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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 292 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 1052/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 established the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR) as a common framework for the exchange of information and for the cooperation between Member States and the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union established by Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 ('the Agency').
- (2) As required by Article 21 of Regulation (EU) 1052/2013 the European Commission, in close cooperation with the Member States, the Agency and other relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies, drafted a practical handbook for implementing and managing EUROSUR ('EUROSUR Handbook'). The EUROSUR Handbook, annexed to this Recommendation, provides technical and operational guidelines, recommendations and best practices, including on cooperation with third countries.
- (3) The EUROSUR Handbook is reviewed on a regular basis, in light of experience and lessons learned through implementing Regulation (EU) No 1052/2013.
- (4) The European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union and any other relevant Union body, office or agency should use the EUROSUR Handbook, annexed to this Recommendation, as the main tool when implementing Regulation (EU) No 1052/2013.

HEREBY RECOMMENDS:

1. Member States should transmit the EUROSUR Handbook, annexed to this Recommendation, to their authorities responsible for the surveillance of the external land and sea borders which shall use it as the main tool when implementing Regulation (EU) No 1052/2013.
2. This Recommendation is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the

Republic of Croatia, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 15.12.2015

*For the Commission*  
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