

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2691/1999**  
**of 17 December 1999**  
**on rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of**  
**the carriage of goods by road**  
(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 of 25 May 1998 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular, Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, the Commission should determine the arrangements for the transmission of data by the Member States.
- (2) It is necessary to specify the country codes for international transport during the transitional period foreseen in Article 5 of the said Regulation.
- (3) The use of the two different systems of country codes specified in Annexes A and G of Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 is not compatible with the efficient transmission of data by the Member States.
- (4) It is desirable to establish a new list of country codes following the system used for the NUTS region codes.

- (5) The contents of Annexes A and G of Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 needs to be adapted accordingly.

- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion delivered by the Statistical Programme Committee, set up by Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom <sup>(2)</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 shall be amended as follows:

1. In Annex A, part A2, the text of section 7 shall be replaced by the following:  
'7. Countries crossed in transit (not more than 5), coded according to Annex G.'
2. Annex G shall be replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of 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, 17 December 1999.

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 163, 6.6.1998, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 181, 28.6.1989, p. 47.

## ANNEX

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**CODING OF COUNTRIES AND REGIONS**

1. Except as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 concerning the simplified coding of certain variables during a transitional period, the places of loading and unloading will be coded as follows:
  - (a) regional breakdown to Level 3 of the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS), for the Member States of the European Community;
  - (b) lists of administrative regions supplied by the third country concerned, for States which are not members of the European Community but which are contracting parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), namely Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway;
  - (c) for other third countries, the 2-alpha ISO-3166 codes should be used. The most frequently-used codes are given in the table below.
2. For the simplified coding of international transport during the transitional period referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, as well as for the coding of countries crossed in transit (section 7 of Annex A, part A2), the following country codes are to be used:
  - (a) the 2-alpha part of the NUTS codes, as given in the table below, for the Member States of the European Community;
  - (b) for all other countries, the 2-alpha ISO-3166 codes should be used. The most frequently-used codes are given in the table below.

**Table of country codes**

(a) *EU Member States (corresponding to NUTS 2-alpha country codes)*

Note: countries in official EU order.

Country name	Code
Belgium	BE
Denmark	DK
Germany	DE
Greece	GR
Spain	ES
France	FR
Ireland	IE
Italy	IT
Luxembourg	LU
Netherlands	NL
Austria	AT
Portugal	PT
Finland	FI
Sweden	SE
United Kingdom	UK

(b) *Other countries (ISO-3166 2-alpha codes)*

Note: countries ordered by code.

Country name	Code
Albania	AL
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BA
Bulgaria	BG
Belarus	BY
Switzerland	CH
Cyprus	CY
Czech Republic	CZ
Estonia	EE
Croatia	HR
Hungary	HU
Iceland	IS
Liechtenstein	LI
Lithuania	LT
Latvia	LV
Moldova	MD
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)	MK
Malta	MT
Norway	NO
Poland	PL
Romania	RO
Russian Federation	RU
Slovenia	SI
Slovakia	SK
Turkey	TR
Ukraine	UA
Yugoslavia	YU

For countries not shown in this list, the ISO-3166 2-alpha codes should be used.'