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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2025/960
of 20 May 2025
amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 15 October 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 ⁽¹⁾ concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons.
- (2) On 18 November 2024 and 14 February 2025, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) issued reports from two Technical Assistance Visits confirming the presence of the riot control agent CS and related compounds in the samples collected, pointing to a pattern of riot control use as a method of warfare on the front-lines in Ukraine, which is prohibited under Article I, paragraph 5, of the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- (3) In that context and in view of the continued threat posed by the proliferation and use of chemical weapons, three entities should be included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544.
- (4) Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 20 May 2025.

For the Council

The President

K. KALLAS

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 of 15 October 2018 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons (OJ L 259, 16.10.2018, p. 25, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2018/1544/oj>).

In the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544, under the heading 'B. Legal persons, entities and bodies', the following entries are added:

	Name	Identifying information	Grounds for designation	Date of listing
4.	Radiological Chemical and Biological Defence Troops of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation (Войска радиационной, химической и биологической защиты Министерства обороны Российской Федерации)	Address: Corpus 2, Building 22, Frunze Embankment, 119160 Moscow, Russian Federation Website: https://eng.mil.ru/en/structure/forces/ground/structure/rhbz.htm Registration number: 1037739635890 Taxpayer Personal Identification Number (INN): 7704195013	The Radiological, Chemical and Biological Defence Troops are the competent entity in the Russian Armed Forces in charge of chemical and biological warfare. In this capacity, the Radiological, Chemical and Biological Defence Troops are involved in the Russian Federation's use of chemical weapons. These include riot control agents, such as CS gas, which have been used as a method of warfare by Russian forces in Ukraine, in breach of Article I, paragraph 5, of the Chemical Weapons Convention, to which Russia is a State Party. The use of CS gas has been confirmed by reports published in November 2024 and February 2025 by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), following Technical Assistance Visits in Ukraine. Thus, the Radiological, Chemical and Biological Defence Troops are involved in the use of chemical weapons.	20.5.2025
5.	27th Scientific Centre of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation (27-й Центральный научно-исследовательский институт Министерства обороны Российской Федерации)	Address: 51 st Khoroshevsky Passage, 123007 Moscow, Russian Federation Phone: + 7 (495) 945 76 96 Taxpayer Personal Identification Number (INN): 7714676767 Website: http://eng.mil.ru/en/science/sro/information.htm?id=10992@morfOrgScience Email: fin27cnii@mail.ru Associated entity: Radiological Chemical and Biological Defence Troops of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation	The Russian Ministry of Defence 27th Scientific Centre is a subordinate unit of the Radiological, Chemical and Biological Defence Troops. As a leading research entity within the Russian military, it belongs to the Russian military and is associated with the development and use of chemical agents. Thus, the Russian Ministry of Defence 27th Scientific Centre is associated with the Radiological, Chemical and Biological Defence Troops.	20.5.2025

	Name	Identifying information	Grounds for designation	Date of listing
6.	<p>33rd Central Scientific Research and Testing Institute of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation</p> <p>(33 Центральный научно-исследовательский испытательный институт Министерства обороны Российской Федерации)</p>	<p>Address: 1 Ulitsa Krasnoznamennaya, Volsk-18/Shikhany, Saratov Oblast, Russian Federation; Krasnoznamennaya Street 1, Volsk-18, Saratov, 412918 Russian Federation</p> <p>Phone: + 7 (343) 255 99 88</p> <p>Taxpayer Personal Identification Number (INN): 6441013942 / 644101001</p> <p>Website: https://ens.mil.ru/science/SRI/information.htm?id=12027@morfOrgScience</p> <p>Email: 33cnii-fes@mil.ru</p> <p>Associated entity: Radiological Chemical and Biological Defence Troops of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation</p>	<p>The Russian Ministry of Defence 33rd Central Scientific Research and Testing Institute is a subordinate unit of the Radiological, Biological and Chemical Defence Troops. As a leading chemical research and testing entity within the Russian military, it belongs to the Russian military and is associated with the development and use of chemical agents.</p> <p>Thus, the Russian Ministry of Defence 33rd Central Scientific Research and Testing Institute is associated with the Radiological, Chemical and Biological Defence Troops.</p>	20.5.2025'