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DECISION No 1/2003 OF THE EU-POLAND ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

of 25 February 2003

amending Protocol 4 to the Europe Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation

(2003/395/EC)

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

the specific conditions in which some products ('monolithic integrated circuits') are to be obtained, implying limited processing operations outside the contracting parties.

Having regard to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Poland, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement', signed in Brussels on 16 December 1991, and in particular Article 38 of Protocol 4 thereof,

(4) Some technical amendments are required in order to correct anomalies in and between the different language versions of the text.

Whereas:

(5) It is therefore appropriate, for the proper functioning of the Agreement and with a view to facilitate the work of users and customs administrations, to incorporate in a new text of the Protocol all the provisions in question.

(1) Protocol 4 of the Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, hereinafter referred to as 'the Protocol' has been amended several times. A consolidation of those amendments to the text of the Protocol therefore appears necessary for the sake of clarity and legal certainty of the rules of origin to be applied.

(6) Joint Declarations concerning the Principality of Andorra, the Republic of San Marino and the review of the changes to the origin rules as a result of the amendments to the Harmonised System have to be maintained, together with the Protocol.

(2) Technical modifications of the processing rules are also required to take account of modifications to the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System ('Harmonised System') which took effect from 1 January 2002.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

(3) Certain processing requirements for non-originating materials to obtain originating status need to be amended to take account of the lack of production of a certain material within the contracting parties and of

Article 1

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 348, 31.12.1993, p. 2.

Protocol 4 of the Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of

administrative cooperation, shall be replaced by the text attached hereto, together with the relevant Joint Declarations.

It is applicable from 1 March 2003.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 2003.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

For the Association Council

The President

W. CIMOSZEWICZ
