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(Information)

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾**29 May 2000**

(2000/C 150/01)

1 euro	=	7,4597	Danish krone
	=	337,15	Greek drachma
	=	8,4040	Swedish krona
	=	0,6223	Pound sterling
	=	0,9262	United States dollar
	=	1,3915	Canadian dollar
	=	99,320	Japanese yen
	=	1,5677	Swiss franc
	=	8,3075	Norwegian krone
	=	70,49785	Icelandic króna ⁽²⁾
	=	1,6140	Australian dollar
	=	2,0210	New Zealand dollar
	=	6,60010	South African rand ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

⁽²⁾ Source: Commission.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FORWARDED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL DURING THE PERIOD 15.5. TO 19.5.2000

(2000/C 150/02)

Opinion of the Commission on the amendments proposed by the European Parliament to the Council on the back cover

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COM(2000) 286	CB-CO-00-264-EN-C	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2)(c) of the EC Treaty, on the European Parliament's amendment to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption ⁽³⁾	15.5.2000	15.5.2000	3
COM(2000) 298	CB-CO-00-281-EN-C	Proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 723/2000 amending Regulation (EC) No 1294/1999 concerning a freeze of funds and a ban on investment in relation to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY)	16.5.2000	16.5.2000	5
COM(2000) 299	CB-CO-00-282-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation prohibiting the sale, supply and export to Burma/Myanmar of equipment which might be used for internal repression or terrorism and freezing the funds of certain persons related to important governmental functions in that country	16.5.2000	16.5.2000	29
COM(2000) 293	CB-CO-00-275-EN-C	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2)(c) of the EC Treaty, on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms and repealing Council Directive 90/220/EEC ⁽³⁾	17.5.2000	17.5.2000	8
COM(2000) 305	CB-CO-00-283-EN-C	Proposal for a Council decision as regards a Community position on the Rules of Procedure pursuant to Article 63 of the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement and on Trade and Cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, of the other part	17.5.2000	17.5.2000	8
COM(2000) 119	CB-CO-00-213-EN-C	Proposal for a Council regulation creating the rapid reaction facility ⁽²⁾	11.4.2000	18.5.2000	23
COM(2000) 264	CB-CO-00-000-EN-C	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee on integrating the environment and sustainable development into economic and development cooperation policy — elements of a comprehensive strategy ⁽³⁾	18.5.2000	18.5.2000	48

Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(2000) 294	CB-CO-00-276-EN-C	Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: second annual report by the European Commission on the special administrative region of Hong Kong	18.5.2000	18.5.2000	13
COM(2000) 301	CB-CO-00-280-EN-C	Amended proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	17.5.2000	18.5.2000	25
COM(2000) 292	CB-CO-00-279-EN-C	Proposal for a Council decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Bulgaria in a Community programme within the framework of Community audiovisual policy	19.5.2000	19.5.2000	19

⁽¹⁾ This document contains an impact assessment on business, and in particular on SMEs.

⁽²⁾ This document will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

⁽³⁾ Text with EEA relevance.

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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMBINED NOMENCLATURE
(CN)

(2000/C 150/03)

INTRODUCTION

The 'Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Report on the results of the second phase of SLIM (Simpler legislation for the internal market) and the follow-up of the implementation of the first phase recommendations' includes recommendations by the CN-SLIM team.

Recommendation No 4 in the report of the CN-SLIM team on the simplification and modernisation of the CN used in external trade is to establish a 'code of conduct' for the management of the CN (e.g. with regard to the process for maintaining, creating and deleting CN codes).

Various recommendations made by the CN-SLIM team are appropriate for inclusion in such a code of conduct.

Consequently, the Commission, having heard the views of the Customs Code Committee (Tariff and statistical nomenclature section) and of representatives of European Federations, has established a code of conduct for the management of the CN.

