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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 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-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. Council Regulation (EC) N° 1093/99³ established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 28 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° 1093/99 for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000.

¹ OJ N° L 348, 31.12.93, p. 2.
² OJ N° L 133, 28.05.99, p. 44.
³ OJ N° L 133, 28.05.99, p. 6.

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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 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 1994⁴;
- (2) The Parties decided by Decision N°/99⁵ of the Association Council to extend the double-checking system introduced by Decision N° 2/99⁶ 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° 1093/99⁷,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Council Regulation (EC) N° 1093/99 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 Poland, of the other part. In the Preamble and Article 1 (1) and (3) of the Regulation, references to the period 1 April to 31 December 1999 are hereby replaced by references to 1 January to 31 December 2000.

⁴ OJ N° L 348, 31.12.93, p. 2.

⁵ See page ... of this Official Journal.

⁶ OJ N° L 133, 28.05.99, p. 44.

⁷ OJ N° L 133, 28.05.99, p. 6.

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