



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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REV 1**

CAB 4

LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject : Council Decision amending Decision 2001/264/EC adopting the Council's
security regulations

COUNCIL DECISION 2004/.../EC

of

amending Decision 2001/264/EC
adopting the Council's security regulations

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and in particular Article 207(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2002/682/EC, Euratom of 22 July 2002 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure ¹, and in particular Article 24 thereof,

¹ OJ L 230, 28.8.2002, p. 7.

Whereas:

- (1) Appendices 1 and 2 to the Security Regulations of the Council of the European Union annexed to Decision 2001/264/EC ¹ respectively contain a list of National Security Authorities (NSA) and a table of comparison including national security classifications.
- (2) On the 16 April 2003, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic, signed the Treaty concerning their accession to the European Union ².
- (3) According to Article 2(2) of Decision 2001/264/EC, those States have to take appropriate measures to ensure that, when EU classified information is handled, the Council's security regulations are respected.
- (4) In order to take into account those States in the abovementioned appendices, it is therefore necessary, from a technical point of view, to amend Decision 2001/264/EC.
- (5) Appendix 2 to Decision 2001/264/EC indicates that correspondance with NATO classification levels will be established when the Security Agreement between the European Union and NATO is negotiated.

¹ OJ L 101, 11.4.2001, p. 1.

² OJ L 236, 23.9.2003, p. 17.

- (6) An Agreement ¹ on the Security of Information was signed between the European Union and NATO on 14 March 2003.
- (7) It is therefore also necessary to introduce correspondance with NATO classification levels in Appendix 2 of the abovementioned decision,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Decision 2001/264/EC is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) Appendix 1 shall be replaced by the document appearing in Annex I to this Decision;
- (b) Appendix 2 shall be replaced by the document appearing in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

1. This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication.
2. It shall apply only subject to and on the date of the entry into force of the 2003 Treaty of Accession, signed in Athens on 16 April 2003.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

¹ OJ L 80, 27.3.2003, p. 36.

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Comparison of security classifications

EU classification	Très Secret UE/ EU Top Secret	Secret UE	Confidentiel UE	Restreint UE
Belgium	Très Secret Zeer Geheim	Secret Geheim	Confidentiel Vertrouwelijk	Diffusion restreinte Beperkte Verspreiding
Czech Republic	Přísně tajné	Tajné	Důvěrné	Vyhrazené
Denmark	Yderst hemmeligt	Hemmeligt	Fortroligt	Til tjenestebrug
Germany	Streng geheim	Geheim	VS ⁽²⁾ – Vertraulich	VS – Nur für den Dienstgebrauch
Estonia	Täiesti salajane	Salajane	Konfidentsiaalne	Piiratud
Greece	Άκρως Απόρρητο Abr: ΑΑΠ	Απόρρητο Abr: (ΑΠ)	Εμπιστευτικό Abr: (ΕΜ)	Περιορισμένης Χρήσης Abr: (ΠΧ)
Spain	Secreto	Reservado	Confidencial	Difusión Limitada
France	Très Secret Défense ⁽¹⁾	Secret Défense	Confidentiel Défense	Diffusion restreinte
Ireland	Top Secret	Secret	Confidential	Restricted
Italy	Segretissimo	Segreto	Riservatissimo	Riservato
Cyprus	Άκρως Απόρρητο	Απόρρητο	Εμπιστευτικό	Περιορισμένης Χρήσης
Latvia	Sevišķi slepeni	Slepeni	Konfidenciāli	Dienesta vajadzībām
Lithuania	Visiškai slaptai	Slaptai	Konfidencialiai	Riboto naudojimo
Luxembourg	Très Secret	Secret	Confidentiel	Diffusion restreinte
Hungary	Szigorúan titkos !	Titkos !	Bizalmas !	Korlátozott terjesztésű !

EU classification	Très Secret UE/ EU Top Secret	Secret UE	Confidentiel UE	Restreint UE
Malta	L-Ghola Segretezza	Sigriet	Kunfidenzjali	Ristrett
Netherlands	STG Zeer Geheim	STG Geheim	STG Confidentieel	---
Austria	Streng Geheim	Geheim	Vertraulich	Eingeschränkt
Poland	Ścisłe Tajne	Tajne	Poufne	Zastrzeżone
Portugal	Muito Secreto	Secreto	Confidencial	Reservado
Slovenia	Strogo tajno	Tajno	Zaupno	SVN Interno
Slovakia	Prísne tajné	Tajné	Dôverné	Vyhradené
Finland	Erittäin salainen	Erittäin salainen	Salainen	Luottamuksellinen
Sweden	Kvalificerat hemlig	Hemlig	Hemlig	Hemlig
United Kingdom	Top Secret	Secret	Confidential	Restricted
NATO Classification	Cosmic Top Secret	NATO Secret	NATO Confidential	NATO Restricted
WEU Classification	Focal Top Secret	WEU Secret	WEU Confidential	WEU Restricted

- (1) France: the classification Très Secret Défense, which covers governmental priority issues, may be changed only with the Prime Minister's authorisation.
- (2) Germany: VS = Verschlussache

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