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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 166/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2006 concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register and amending Council Directives 91/689/EEC and 96/61/EC[(1)], and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 (hereafter 'the Regulation'), Member States report data to the Commission on pollutant releases and transfers from large industrial facilities. The Commission compiles these data in an electronic and publicly available European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (hereafter 'E-PRTR') in order to facilitate public participation in environmental decision-making and the reduction of pollution of the environment.

(2) In order to enhance coherence with reporting under Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)] on industrial emissions whose format, frequency and content is established by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1135[(3)], the Regulation was amended by Regulation (EU) 2019/1010 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(4)] (hereafter 'the Amendment') to confer implementing powers on the Commission to establish the information to be made available under the Regulation, and to abolish the reporting format currently laid down in that Regulation.

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(3) The Amendment emphasised the over-riding importance of enabling Union citizens to quickly access environmental information and the necessity for Member States and the Commission to make data publicly available as fast as technically feasible. The Amendment also determined that Member State reporting should occur no later than 11 months after the year-end and set the aim of having information available within three months of the year-end, including by progressing towards this objective through an implementing act under the Regulation.

(4) The current practices and information technology used for reporting aim at ensuring the high quality of data included in both national pollutant release and transfer registers and in the E-PRTR. The objective of making E-PRTR information available earlier to the public should further promote the reporting of high-quality information. Since this objective requires the implementation of a stepwise approach and careful preparation, including the testing of new reporting methods and the development of new reporting tools, notably for the purpose of validation and quality control of reported data, the reporting deadlines should be reviewed in light of progress in information technology, the results of pilot testing and Member State best practices.

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 19 of the Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States shall provide the information set out in the Annex, using the specific electronic format to be developed for the purposes of this reporting.

The information set out in the Annex shall be first submitted for the reporting year 2019, unless otherwise stated in that Annex.

The administrative information set out in Sections 1 to 4 of the Annex shall be submitted to the Commission, at the latest, by 30 September of the following reporting year.

The thematic information set out in Sections 5 to 10 of the Annex shall be submitted to the Commission, at the latest, by 30 November of the following reporting year.

Article 2

This Decision shall be reviewed by 31 December 2024, at the latest, with a view to assessing the feasibility of progressing towards the objective of earlier public availability of E-PRTR data. This review shall include an exchange of information between the Member States, the Commission and the European Environment Agency on national best practices and available techniques and tools allowing earlier reporting.

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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Done at Brussels, 23 September 2019.

For the Commission

Karmenu VELLA

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX

Establishing the format and frequency of data to be made available by the Member States for the purposes of reporting under Regulation (EC) No 166/2006

Note:

Member States may indicate information that they consider to be confidential, giving the grounds that are considered to preclude the Commission from making it publicly available.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION		
1.	**Reporter identification**	
Type		Format
1.1.	Country identifier	Identification of the country where the reported facility is located.
1.2.	Reporting year	Calendar year to which the reporting refers.
2.	**Identification of the facility**[a], [b]	
Type		Format
2.1.	inspireId	Unique identifier of the facility that follows the requirements of Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council [c]
2.2.	thematicId [d]	Thematic object identifier.
2.3.	Emissions Trading Scheme identifier	Where the installation is, fully or partly, covered by Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council[e], the identifier used for reporting under that Directive.
2.4.	Name of the facility	Official denomination, proper name or conventional name of the facility.
2.5.	Name of the parent company	A parent company is a company that owns or controls the company operating the facility (for example by holding more than 50 % of the company's share capital or a majority of voting rights of the shareholders or associates) — see Directive 2013/34/EU of

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		the European Parliament and of the Council [f].
2.6.	Address	Postal address of the facility as defined by building number, street, city/town, postal code, country.
2.7.	Geometry	Latitude and longitude (coordinates for the approximate centre of the facility) expressed with reference to the ETRS89 (2D)-EPSG:4258 coordinate reference system to a precision of 5 decimal places.
2.8.	River Basin District	Code identifier and/or name assigned to the basin district of a watercourse.
2.9.	Function	Activities performed by the facility. Function is described by the activities of the facility expressed as NACE-codes.
2.10.	E-PRTR Annex I activities	Annex I activities carried out at the facility, indicating the main activity and all others.
2.11.	Status	The operational status of the facility.
2.12.	Production volume[g], [h]	
2.13.	Number of operating hours in the year[i]	Optional.
2.14.	Number of employees[j]	Optional.
2.15.	Website address	Website address of facility or parent company that shows the environmental report or the EMAS statement of the facility or the parent company.
2.16.	Remarks	Any other relevant information. Optional.
3.	**Information on the E-PRTR competent authority for the facility**	
Type		Format
3.1.	Competent authority name	