BACKGROUND

History

On 1 January 1988 the Community introduced the concept of the Combined Nomenclature (CN) having the aim of facilitating trade and the collection and exchange of data on the statistics of the external trade of the Community. It resulted from a merger between the nomenclatures of the Common Customs Tariff (the CCT) and the NIMEXE (the Community's statistical nomenclature).

Over the years, a significant number of CN subheadings have enriched the harmonised system, HS nomenclature. Owing to the increase in CN subheadings and the structure of the CN, providers of statistical data have expressed difficulties in determining the correct CN subheading to be used in their statistical declarations.

A decrease in the number of CN subheadings remains one of the measures proposed as part of the SLIM initiative, with the aim of reducing the burdens on European businesses and, in particular, on small and medium-sized enterprises.

Legal framework

According to Article 23 of the Treaty, the Community is based on a customs union involving the use of a Common Customs Tariff (CCT).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff⁽¹⁾, provides the legal framework for the Combined Nomenclature (CN). Hence, the CN was established to meet, at the one and the same time, the requirements of both the CCT and of the external trade statistics of the Community.

The CN is based on the nomenclature annexed to the international Convention on the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) issued under the auspices of the World Customs Organisation (WCO), to which the Community is a signatory.

By virtue of Article 21 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91 of 7 November 1991 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States⁽²⁾ and Article 8 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries⁽³⁾, the CN is used for the description of goods in the statistical data medium to be transmitted to the competent statistical departments in Member States. Hence, the CN constitutes one of the main elements of Intrastat declarations made by economic operators within the framework of intra-Community trade. Furthermore, statistics on external trade and on intra-Community trade that are disseminated to the public are based on the CN.

Article 20 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code⁽⁴⁾, confirms that the CCT comprises the CN. In accordance with Annexes 37 and 38 to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93⁽⁵⁾ implementing that Regulation, the CN code constitutes one of the essential elements in the single administrative document submitted to customs by economic operators and used by customs in their monitoring of external trade flows.

Main objectives of the CN

The CN reflects the Community's WTO tariff commitments (e.g. the results of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations (1986 to 1994)), as well as other amendments to the CN and adjustments of duties in accordance with decisions taken by the Council or the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 316, 16.11.1991, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 118, 25.5.1995, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1.

It incorporates, as appropriate, WCO recommendations and various Community policy requirements.

In order to meet the requirements of the external and internal trade statistics of the Community and the needs for statistical data, the CN includes subdivisions to the HS nomenclature. Such subdivisions are maintained, created or deleted to meet the requirements of users of the statistical data collected, established and disseminated by reference to the CN.

For statistical purposes, the drafting and maintenance of correlation tables between the CN and other goods' nomenclatures is an important task.

Objectives and principles with regard to the code of conduct

The main objective of the code of conduct is to eliminate unwarranted growth of the CN and to reduce the size of that nomenclature. The process should lead to a modernisation of the CN, taking into consideration technological or commercial developments.

Application of the code of conduct should ensure a better discipline in the management of the CN.

It constitutes an instrument for transparency with regard to the parties interested in the CN and contributes to ensuring objectivity in the Commission's decision-making, after having obtained the Committee's opinion.

In applying the 'code of conduct', the diversity of the interests involved, the needs for simplification and for modernisation of the CN, and the difficulties inherent in its management should be respected by requiring an overall vision of its aims and the close cooperation of the parties concerned.

A maximum threshold for the number of CN codes cannot be fixed arbitrarily. Instead, a certain degree of flexibility should be exercised, within the spirit of legislative simplification, in order to take account of the divergent needs of the parties concerned with the CN, mainly the Commission, the Member States and European Federations.

International aspects

Within the framework of the WCO the Commission shall take into account the principles of stability, modernisation and simplification when updating the HS nomenclature.

Commission services involved in international trade negotiations should take into account, as far as possible, the objective of simplifying and facilitating the use of the CN, e.g. by promoting tariff concessions facilitating the merger of CN subheadings.

Whenever the customs duty difference is marginal, and tariff concessions are subject to a reduction over time pursuant to international trade agreements, modernisation of the CN should be envisaged under certain conditions, and in particular those provided for in Article 9(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87.

