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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

concerning the export of certain ECSC steel products from Romania 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-Romania 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 steel products by means of Decision N° 3/97² of the Association Council. By means of Decision N° 5/98³ of the Association Council the system was extended for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1999. Council Regulation (EC) N° 84/98⁴ established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 6 October 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° 84/98, for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000.

¹ OJ L 357, 31.12.94, p. 2.

² OJ L 13, 19.01.98, p. 57.

³ OJ L 19, 26.01.99, p. 9.

⁴ OJ L 13, 19.01.98, 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 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) A Europe Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, entered into force on 1 February 1995⁵;
- (2) The Parties decided by Decision N° .../99⁶ of the Association Council to extend the double-checking system introduced by Decision N° 3/97⁷ 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° 84/98⁸,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Council Regulation (EC) N° 84/98 shall continue to apply for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000, in accordance with the provisions of Association Council Decision N° .../99 between the European Communities and their Member States, of, the one part, and Romania, of the other part. In the Preamble and Article 1 (1) and (4) of the Regulation, references to the period 1 January to 31 December 1999 are hereby replaced by references to 1 January to 31 December 2000.

⁵ OJ L 357, 31.12.94, p. 2.

⁶ See page ... of this Official Journal.

⁷ OJ L 13, 19.01.98, p. 57.

⁸ OJ L 13, 19.01.98, p. 1.

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*