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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)[(1)], and in particular Article 4b(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 constitutes the legal framework for the regional classification of the Union in order to enable the collection, compilation and dissemination of harmonised regional statistics.

(2) Article 4b of Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 empowers the Commission to establish at Union level uniform conditions for the harmonised application of the territorial typologies referred to in that Article.

(3) Those conditions should describe the method for assigning the typologies to individual local administrative units (LAUs) and Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) level 3 regions.

(4) When applying the uniform conditions, it is important to take account of geographical, socioeconomic, historical, cultural and environmental circumstances.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The uniform conditions for the harmonised application of the grid-based typology and the LAU-level and NUTS level 3 typologies shall be those set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 July 2019.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX

1. The uniform conditions for the harmonised application of the grid-based typology shall be the following:

Element as established in Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003	**Labels**		**Conditions**
Grid-based typology	‘Rural grid cells’ or ‘Low density grid cells’		1 km^2 grid cells with density below 300 inhabitants/km^2 and other cells outside urban clusters.
	‘Urban clusters’ or ‘Moderate density clusters’		Contiguous (including diagonals) 1 km^2 grid cells with a density of at least 300 inhabitants/km^2, and a minimum of 5 000 inhabitants in the cluster.
		‘Urban centres’ or ‘High density clusters’	Contiguous (without diagonals) 1 km^2 grid cells within the ‘urban cluster’ with a density of at least 1 500 inhabitants/km^2 and a minimum of 50 000 inhabitants in the cluster after gap filling.

2. The uniform conditions for the harmonised application of the typologies at LAU level shall be the following:

Element as established in Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003	**Labels**		**Conditions**
Degree of urbanisation (DEGURBA)	‘Urban areas’	‘Cities’ or ‘Densely populated areas’	LAU level territorial units where at least 50 % of the population lives in urban centres.