COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/814

of 20 May 2021

amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/915 on Union outreach activities in support of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 28(1) and 31(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 29 May 2017, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/915 ([1]).

(2) On 30 July 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1134 ([2]), amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/915 and extending the implementation period for the activities referred to in Article 1 thereof until 30 June 2021.

(3) On 31 March 2021, the Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle, and on 6 April 2021, Expertise France, in their respective capacities as Implementing Agencies, requested the authorisation of the Union to extend for a second time the implementation of Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/915, until 31 January 2022, due to continuing challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

(4) The continuation of the activities referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2017/915 does not have any implication as regards financial resources until 31 January 2022,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 5 of Decision (CFSP) 2017/915 is hereby replaced by the following:

'*Article 5*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

It shall expire on 31 January 2022.'.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 20 May 2021.

For the Council
The President
A. SANTOS SILVA

([1]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/915 of 29 May 2017 on Union outreach activities in support of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (OJ L 139, 30.5.2017, p. 38).

([2]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1134 of 30 July 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/915 on Union outreach activities in support of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (OJ L 247, 31.7.2020, p. 24).