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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 Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Communities

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

concerning the export of certain ECSC steel products from the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Communities for the period 1 January to 31 December 1997
(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-Republic of Bulgaria 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 1996 in respect of certain ECSC steel products by means of Association Council Decision N° 3/95². Council Regulation (EC) N° 3054/95³ established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 25 September 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° 3/95 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.

¹ OJ N° L 358, 31.12.94, p. 3.

² OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, p. 37.

³ OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, 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 113 together with Article 228, paragraph 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 Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas the Contact Group referred to in Article 11 of Protocol 2 of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part and the Republic of Bulgaria of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995¹, met on 25 September 1996 to discuss trends in imports of ECSC products from the Republic of Bulgaria into the Community and recognised the need for an administrative procedure, having as its purpose the rapid provision of information on the trend of trade flows, in order to ensure that the attainment of the objectives of the Agreement will not be jeopardised;

Whereas such an administrative procedure would help to increase transparency and avoid possible diversions of trade;

Whereas the Contact Group therefore agreed to recommend to the Association Council established under Article 105 of the Agreement that the double-checking system introduced in 1996 by Association Council Decision N° 3/95² 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 Republic of Bulgaria;

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 Treaty between 1 January and 31 December 1997,

¹ OJ L 358, 31.12.94, p.3

² OJ L 325, 30.12.95, p.37

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 Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Republic of Bulgaria 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 Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part

of 1996

concerning the export of certain ECSC steel products from the Republic of Bulgaria to
the European Communities for the period 1 January to 31 December 1997 (extension of
the double-checking system established by Decision N° 3/95 of the Association Council)

(96/...../ECSC)

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Whereas the Contact Group referred to in Article 11 of Protocol 2 of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995¹, met on 25 September 1996 and agreed to recommend to the Association Council established under Article 105 of the Agreement that the double-checking system introduced in 1996 by Association Council Decision N° 3/95² 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° 3/95 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".

¹ OJ N° L 358, 31.12.94, p. 3.

² OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, p. 37.

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 Bulgarian authorities with precise statistical information on import documents issued by Member States in respect of the export documents issued by the Bulgarian 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 amended to read as follows:

"The export documents shall be valid for six months from the date of their issue."

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

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

List of products subject to double-checking (1997)

	7209 26 90	7213 91 10	7225 20 20
	7209 27 10	7213 91 20	7225 30 00
	7209 27 90	7213 91 41	7225 40 20
	7209 28 10	7213 91 49	7225 40 50
	7209 28 90	7213 91 70	7225 40 80
	7209 90 10	7213 91 90	7225 50 00
7206 10 00		7213 99 10	7225 91 10
7206 90 00	7210 11 10	7213 99 90	7225 92 10
	7210 12 11		7225 99 10
7208 10 00	7210 12 19	7214 20 00	
7208 25 00	7210 20 10	7214 30 00	7226 11 10
7208 26 00	7210 30 10	7214 91 10	7226 19 10
7208 27 00	7210 41 10	7214 91 90	7226 19 30
7208 36 00	7210 49 10	7214 99 10	7226 20 20
7208 37 10	7210 50 10	7214 99 31	7226 91 10
7208 37 90	7210 61 10	7214 99 39	7226 91 90
7208 38 10	7210 69 10	7214 99 50	7226 92 10
7208 38 90	7210 70 31	7214 99 61	7226 93 20
7208 39 10	7210 70 39	7214 99 69	7226 94 20
7208 39 90	7210 90 31	7214 99 80	7226 99 20
7208 40 10	7210 90 33	7214 99 90	
7208 40 90	7210 90 38		7227 10 00
7208 51 10		7215 90 10	7227 20 00
7208 51 30	7211 13 00		7227 90 10
7208 51 50	7211 14 10	7216 10 00	7227 90 50
7208 51 91	7211 14 90	7216 21 00	7227 90 95
7208 51 99	7211 19 20	7216 22 00	
7208 52 10	7211 19 90	7216 31 11	7228 10 10
7208 52 91	7211 23 10	7216 31 19	7228 10 30
7208 52 99	7211 23 51	7216 31 91	7228 20 11
7208 53 10	7211 29 20	7216 31 99	7228 20 19
7208 53 90	7211 90 11	7216 32 11	7228 20 30
7208 54 10		7216 32 19	7228 30 20
7208 54 90	7212 10 10	7216 32 91	7228 30 41
7208 90 10	7212 10 91	7216 32 99	7228 30 49
	7212 20 11	7216 33 10	7228 30 61
7209 15 00	7212 30 11	7216 33 90	7228 30 69
7209 16 10	7212 40 10	7216 40 10	7228 30 70
7209 16 90	7212 40 91	7216 40 90	7228 30 89
7209 17 10	7212 50 31	7216 50 10	7228 60 10
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7209 18 10	7212 60 11	7216 50 99	7228 70 31
7209 18 91	7212 60 91	7216 99 10	7228 80 10
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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 Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part, entered into force on 1 February 1995¹;

Whereas the Parties decided in Association Council Decision N°/96² to extend the double-checking system introduced by Decision N° 3/95³ 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° 3054/95⁴,

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 Republic of Bulgaria, 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 the words "1 January to 31 December 1997". Article 1 (4) shall be deleted.

¹ OJ N° L 358, 31.12.94, p. 3.

² See page ... of this Official Journal.

³ OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, p. 37.

⁴ OJ N° L 325, 30.12.95, p. 1.

Article 2

1. Annex I 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

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7208 51 50	7211 14 10	7216 10 00	7227 90 50
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