



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

**concerning the export of certain steel products from the Slovak Republic to the
Community for the period from the date of entry into force of this Regulation up to the
date of accession by the Slovak Republic to the European Union
(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-Slovak Republic 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 1998 in respect of certain steel products by means of Decision N° 3/97² of the Association Council. By Decision N° 1/99³ of the Association Council the system was extended, with amended product coverage, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1999. By Decision N° 1/2000⁴ of the Association Council the system was extended for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000. By Decision N° 1/2001⁵ of the Association Council the system was extended for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2001. By Decision N° 3/2002⁶ of the Association Council the system was extended for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002. Council Regulation (EC) N° 85/98⁷, amended by Council Regulation (EC) N° 288/99⁸, extended by Council Regulations (EC) N° 543/00⁹, N°238/01¹⁰ and N° 1093/2002¹¹ established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 28 October 2002 , the Contact Group agreed to recommend that the Association Council should extend the double-checking system for the period from the date of entry into force of this Regulation up to the date of accession by the Slovak Republic to the European Union.

The attached proposal consequently seeks to extend Council Regulation (EC) N° 85/98 for the period from the date of entry into force of this Regulation up to the date of accession by the Slovak Republic to the European Union.

¹ OJ N° L 359, 31.12.94, p. 2.

² OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 71.

³ OJ N° L 36, 10.02.99, p. 18.

⁴ OJ N° L 67, 15.03.00, p. 36.

⁵ OJ N° L 35, 6.2.01, p. 38.

⁶ OJ N° L 166, 25.6.2002, p. 22.

⁷ OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 15.

⁸ OJ N° L 36, 10.02.99, p. 1.

⁹ OJ N° L 67, 15.03.00, p. 3.

¹⁰ OJ N° L 35, 6.2.01, p. 2

¹¹ OJ N° L 166, 25.6.2002, 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 Commission¹²,

Whereas:

- (1) 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, entered into force on 1 February 1995¹³;
- (2) The Parties decided by Decision N° .../2002¹⁴ of the Association Council to extend the double-checking system introduced by Decision N° 3/97¹⁵, for the period from the date of entry into force of this Regulation up to the date of accession by the Slovak Republic to the European Union;
- (3) It is consequently necessary to extend the Community implementing legislation introduced by Council Regulation (EC) N° 85/98¹⁶ of 19 December 1997, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Slovak Republic to the Community for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1998 (extension of the double-checking system);

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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¹³ OJ N° L 359, 31.12.94, p. 2.

¹⁴ See page ... of this Official Journal.

¹⁵ OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 71.

¹⁶ OJ N° L 13, 19.01.98, p. 15.

Article 1

Regulation (EC) N° 85/98 shall continue to apply for the period from the date of entry into force of this Regulation up to the date of accession by the Slovak Republic to the European Union, in accordance with the provisions of Decision N°/2002 of the Association Council between the European Communities and their Member States, of, the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) 85/98 shall in consequence be amended as follows:

1. In the title, preamble and Article 1 (1) and (4) references to the period ‘1 January to 31 December 2002’ shall be replaced by references to ‘the date of entry into force of this Regulation up to the date of accession by the Slovak Republic to the European Union’.
2. Annex IV to that Regulation shall be replaced by the text contained in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 3

Goods shipped to the EC as from 1 January 2003 until the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall be excluded from the scope of this Regulation.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 10th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

**LISTE OVER KOMPETENTE NATIONALE MYNDIGHEDER
LISTE DER ZUSTÄNDIGEN BEHÖRDEN DER MITGLIEDSTAATEN
ΛΙΣΤΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΡΧΩΝ ΕΚΔΟΣΗΣ ΑΔΕΙΩΝ ΤΩΝ ΚΡΑΤΩΝ ΜΕΛΩΝ
LISTA DE LAS AUTORIDADES NACIONALES COMPETENTES
LISTE DES AUTORITES NATIONALES COMPETENTES
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LIJST VAN BEVOEGDE NATIONALE INSTANTIES
LISTA DAS AUTORIDADES NACIONAIS COMPETENTES
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