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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 215 thereof,

Having regard to Council Common Position 2008/109/CFSP of 12 February 2008 concerning restrictive measures imposed against Liberia[(1)],

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

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 234/2004[(2)] imposes a general ban on the provision of technical advice, assistance, training, financing and financial assistance related to military activities to any person, entity or body in Liberia.

(2) On 10 December 2013, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 2128 (2013) reaffirming the arms embargo imposed by paragraph 2 of Resolution 1521 (2003) and modified by paragraphs 1 and 2 of Resolution 1683 (2006), by paragraph 1(b) of Resolution 1731 (2006), by paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Resolution 1903 (2009), and by paragraph 3 of Resolution 1961 (2010), and modifying the associated notification requirements.

(3) On 14 March 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/141/CFSP[(3)], which amends Common Position 2008/109/CFSP to that effect.

(4) Some of those measures fall within the scope of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and regulatory action at Union level is therefore necessary in order to implement them, in particular with a view to ensuring their uniform application by economic operators in all Member States.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 234/2004 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 234/2004 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 3(1), point (b) is replaced by the following:

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(b) technical assistance related to non-lethal equipment which is intended solely for humanitarian or protective use.;

(2) Article 4 is replaced by the following:

Article 4

Natural and legal persons, entities and bodies that intend to provide any assistance related to military activities or other security sector activities to the Government of Liberia, as specified in Article 1, shall inform in advance the competent authority, as indicated in the websites listed in Annex I, in the Member State where they are resident or located. Such information shall contain all relevant information, including, where appropriate, the purpose and end-user, the technical specifications and the quantity of equipment to be shipped, the supplier, the proposed date of delivery, the mode of transportation, and the itinerary of the shipments. The Member State concerned shall, upon receipt of the relevant information, in consultation with the Government of Liberia, notify the Sanctions Committee thereof, where the Government of Liberia has not provided that notification in accordance with paragraph 2(b)(ii) and (iii) of UN Security Council Resolution 2128 (2013)..

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that 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 March 2014.

For the Council

The President

M. CHRISOCHOIDIS