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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Slovak Republic to the Community

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The aim of the double-checking system is to improve transparency and to avoid possible diversions of trade. It is founded on the provision in the EC-Slovak Republic Europe Agreement¹ which allows either Party to introduce an administrative procedure having as its purpose the rapid provision of information on the trend of trade flows. The Parties agreed to establish such a system in 1998 in respect of certain ECSC and EC steel products by means of Association Council Decision N° 3/97². Council Regulation (EC) N° 85/98³ established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 1 October 1998, the Contact Group agreed to recommend that the Association Council should extend the double-checking system, with amended product coverage, for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999.

The attached proposal consequently seeks to extend Association Council Decision N° 3/97 with amended product coverage, for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999.

¹ OJ N° L 359, 31.12.94, p. 2.

² OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 71.

³ OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 15.

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on the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Slovak Republic to the Community

The Council of the European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 together with Article 228, para 2, first sentence,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Decision of the Council and the Commission of 19 December 1994 on the conclusion of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas the Contact Group referred to in Article 10 of Protocol 2 of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part and the Slovak Republic of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995¹, met on 1 October 1998 to discuss trends in imports of ECSC and EC products from the Slovak Republic into the Community and recognised the need to find appropriate solutions in the framework of Article 34.2 of the Agreement in order to ensure that the attainment of the objectives of the Agreement will not be jeopardised;

Whereas the Contact Group therefore agreed to recommend to the Association Council established under Article 104 of the Agreement that the double-checking system introduced in 1998 by Association Council Decision N° 3/97² should be renewed for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999 with amended product coverage;

Whereas the Parties are desirous to promote the orderly and equitable development of trade in steel between the Community and the Slovak Republic;

Whereas the Association Council, having been supplied with all relevant information, has determined that the solution acceptable to the two parties which least disturbs the functioning of the Agreement is the renewal of the double-checking system, without quantitative limits, for the import into the Community of certain steel products covered by the ECSC and EC Treaties between 1 January and 31 December 1999,

¹ OJ N° L 359, 31.12.94, p.1

² OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 71.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Slovak Republic to the European Communities, and in particular the renewal of the double-checking system, shall be based on the draft decision of the Association Council annexed to this Decision.

Done at Brussels

For the Council

Decision N°/98 of the Association Council,
established under the Europe Agreement,
between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the
Slovak Republic, of the other part

of 1998

extending the double-checking system established by Decision N° 3/97 of the
Association Council for the period 1 January to 31 December 1999

(98/...../EC)

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Whereas the Contact Group referred to in Article 10 of Protocol 2 of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, met on 1 October 1998 and agreed to recommend to the Association Council established under Article 104 of the Agreement that the double-checking system introduced in 1998 by Association Council Decision N° 3/97 should be extended for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999;

Whereas the Association Council, having been supplied with all relevant information, has agreed with this recommendation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

1. The double-checking system established by Association Council Decision N° 3/97 for the period 1 January to 31 December 1998 shall continue to apply for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999. In the Preamble and Article 1 (1) and (3) of the Decision, references to the period 1 January to 31 December 1998 are hereby replaced by references to 1 January to 31 December 1999.
2. Annex I to the Decision shall be replaced by the text contained in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1999.

Done at

For the Association Council

The President

ANNEX

ANNEX I

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

List of products subject to double-checking (1999)

Hot-rolled coils	7209 28 90	7212 30 90	7212 30 11	7225 11 00
and pickled coils	7209 90 10		7212 40 10	7225 19 90
	7209 90 90	Tinplate in	7212 40 91	7225 40 80
7208 10 00		Coils, sheet	7212 50 31	
7208 25 00	Hot-rolled strip	And strip	7212 50 51	7226 11 10
7208 26 00	And hoop		7212 60 11	7226 11 90
7208 27 00		7210 11 10		7226 19 30
7208 36 00	7211 14 10	7210 12 11	7213 10 00	7226 19 90
7208 37 10	7211 14 90	7210 70 31	7213 20 00	
7208 37 90	7211 19 20	7210 70 39	7213 91 10	7228 10 10
7208 38 10	7211 19 90		7213 91 20	7228 10 30
7208 38 90		7212 10 99	7213 91 41	7228 20 11
7208 39 10	7212 60 91		7213 91 49	7228 20 19
7208 39 90		Non-oriented	7213 91 70	7228 20 30
	7220 11 00	Grain steel	7213 91 90	7228 30 20
7219 11 00	7220 12 00	Sheets, coils	7213 99 10	7228 30 41
7219 12 10	7220 90 31	And strips for	7213 99 90	7228 30 49
7219 12 90		Electrotechnics		7228 30 61
7219 13 10	7226 19 10		7214 20 00	7228 30 69
7219 14 10	7226 20 20	7209 17 10	7214 30 00	7228 30 70
7219 14 90	7226 91 10	7209 27 10	7214 91 10	7228 30 89
	7226 91 90	7211 23 91	7214 91 90	7228 60 10
7225 19 10	7226 93 20		7214 99 10	7228 70 10
7225 20 20	7226 94 20	Other products	7214 99 31	7228 70 31
7225 30 00	7226 99 20		7214 99 39	7228 80 10
		7208 51 30	7214 99 50	7228 80 90
Cut lengths	Cold-rolled strip	7208 51 50	7214 99 61	
	And hoop	7208 51 91	7214 99 69	7301 10 00
7208 40 10		7208 52 91	7214 99 80	
7208 40 90	7211 23 10		7214 99 90	Complete CN
7208 51 10	7211 23 51	7209 16 10		heading 7306
7208 51 99	7211 23 99	7209 18 10	7215 90 10	
7208 52 10	7211 29 20	7209 26 10		
7208 52 99	7211 90 19	7209 28 10	7216 10 00	
7208 53 10	7211 90 90		7216 21 00	
7208 53 90		7210 12 19	7216 22 00	
7208 54 10	7226 92 90	7210 20 10	7216 31 11	
7208 54 90	7226 93 80	7210 30 10	7216 31 19	
7208 90 10	7226 94 80	7210 50 10	7216 31 91	
7208 90 90	7226 99 80	7210 69 10	7216 31 99	
		7210 90 31	7216 32 11	
Cold-rolled	Hot dip Galvanized	7210 90 33	7216 32 19	
Sheets and coils	Sheets, coils	7210 90 38	7216 32 91	
	And strip		7216 32 99	
7209 15 00		7211 13 00	7216 33 10	
7209 16 90	7210 11 90	7211 29 50	7216 33 90	
7209 17 90	7210 41 10	7211 29 90	7216 40 10	
7209 18 91	7210 41 90	7211 90 11	7216 40 90	
7209 18 99	7210 49 10		7216 50 10	
7209 25 00	7210 49 90	7212 10 10	7216 50 91	
7209 26 90	7210 61 10	7212 10 91	7216 50 99	
7209 27 90		7212 20 11	7216 99 10	

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