

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION 2014/21/CFSP

of 20 January 2014

amending Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 July 2010, the Council adopted Decision 2010/413/CFSP⁽¹⁾ concerning restrictive measures against Iran.
- (2) On 24 November 2013, China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States, supported by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, reached an agreement with Iran on a Joint Plan of Action which sets out an approach towards reaching a long-term comprehensive solution to the Iranian nuclear issue. It was agreed that the process leading to this comprehensive solution would include, as a first step, initial mutually-agreed measures to be taken by both sides for a duration of six months and renewable by mutual consent.
- (3) As part of this first step, Iran would undertake a number of voluntary measures as specified in the Joint Plan of Action. In return, a number of voluntary measures would be undertaken which would include, for the Union, the suspension of restrictive measures concerning the prohibition on the provision of insurance and reinsurance and transport for Iranian crude oil, the prohibition on the import, purchase or transport of Iranian petrochemical products and on the provision of related services, and the prohibition on trade in gold and precious metals with the Government of Iran, its public bodies and the Central Bank of Iran, or persons and entities acting on their behalf. The suspension of those restrictive measures is to last for a duration of six months during which the relevant contracts would have to be executed.
- (4) Furthermore, the Joint Plan of Action also foresees a tenfold increase of the authorisation thresholds in relation to the transfers of funds to and from Iran.
- (5) Further action by the Union is needed in order to implement certain measures provided for in this Decision.

- (6) Decision 2010/413/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Decision 2010/413/CFSP the following Article is added:

"Article 26a

1. The prohibition set out in Article 3a(1) shall be suspended until 20 July 2014 insofar as it concerns the transport of Iranian crude oil.
2. The prohibition set out in Article 3a(2) shall be suspended until 20 July 2014 insofar as it concerns the provision of insurance and reinsurance, related to the import, purchase, or transport of Iranian crude oil.
3. The prohibition set out in Article 3b shall be suspended until 20 July 2014.
4. The prohibition set out in Article 4c shall be suspended until 20 July 2014 insofar as it concerns gold and precious metals.
5. Article 10(3)(a), (b) and (c) are replaced by the following points until 20 July 2014:

"(a) transfers due on transactions regarding foodstuffs, healthcare, medical equipment, or for agricultural or humanitarian purposes below EUR 1 000 000, as well as transfers regarding personal remittances, below EUR 400 000, shall be carried out without any prior authorisation. The transfer shall be notified to the competent authority of the Member State concerned if above EUR 10 000;

(b) transfers due on transactions regarding foodstuffs, healthcare, medical equipment, or for agricultural or humanitarian purposes above EUR 1 000 000, as well as transfers regarding personal remittances, above EUR 400 000, shall require the prior authorisation from the competent authority of the Member State concerned. The relevant Member State shall inform the other Member States of any authorisation granted;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 195, 27.7.2010, p. 39.

(c) any other transfer above EUR 100 000 shall require the prior authorisation from the competent authority of the Member State concerned. The relevant Member State shall inform the other Member States of any authorisation granted."

6. Article 10(4)(b) and (c) are replaced by the following points until 20 July 2014:

"(b) any other transfer below EUR 400 000 shall be carried out without any prior authorisation. The transfer shall be notified to the competent authority of the Member State concerned if above EUR 10 000;

(c) any other transfer above EUR 400 000 shall require the prior authorisation from the competent authority of the Member State concerned. The authorisation shall be deemed granted within four weeks unless the competent authority of the Member State concerned has objected within that time-limit. The relevant Member State shall inform the other Member States of any authorisation rejected."

7. The prohibitions set out in Article 18b shall be suspended until 20 July 2014.

8. The prohibitions set out in Article 20(1)(b) and (c) and in Article 20(2) to the Ministry of Petroleum, listed in Annex II, shall be suspended until 20 July 2014, insofar as necessary for the execution, until 20 July 2014, of contracts for the import or purchase of Iranian petrochemical products."

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 20 January 2014.

For the Council
The President
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