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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

**concerning the export of certain ECSC steel products from Poland to the Community
for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002 (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-Poland 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 1999 in respect of certain ECSC steel products by means of Decision N° 2/99² of the Association Council. By Decision N° 1/2000³ of the Association Council the system was extended for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000. By Decision N° 1/2001⁴ of the Association Council the system was extended for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2001. Council Regulation (EC) N° 1093/99⁵, extended by Council Regulations (EC) N° 541/2000⁶ and N° 335/2001⁷ established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 8 October 2001, the Contact Group agreed to recommend that the Association Council should extend the double-checking system for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002.

The attached proposal consequently seeks to extend Council Regulation (EC) N° 1093/99, extended by Council Regulations (EC) N° 541/2000 and N° 335/2001 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002.

¹ OJ N° L 348, 31.12.93, p. 2.
² OJ N° L 133, 28.05.99, p. 44.
³ OJ N° L 67, 15.03.00, p. 34.
⁴ OJ N° L 49, 20.2.01, p. 9.
⁵ OJ N° L 133, 28.05.99, p. 6.
⁶ OJ N° L 67, 15.03.00, p. 1.
⁷ OJ N° L 49, 20.2.01, 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) The Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Poland, of the other part, entered into force on 1 February 1994⁸;
- (2) The Parties decided by Decision N°/2001⁹ of the Association Council to extend the double-checking system introduced by Decision N° 2/99¹⁰ of the Association Council for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002;
- (3) It is consequently necessary to extend the Community implementing legislation introduced by Council Regulation (EC) N° 1093/99¹¹ of 30 March 1999 establishing a double-checking system for exports of certain ECSC steel products from Poland to the Community for the period from 1 April to 31 December 1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) N° 1093/99 shall continue to apply for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002, in accordance with the provisions of Decision N°/2001 of the Association Council between the European Communities and their Member States, of, the one part, and Poland, of the other part.

⁸ OJ N° L 348, 31.12.93, p. 2.

⁹ See page ... of this Official Journal.

¹⁰ OJ N° L 133, 28.05.99, p. 44.

¹¹ OJ N° L 133, 28.05.99, p. 6.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) N° 1093/99 shall in consequence be amended as follows:

In the title, preamble and Article 1(1) and (3) of the Regulation, references to the period ‘1 January to 31 December 2001’ shall be replaced by references to ‘1 January to 31 December 2002’.

Article 3

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 2002.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President