Other customs nomenclatures

The principles established by this code of conduct should apply, where appropriate, to the management of other customs nomenclatures such as TARIC.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. In this notice the following definitions and abbreviations apply:

Committee:	Customs Code Committee, Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature Section
European Federations:	Federations at European level acting in their capacity as representatives of the economic operators using the CN and as representatives for providers and users of trade statistics based on the CN
Interested parties:	Directorate-General Taxation and Customs Union and Eurostat as Directorates-General for the Commission responsible for the management of the CN the Committee Commission services presenting requests to amend the CN for Community policy reasons Member States administrations European Federations

EC:	European Community
CN:	Combined Nomenclature
HS:	Harmonised System
HS 4:	HS four digit headings
HS 6:	HS six digit subheadings
WCO:	World Customs Organisation
WTO:	World Trade Organisation

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This code of conduct for the management of the CN (e.g. with regard to the process of maintaining, creating and deleting CN subheadings to the HS nomenclature) seeks to facilitate the management of the CN subheadings to the HS nomenclature reproduced in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87.
- 2.2. In the preparation of the yearly draft Commission decision concerning the modification of the CN, the Commission's services will follow the principles recalled by this code, and will proceed within the framework of the procedures and time schedule provided for in this code. It gives guidance to all interested parties who wish to make a request for modification, creation or deletion of any CN subheading, on how to act in order to ensure that their request will be taken into consideration.
- 2.3. It applies to any request for modification, creation or deletion of any CN subheadings.

3. PRINCIPLES

3.1. **Content**

3.1.1. The CN subheadings to the HS nomenclature should reflect:

- (a) the EC's international commitments (for example WTO tariff concessions and WCO recommendations),
- (b) various EC policy requirements expressed by the competent Commission departments (where the needs are not met elsewhere),
- (c) legitimate needs of a Community nature for specific sectors expressed by Member States and by European Federations.

3.2. **Modernisation**

- 3.2.1. The modernisation of the CN will involve creation or deletion of CN subheadings, changes to the CN subheading structure or modifications of descriptions, in particular in accordance with Article 9(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87.
- 3.2.2. In modernising the CN, due account shall be taken of nomenclatures related to the CN (e.g. Prodcod).

3.3. **The nomenclature**

- 3.3.1. When amending the nomenclature structure of the CN, the code number allocated to a CN subheading should be maintained, where the coverage of the CN subheading remains the same or the change in coverage is a minor one.
- 3.3.2. A CN subheading cannot be deleted unless it has been in force for at least two calendar years.

- 3.3.3. Descriptions in the CN should be clear, precise and concise, and if necessary accompanied by legal notes.
- 3.3.4. The products to be covered by a CN subheading should be clearly identifiable or recognisable on the basis of objective and measurable criteria.
- 3.3.5. The descriptions in the CN should observe the parallelism between the different Community language versions of the CN and coherence in the terminology used.
- 3.3.6. The tariff annexes to the CN should normally be used only for products which are the subject of specific WTO tariff measures and for which the creation of CN subheadings is not deemed necessary.
- 3.3.7. 'TARIC subheadings for statistical purposes' shall reflect the needs of the Community. Such subheadings shall enter into force on the first day of a month, apply on a monthly basis for at least one year and be subject to the normal review cycle for CN codes.

3.4. **Statistical criteria for the maintenance or creation of CN subheadings**

- 3.4.1. Eurostat shall consider the definition of statistical thresholds to assist in the process of determining whether a CN subheading should be deleted, maintained or created.
- 3.4.2. Eurostat shall inform other Commission services and Member States of such statistical thresholds.
- 3.4.3. Eurostat will establish periodically a list of CN subheadings where the trade volume is below the statistical threshold for submission to other Commission services and the Committee.

