domain and the principles governing registration ([OJ L 162, 30.4.2004, p. 40](#))

⁵ Commission Regulation (EC) No 1654/2005 of 10 October 2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 874/2004 laying down public policy rules concerning the implementation and functions of the .eu Top Level Domain and the principles governing registration ([OJ L 266, 11.10.2005, p.35](#)).

⁶ Commission Regulation (EC) No 560/2009 of 26 June 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 874/2004 laying down public policy rules concerning the implementation and functions of the .eu Top Level Domain and the principles governing registration ([OJ L 166, 27.6.2009, p.3](#)).

⁷ Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/516 of 26 March 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 874/2004 laying down public policy rules concerning the implementation and functions of the .eu Top Level Domain and the principles governing Registration ([OJ L 82, 27.3.2015, p.14](#)).

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

Done at Brussels, 4.10.2022

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN