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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 European Communities**

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

concerning the export of certain ECSC and EC steel products from the Slovak Republic to the European Communities for the period 1 January to 31 December 1997 (extension of the double-checking system)

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(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 Agreement<sup>1</sup> 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 1996 in respect of certain ECSC and EC steel products by means of Association Council Decision N° 2/95<sup>2</sup>. Council Regulation (EC) N° 3054/95<sup>3</sup> established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 7 October 1996, the Contact Group agreed to recommend that the Association Council should extend the double-checking system, with certain amendments, for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997.

The attached proposals consequently seek to extend Association Council Decision N° 2/95 and Council Regulation (EC) N° 3054/95, with certain amendments, for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997.

In view of the time which these procedures could take, the Contact Group also agreed, if necessary, to extend the double-checking system on a temporary basis by means of autonomous measures, pending the entry into force of the Association Council Decision and of the implementing legislation.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ N° L 359, 31.12.94, p. 2.

<sup>2</sup> OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, p. 65.

<sup>3</sup> OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, p. 1.

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 European Communities

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 1995<sup>1</sup>, met on 7 October 1996 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 1996 by Association Council Decision N° 2/95<sup>2</sup> should be renewed for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997;

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 1997,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 359, 31.12.94, p.1

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 325, 30.12.95, p.65

**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° ...../96 of the Association Council,

association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part,  
and the Slovak Republic, of the other part

of ..... 1996

concerning the export of certain ECSC and EC steel products from the Slovak Republic  
to the European Communities for the period 1 January to 31 December 1997 (extension  
of the double-checking system established by Decision N° 2/95 of the Association  
Council)

(96/...../ECSC)

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<sup>1</sup>, met on 7 October 1996 and agreed to recommend to the Association Council established under Article 104 of the Agreement that the double-checking system introduced in 1996 by Association Council Decision N° 2/95<sup>2</sup> should be extended for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997 subject to certain amendments;

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

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The double-checking system established by Association Council Decision N° 2/95 for the period 1 January to 31 December 1996 shall continue to apply for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997, subject to the amendments to that Decision shown in Article 2. In the Preamble and Article 1 (1) and (3) of the Decision, references to the period 1 January to 31 December 1996 are hereby replaced by the words "1 January to 31 December 1997". Article 1 (4) shall be deleted.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ N° L 359, 31.12.94, p. 2.

<sup>2</sup> OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, p. 65.

## Article 2

1. In Article 2 of the Decision, the first sentence of paragraph 2 shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Community undertakes to supply the Slovak authorities with precise statistical information on import documents issued by Member States in respect of the export documents issued by the Slovak authorities pursuant to Article 1."

2. Annex I shall be replaced by the text contained in the Annex to this Decision.
3. In Annex III, the following change shall be made: delete "Export Licence" and insert "Export Document".
4. In Annex IV, paragraph 3 shall be deleted.

## Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of signature.

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1997.

Done at .....

For the Association Council

The President

## ANNEX

## ANNEX I

## SLOVAK REPUBLIC

## List of products subject to double-checking (1997)

*Hot-rolled coils and pickled coils*

7208 10 00  
7208 25 00  
7208 26 00  
7208 27 00  
7208 36 00  
7208 37 10  
7208 37 90  
7208 38 10  
7208 38 90  
7208 39 10  
7208 39 90

7219 11 00  
7219 12 10  
7219 12 90  
7219 13 10  
7219 14 10  
7219 14 90

7225 19 10  
7225 20 20  
7225 30 00

*Cut lengths*

7208 40 10  
7208 40 90  
7208 51 10  
7208 51 99  
7208 52 10  
7208 52 99  
7208 53 10  
7208 53 90  
7208 54 10  
7208 54 90  
7208 90 10  
7208 90 90

*Cold-rolled sheets and coils*

7209 15 00  
7209 16 90  
7209 17 90  
7209 18 91  
7209 18 99  
7209 25 00  
7209 26 90  
7209 27 90  
7209 28 90  
7209 90 10  
7209 90 90