3.5. **Other criteria for the maintenance or creation of CN subheadings**

- 3.5.1. CN subheadings which are no longer needed for statistical or other reasons shall be deleted whenever they are subjected to the same customs duties.
- 3.5.2. A CN subheading may be created or maintained even though the volume of trade is below the statistical threshold in question, provided that it is supported by the Commission services or by the Member States representing a qualified majority.

4. PROCEDURE

4.1. **Submission of requests**

- 4.1.1. Requests to amend the CN may be formulated by interested parties as defined above.
- 4.1.2. Other concerned parties which are not referred to above should present requests via the appropriate European Federation or via the administration of the Member State where they are established.
- 4.1.3. Requests to amend the CN shall be submitted to the Commission for examination, for the attention of the responsible service:
- requests of statistical nature shall be addressed for the attention of Eurostat,
 - other requests than those of a statistical nature shall be for the attention of DG Taxation and Customs Union ⁽¹⁾.
- 4.1.4. With a view to examining proposals to amend the CN to enter into force on 1 January, requests for such proposed amendments should be submitted at the latest on 30 April of the year preceding its entry into force.

⁽¹⁾ All requests concerning amendments to the HS nomenclature shall be submitted to the Commission for the attention of DG Taxation and Customs Union. Those requests will be examined in collaboration with Eurostat and the various interested parties.

4.2. Presentational requirements

4.2.1. A request for amendment to the CN should contain the following information:

- (a) a statement of the reasons for the request,
- (b) an indication of the envisaged CN subheadings by reference to the HS 4 or HS 6 level,
- (c) details of the volume of trade, expressed in euro or in statistical units with regard to the products for which new CN subheadings are being requested or for which the deletion or the merger of CN subheadings is proposed, including forecasts of developments in trade,
- (d) details of the type of product in question, supported if necessary by drawings, sketches, photographs, illustrations, samples, as well as details of the text of the international or national standards.

4.2.2. Any proposal to amend the CN, submitted by the Commission to the Committee for examination and an opinion, should contain the following information:

- (a) identification of the origin of the proposal (Commission, Member State, European Federation or other);
- (b) reasons for the proposal;
- (c) details of the proposed new structure at HS 4 or HS 6 level compared with the existing structure, including, if necessary, duty rates and supplementary units;
- (d) comments by the Commission departments.

4.2.3. Proposals should also, where appropriate, contain the following information:

- (a) statistical trade data on the CN subheadings concerned, both current and if possible covering the three previous years, together with forecasts of future trade development (e.g. for the next two years);
- (b) reference(s) to the previous Commission documents on the same or similar questions;
- (c) Annexes with technical documentation.

4.3. Treatment of a request by the Committee

4.3.1. The Commission will inform the Committee of requests received to amend the CN.

4.3.2. The Commission will inform parties having requested an amendment to the CN of progress made on their proposals.

4.3.3. Proposals to amend the CN, supported by Member States representing a qualified majority and endorsed by the relevant Commission services, shall be incorporated in the draft regulation.

4.3.4. The draft regulation updating the CN shall be submitted to the Committee, in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, for its opinion at a meeting to be held, normally in June and at the latest on 30 September of the year preceding its entry into force.

4.3.5. If necessary, the Commission will establish working parties, chaired by the Commission and including representatives of Member States and of European Federations.

4.3.6. Recommendations to amend the CN resulting from the activities of a working party should be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

4.4. Commission procedure

4.4.1. The Commission shall adopt the regulation updating the CN, in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, with a view to facilitating and ensuring its timely dissemination, in particular to the providers of statistical data, for publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* at the latest latest by 31 October and subsequent dissemination in electronic format, whenever possible, soon thereafter.

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.1966 — Phillips/Chevron/JV)

(2000/C 150/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 24 May 2000, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which the undertakings Phillips Petroleum Company (Phillips) and Chevron Corporation (Chevron), both of United States of America, acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control by purchase of shares of a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Phillips: integrated petroleum company engaged in oil and gas exploration and production worldwide,
- Chevron: energy and chemical company active in oil and gas exploration and production, refining, transport and chemicals worldwide.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.1966 — Phillips/Chevron/JV, to:

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1040 Brussels.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

III

(Notices)

COMMISSION

Consultation on the appropriate levels of sulphur in petrol and diesel marketed in the Community

(2000/C 150/05)

The European Commission has launched a consultation exercise regarding the appropriate level of sulphur in petrol and diesel marketed in the European Community.

