

LEGEND TO READ THE SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS

[1]. PERSONAL DATA

The non-disclosed text contains information which could lead to the identification of natural persons, directly or indirectly, such as the names/medical information/nationalities/age of the individuals that are mentioned in the SIRs. The disclosure of such information would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the persons concerned and constitute the violation of EU laws regarding the protection of personal data. In this regards the text is not disclosed pursuant to the exception laid down in the Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation 1049/2001.

[2]. OPERATIONAL AREA OF JOINT OPERATIONS

The non-disclosed parts contain information regarding the operational area. Ongoing operations tend to cover similar operational areas as the operations of preceding years in the same geographical area. In this regard, disclosing the operational areas of previous years, would be tantamount to disclosing the current operational areas. The result of this will only be to hamper the course of the ongoing operations, by depriving them of any strategy and element of surprise during border surveillance, ultimately obstructing the efforts made by the EU and its Member States to counter and prevent cross-border criminality and unauthorized border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of such information would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation 1049/2001.

[3]. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

The non-disclosed parts contain information regarding technical equipment deployed in each operational area, and in particular the names and/or types of vessels. There is a real risk that disclosing such information would, in combination with information publically available, reveal the location of that technical equipment, jeopardising the effectiveness of the operations by depriving them of any strategy and element of surprise during border surveillance. The result of this will only be to hamper the course of ongoing and future similar operations and obstruct the efforts made by the EU and its Member States to counter and prevent cross-border criminality and unauthorized border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of such information would undermine the protection of the public interest as regard to public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation 1049/2001.

[4]. SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

The non-disclosed text pertains to sensitive operational information. Disclosing it publicly would expose weaknesses of the operational activities and undermine their effectiveness. Furthermore, there is a real risk that disclosing this information contained therein would be of benefit for the smuggling networks who would change their modus operandi accordingly, thus putting the life of migrants in danger. If these were to happen, the efforts carried out by the EU and Member States to curtail criminal activities and prevent unauthorized border crossings, would be jeopardized. The disclosure is therefore refused, as it would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation 1049/2001.

[5]. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

The non-disclosed text contains information on the means of communication used by law enforcement officers within the operation. Its disclosure could lead to possible abusive usage with a view to jeopardize their work and harm the course of future and ongoing operations, ultimately obstructing the efforts of the EU and its Member States to counter and prevent cross-border crime and unauthorized border crossings. In light of the above, the text is not disclosed pursuant to the exception in the first indent of Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation 1049/2001.

[6]. MODUS OPERANDI OF CRIMINAL NETWORKS

The non-disclosed text contains detailed information regarding the modus operandi of criminal networks. Its disclosure would jeopardize the work of law enforcement officers and harm the course of ongoing and future operations. If these were to happen, the efforts carried out by the EU and Member States to curtail criminal activities and prevent unauthorized border crossings, would be jeopardized thus undermining the protection of the public interest as regards public security. In light of the above, the text is not disclosed pursuant to the exception laid down in the first indent of Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation 1049/2001.

[7]. ONGOING INVESTIGATION

The text not disclosed contains sensitive information regarding serious incidents occurred during an operational activity. In accordance with the applicable legal framework, the necessary procedures were initiated with the view to assess and determine responsibilities. The disclosure of such information would harm the ongoing investigations. In this regard the text is not disclosed pursuant to the exception laid down in the third indent of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.