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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**modifying regulation (EC) N° 517/94 concerning imports of certain textile products  
originating in the Federal republic of Yugoslavia  
(Serbia and Montenegro)**

**(presented by the Commission)**



## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**The Council by Regulation (EC) n° 2815/95<sup>1</sup> of 9 December 1995 has in particular suspended Regulation (EEC) n° 990/93<sup>2</sup>, putting in place an embargo vis-à-vis the Federal republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);**

**In the absence of a specific regime, imports of textile products originating in the Federal republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) into the Community is liberalized through the application of Regulation CE) n° 517/94 on common rules for imports of textile products<sup>3</sup> ;**

**The Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are presently subject to autonomous quantitative restrictions.**

**For reasons of equality of treatment vis-à-vis other republics of ex-Yugoslavia and other comparable countries with which the European Community maintains quantitative restrictions, it is appropriate to reintroduce on the Federal republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) annual restrictions for the same products which are subject to restrictions in the other republics of ex-Yugoslavia due to the application of Regulation (EC) n° 517/94;**

**It is therefore necessary to modify Annex III B of Regulation (EC) n° 517/94. The quotas represent one third of the global quota which is applicable to the three other republics.**

**The Council is therefore requested to approve the attached draft regulation**

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 297 of 9.12.1995, p. 1

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 102 of 28.4.1995, p. 14

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 67 of 10.3.1994, 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 thereof;**

**Having regard to the Commission proposal;**

**Whereas the Council Regulation (EC) n° 2815/95<sup>4</sup> of 9 December 1995 has in particular suspended Regulation (EEC) n° 990/93<sup>5</sup>, putting in place an embargo vis-à-vis the Federal republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);**

**Whereas in the absence of a specific regime, imports of textile products originating in the Federal republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) into the Community is liberalized through the application of Regulation CE) n° 517/94 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules<sup>6</sup>;**

**Whereas the Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are presently subject, on the basis of Regulation (EC) n° 517/94, to autonomous quantitative restrictions; that it is appropriate to recall that autonomous restrictions were introduced vis-à-vis Yugoslavia at the time of suspension of the Cooperation Agreement in 1991;**

**Whereas for reasons of equality of treatment vis-à-vis other republics of ex-Yugoslavia and other comparable countries with which the European Community maintains quantitative restrictions, it is appropriate to reintroduce on the Federal republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) annual restrictions for the same products which are subject to restrictions in the other republics of ex-Yugoslavia due to the application of Regulation (EC) n° 517/94;**

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<sup>4</sup> JO L 297 du 9.12.1995, p. 1

<sup>5</sup> JO L 102, du 28.4.1993, p. 14

<sup>6</sup> JO L 67 du 10.3.1994, p.1

**Whereas it is necessary to modify Annex III B of Regulation (EC) n° 517/94 and to indicate that the management of the quotas will be made following the rules of the aforesaid Regulation and in particular on the principle of "first come, first served", foreseen in Article 17 of the aforesaid Regulation;**

**Whereas it is appropriate that the goods imported after the 1st January 1996 are debited from the quotas; and that the introduction of these quantitative restrictions does not restrict the importation of goods shipped before the date of entry into force of this present regulation;**

**HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:**

**Article 1**

**Annex III B of Regulation (EC) 517/94 is replaced by the Annex of this regulation**

**Article 2**

**The quantitative restrictions established under this regulation with regard to certain textile products originating in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) shall be managed by the rules established by Regulation (EC) 517/94 and in particular upon the principle of "first come first served."**

**Article 3**

**All products originating in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and placed in free circulation on the customs territory of the Community from 1 January 1996 shall be deducted from the quotas for 1996.**

**The competent authorities in the Member States shall inform the Commission, with the minimum possible delay, of the quantities of the products covered by quantitative restrictions which have been placed into free circulation between 1 January 1996 and the date of entry into force of this regulation.**

**Article 4**

**This regulation shall not restrict the putting into free circulation of products which, at the date of its entry into force, are in the process of being transported to the Community, on the conditions that these goods are not able to change their destination and that they are accompanied by an import authorisation issued by the competent Member State authorities.**

## Article 5

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

**This regulation is binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.**

**Annex**

**"ANNEX III B**

**Annual Community quantitative limits referred to in Article 2 (1), fourth indent**

**Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of  
Macedonia**

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	6,926.0
2	tonnes	8,545.0
2a	tonnes	1,931.0
3	tonnes	935.0
5	1 000 pieces	1,986.0
6	1 000 pieces	1,048.0
7	1 000 pieces	602.0
8	1 000 pieces	2,664.0
9	tonnes	877.0
15	1 000 pieces	772.0
16	1 000 pieces	575.0
67	1 000 pieces	722.0

**Federal Republic of Yugoslavia  
(Serbia et Montenegro)**

Category	Unit	Quantity
1	tonnes	2,309.0
2	tonnes	2,848.0
2a	tonnes	644.0
3	tonnes	312.0
5	1 000 pieces	662.0
6	1 000 pieces	349.0
7	1 000 pieces	201.0
8	1 000 pieces	888.0
9	tonnes	292.0
15	1 000 pieces	257.0
16	1 000 pieces	192.0
67	1 000 pieces	241.0

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