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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/1735 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1724<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 13(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2024/1735 establishes a common legal framework aimed at strengthening the manufacturing ecosystem for net-zero technology products within the Union. As part of that framework, the designation of net-zero strategic projects serves as an important mechanism. The selection criteria for designations are set out in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1735, which also requires the Commission to adopt an implementing act setting out guidelines ensuring uniform conditions for implementing those criteria.
- (2) The guidelines are at least to provide specific guidance on the criteria set out in Article 13(1), points (a)(ii) and (b) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1735. Those guidelines should facilitate the assessment of whether added manufacturing capacity to a net-zero strategic project concerns first-of-a-kind or best available technology manufacturing capacity; and whether such additional manufacturing capacity can be considered significant.
- (3) To provide additional assistance to national authorities, the guidelines also include general considerations to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of the criteria laid down in Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1735. Those guidelines should also facilitate the assessment of whether a project meets the environmental sustainability criterion referred to in Article 13(1), point (c), of that Regulation. Clarity should also be offered on how the 50% import dependence threshold referred to in Article 13(1), point (a)(i) of that Regulation can be met, and on the interpretation of 'significant share of world production' referred to in Article 13(1), point (a)(iii), of that Regulation.
- (4) The measures in this Decision are in line with the opinion of the Net-Zero Technologies Comitology Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L, 2024/1735, 28.6.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1735/oj>.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The guidelines for the implementation of certain selection criteria for net-zero strategic projects laid down in Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1735 are set out in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*  
*Stéphane Séjourné*  
*Executive Vice-President*