

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1481**of 14 October 2020****implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 of 18 January 2016 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya and repealing Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 21(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 January 2016, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2016/44.
- (2) On 12 May 2020, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy issued a declaration, on behalf of the Union, which stated that the Union remains determined to see the UN arms embargo in Libya fully respected. It was also underlined that all efforts must be made to ensure the full and effective implementation of the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, also through the land and air borders with Libya.
- (3) On 21 September 2020, the Council adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1309 ⁽²⁾, which designated three entities involved in violating the UN arms embargo.
- (4) The Council remains gravely concerned about the situation in Libya and in particular about acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of Libya, including violations of the UN arms embargo.
- (5) In that context, one person involved in such acts should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44.
- (6) Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44 should therefore be amended accordingly.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 October 2020.

For the Council
The President
M. ROTH

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 12, 19.1.2016, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1309 of 21 September 2020 implementing article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya (OJ L 305 I, 21.9.2020, p. 1).

ANNEX

In Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44, under the heading 'A. Persons', the following entry is added:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'22.	Yevgeniy Viktorovich PRIGOZHIN (Евгений Викторович Пригожин)	Date of birth: 1 June 1961 Place of birth: Leningrad (St. Petersburg) Nationality: Russian Gender: male	Yevgeniy Viktorovich Prigozhin is a Russian businessman with close links, including financially, to the private military company Wagner Group. In this way, Prigozhin is engaged in and providing support for Wagner Group's activities in Libya, which threaten the country's peace, stability and security. In particular, Wagner Group is involved in multiple and repeated breaches of the arms embargo in Libya established in UNSCR 1970 (2011) and transposed in article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, including delivery of arms as well as deployment of mercenaries into Libya in support of the Libya National Army. Wagner Group has participated in multiple military operations against the UN-endorsed Government of National Accord and has contributed to damaging the stability of Libya and undermining a peaceful process.'	15.10.2020