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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

concerning the export of certain ECSC and EC steel products from the Czech Republic to the Community for the period 1 January to 31 December 2000 (extension of the double-checking system)

(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-Czech 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 Decision N° 3/97² of the Association Council. By Decision N° 7/98³ of the Association Council the system was extended, with amended product coverage, for the the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999. Council Regulation (EC) N° 87/98⁴, amended by Council Regulation (EC) N° 248/99⁵ established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 16 September 1999, the Contact Group agreed to recommend that the Association Council should extend the double-checking system for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000.

The attached proposal consequently seeks to extend Council Regulation (EC) N° 87/98, amended by Council Regulation (EC) N° 248/99 for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000.

¹ OJ N° L 360, 31.12.94, p. 2.
² OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 99.
³ OJ N° L 29, 03.02.99, p. 26.
⁴ OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 43.
⁵ OJ N° L 29, 03.02.99, p. 1.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) A Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, entered into force on 1 February 1995⁶;
- (2) The Parties decided by Decision N° .../99⁷ of the Association Council to extend the double-checking system introduced by Decision N° 3/97⁸, amended by Decision N° 7/98⁹ of the Association Council, for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000;
- (3) It is consequently necessary to extend the Community implementing legislation introduced by Council Regulation (EC) N° 87/98¹⁰, amended by Council Regulation (EC) N° 248/99¹¹,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

⁶ OJ N° L 360, 31.12.94, p. 2.

⁷ See page of this OJ

⁸ OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 99.

⁹ OJ N° L 29, 03.02.99, p. 26.

¹⁰ OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 43.

¹¹ OJ N° L 29, 03.02.99, p. 1

Article 1

Council Regulation (EC) N° 87/98, amended by Council Regulation (EC) N° 248/99, shall continue to apply for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000, in accordance with the provisions of Decision N°/99 of the Association Council between the European Communities and their Member States, of, the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part. In the Preamble and Article 1 (1) and (4) of Council Regulation (EC) N° 87/98, references to the period 1 January to 31 December 1999 are hereby replaced by references to 1 January to 31 December 2000.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall apply with effect from 1 January 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President