Amending Interim Regulation on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of the ePrivacy Directive for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse

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PURPOSE: to extend, by two years, the Interim Regulation allowing providers to continue voluntary detection and reporting of child sexual abuse.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2024/1307 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse.

CONTENT: Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council provides for a temporary regime as regards the use of technologies by certain providers of publicly available interpersonal communications services for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse, pending the preparation and adoption of a long-term legal framework addressing the prevention of and combating online child sexual abuse.

In order to ensure that online child sexual abuse can be tackled effectively, this Regulation amends Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 to exceptionally extend its period of application until **3 April 2026**. The extension of the derogation will ensure a transition until new EU legislation, currently under consideration by the Council and the European Parliament, provides a long-term legal framework for the detection of online child sexual abuse.

The prolongation also foresees that, in order to obtain comprehensive reporting and comparable statistics, providers should make the information about the reports of detected online child sexual abuse that they submit to the authorities and the Commission available in a structured format.

On the basis of the reports submitted and the statistics provided, the Commission will, by 4 September 2025, prepare a report on the implementation of this Regulation and submit and present it to the European Parliament and to the Council.

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