*Hot-rolled strip and hoop*

7211 14 10  
7211 14 90

7211 19 20  
7211 19 90

7212 60 91

7220 11 00  
7220 12 00  
7220 90 31

7226 19 10  
7226 20 20  
7226 91 10  
7226 91 90  
7226 93 20  
7226 94 20  
7226 99 20

*Cold-rolled strip and hoop*

7211 23 10  
7211 23 51  
7211 23 99  
7211 29 20  
7211 90 19  
7211 90 90

7226 92 90  
7226 93 80  
7226 94 80  
7226 99 80

*Hot dip galvanized sheets, coils and strip*

7210 11 90  
7210 41 90  
7210 61 10  
7212 30 90  
7210 41 10  
7210 49 10  
7210 49 90

*Tinplate in coils, sheet and strip*

7210 12 11  
7210 70 31  
7210 70 39  
7212 10 99  
7210 11 10

*Non oriented grain steel sheets, coils and strip for electrotechnics*

7209 17 10  
7209 27 10

7211 23 91



COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) N° ..../96

of ..... 1996

concerning the export of certain ECSC and EC steel products from the Slovak Republic to the European Communities for the period 1 January to 31 December 1997 (extension of the double-checking system)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas a 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, entered into force on 1 February 1995<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas the Parties decided in Association Council Decision N° ..../96<sup>2</sup> to extend the double-checking system introduced by Decision N° 2/95<sup>3</sup> for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997 subject to certain amendments;

Whereas it is consequently necessary to extend the Community implementing legislation introduced by Council Regulation (EC) N° 3054/95<sup>4</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Council Regulation (EC) N° 3054/95 shall continue to apply for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997, in accordance with the provisions of Association Council Decision N° ..../96 between the European Communities and their Member States, of, the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, subject to the amendments to that Regulation shown in Article 2. In the Preamble and Article 1 (1) and (3) of the Regulation, references to the period 1 January to 31 December 1996 are hereby replaced by 1 January to 31 December 1997. Article 1 (4) shall be deleted.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ N° L 359, 31.12.94, p. 2.

<sup>2</sup> See page ... of this Official Journal.

<sup>3</sup> OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, p. 65.

<sup>4</sup> OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, p. 1.

**Article 2**

1. Annex III shall be replaced by the text contained in the Annex to this Regulation.
2. In Annex IV, the following change shall be made: delete "Export Licence" and insert "Export Document".

**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 1997.

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

Done at .....

**For the Council**

**The President**

ANNEX

ANNEX III

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

List of products subject to double-checking (1997)

*Hot-rolled coils and pickled coils*

	7211 19 20
	7211 19 90
7208 10 00	
7208 25 00	7212 60 91
7208 26 00	
7208 27 00	7220 11 00
7208 36 00	7220 12 00
7208 37 10	7220 90 31
7208 37 90	
7208 38 10	7226 19 10
7208 38 90	7226 20 20
7208 39 10	7226 91 10
7208 39 90	7226 91 90
	7226 93 20
7219 11 00	7226 94 20
7219 12 10	7226 99 20
7219 12 90	
7219 13 10	
7219 14 10	
7219 14 90	

*Cold-rolled strip and hoop*

7225 19 10	7211 23 10
7225 20 20	7211 23 51
7225 30 00	7211 23 99
	7211 29 20
	7211 90 19
	7211 90 90

*Cut lengths*

7208 40 10	7226 92 90
7208 40 90	7226 93 80
7208 51 10	7226 94 80
7208 51 99	7226 99 80
7208 52 10	
7208 52 99	
7208 53 10	
7208 53 90	
7208 54 10	
7208 54 90	
7208 90 10	
7208 90 90	

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7210 11 90	
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	7210 49 90
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*Tinplate in coils, sheet and strip*

*Cold-rolled sheets and coils*

7209 15 00	7210 12 11	
7209 16 90	7210 70 31	7210 11 10
7209 17 90	7210 70 39	
7209 18 91		
7209 18 99	7212 10 99	
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7209 26 90		
7209 27 90		
7209 28 90		
7209 90 10		
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