ANNEX

to the
Commission Implementing Decision

amending Implementing Decision C(2021) 9148 on the financing of the operational technical assistance in the framework of the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and the adoption of the work programme for 2022-2027
The Annex to Implementing Decision C(2021)9148 is amended as follows:

(1) the following Point 5.5 is added under section 5. **Procurement**:

### 5.5 Arrangements for monitoring, reporting and evaluation of MARE’s legal basis

| General description of the contracts envisaged | Following the provisions of Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, the Commission shall carry-out a mid-term evaluation to examine the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and Union added value of the EMFAF fund by the end of 2024. At the same time, according to Article 57 of Regulation (EU) 2013/1303, the Commission shall carry out, an ex-post evaluation of the EMFF fund also by the end of 2024. To that end, by 31 December 2025 the Commission shall prepare a synthesis report outlining the main conclusions of the ex-post evaluation. To cover such obligations under both funds, DG MARE will sign procurement contracts with external economic operators. The synthesis report mentioned above will be prepared either by MARE staff or delegated to such operators. |
| Implementation | This action will be implemented by DG MARE |