Council Decision (EU) 2020/753 of 30 March 2020 on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

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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 91(1), Article 100(2) and the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph of Article 218(6) and Article 218(7) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament[(1)],

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2019/1121[(2)], the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ('the Agreement') was signed on 30 June 2019, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

(2) In accordance with Article 218(7) of the Treaty, it is appropriate to authorise the Commission to approve on the Union's behalf, after consultation with the special committee appointed by the Council in accordance with Article 207(3) of the Treaty, certain modifications to the Agreement that are to be adopted by a simplified procedure pursuant to Article 9.20 of the Agreement or, as regards the list of entities in Sections A to C of Annexes 9-A and 9-B to the Agreement, by the Committee on Investment, Services, Electronic Commerce and Government Procurement pursuant to Article 9.23 of the Agreement.

(3) In accordance with Article 17.20 of the Agreement, nothing in the Agreement is to be construed as conferring rights or imposing obligations on persons, other than those created between the Parties under public international law.

(4) The Agreement should be approved on behalf of the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Editorial Information

X1 Substituted by Corrigendum to Council Decision (EU) 2019/753 of 30 March 2020 on the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Official Journal of the European Union L 186 of 12 June 2020).

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2020/753. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

The Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ('the Agreement') is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

For the purposes of Articles 9.20 and 9.23 of the Agreement, any modifications or rectifications to Sections A to D and F of Annexes 9-A and 9-B to the Agreement shall be approved, on behalf of the Union, by the Commission, after consultation with the special committee appointed by the Council in accordance with Article 207(3) of the Treaty.

Article 3

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in paragraph 2 of Article 17.16 of the Agreement, in order to express the consent of the Union to be bound by the Agreement[(3)].

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.