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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/1804

of 16 July 2026

amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

(1) On 31 July 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/512/CFSP [1].

(2) The Union remains unwavering in its support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

(3) In its Resolution ES-11/7, adopted on 24 February 2025, the United Nations General Assembly recalled the need for full implementation of its relevant resolutions adopted in response to the aggression against Ukraine, in particular its demand that the Russian Federation immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw all of its military forces from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders, and its demand for an immediate cessation of the hostilities by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, in particular of any attacks against civilians and civilian objects.

(4) As long as the illegal actions by the Russian Federation continue to violate fundamental rules of international law, including, in particular, the prohibition on the use of force enshrined in Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations, or of international humanitarian law, it is appropriate to maintain in force all the measures imposed by the Union and to take additional measures, if necessary.

(5) It is appropriate to postpone the date of application of the mechanism for amending the crude oil price cap. Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/1495 [2] established a procedure for adjusting that price cap by reference to the average market price of Russian crude oil. That postponement is intended to provide the Council with additional time to examine and adopt any amendment that might be necessary in light of market developments, thereby ensuring an orderly and well-considered decision-making process.

(6) Further action by the Union is needed in order to implement certain measures.

(7) Decision 2014/512/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 4p of Decision 2014/512/CFSP, the following paragraph is added:

'13. The application of the procedure to amend the price cap set out in paragraph 12 of this Article, including the calculation of the average market price of Russian crude oil over a period of 22 weeks, the publication of a notice of that average market price and the amendment of Annex XXVIII to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, shall be postponed so that the publication by the Commission of a notice of that average market price referring to the period of 22 weeks from 15 January to 17 June 2026 shall take place on 23 July 2026 and the amendment of Annex XXVIII to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 shall apply from 15 August 2026. The current price cap shall continue to apply until the date of application of the new price cap.'.

[1] Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 13, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2014/512/oj).

[2] Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/1495 of 18 July 2025 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L, 2025/1495, 19.7.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/1495/oj).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 16 July 2026.

For the Council

The President

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