Details of the consultation can be found at:

<http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/whatsnew.htm>

Responses should be sent to: ENV-SULPHUR-REVIEW@cec.eu.int

The closing date for responses is **31 July 2000**.

Call for proposals SCRE/111082/C/G

Asia-Invest programme — Budget line B7-301

(2000/C 150/06)

Financing source and programme covering the fields of activity for which proposals are sought

- (a) **Asia-Invest** programme: economic cooperation with south and south-east Asia and China. Proposals are sought for cofinancing under 'Asia-Interprise'.
- (b) Source of financing Budget line B7-301: 'Economic cooperation with Asian developing countries'.

Type and size of projects

- (a) 'Asia-Interprise' aims are to promote cooperation between enterprises from Asian countries and the European Union by supporting business-matching events. Projects should be within areas covered by the budget line as described in further details in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) The maximum level of cofinancing will be 50 % and the maximum amount of grant will be EUR 100 000.
- (c) Maximum project implementation period: 36 months.

Eligibility: who may apply?

Non-profit organisations representing groups of companies such as a chamber of commerce or a trade/industrial association.

For full details see section 2.1 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Type and maximum amount of costs to be taken into consideration for a grant

- (a) Type of costs: see section 2.1 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) Maximum amount of grant: 50 % of total eligible project costs. See sections 1.3 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Evaluation criteria

See section 2.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Language, address and deadline for applications

- (a) **Form:** project including annexes must be submitted in one original and five copies. Applicants will use the application form annexed to the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) **Language:** see section 2.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Deadline for applications: there will be two deadlines in the year 2000 for the submission of proposals: 17 July at 4 p.m. and 20 November at 4 p.m.

Any application arriving after 17 July at 4 p.m. will automatically be included in the next batch of applications (deadline: 20 November 2000).

Any application received after 4 p.m. on 20 November 2000 will be automatically rejected.

- (c) Applications should be sent by registered mail or hand-delivered to the following address **so as to arrive before the deadline for applications:**

postal address:

European Commission
SCR/E/4
LOI — 41 Office 7/93
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels

address for hand delivery:

SCR/E/4
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 41
Office 7/93
B-1040 Brussels

- (d) Envelopes must be clearly marked with the following:

Full name of the applicant and full name and address of the organisation 'Call for proposals SCRE/111082/C/G (Asia-Interprise) — Do not open until the opening session'.

Detailed information on the call for proposals and application form

- (a) Detailed information on the present call for proposals is contained in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000 available from the following addresses:

— website:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/scr/tender/index.htm>
www.asia-invest.com

— e-mail: asia.invest@asia-invest.com

— fax (32-2) 282 17 60

— post:

Asia-Invest Secretariat
Rue Archimède/Archimedesstraat 17
B-1000 Brussels

- (b) Questions, indicating clearly the reference of the call for proposals, should be sent to the address mentioned in section (a) above.

Frequently asked questions with answers will be available on the Commission and programme websites:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/scr/tender/index.htm>
www.asia-invest.com

Call for proposals SCRE/111083/C/G**Asia-Invest programme — Budget line B7-301**

(2000/C 150/07)

Financing source and programme covering the fields of activity for which proposals are sought

- (a) **Asia-Invest** programme: economic cooperation with south and south-east Asia and China. Proposals are sought for cofinancing under 'Business Priming Fund — language and business culture familiarisation'.
- (b) Source of financing: Budget line B7-301: 'Economic cooperation with Asian developing countries'.

Type and size of projects

- (a) 'Language and business culture familiarisation' covers training courses for groups of European or Asian companies in order to acquire international business and language skills. Projects should be within areas covered by the budget line as described in further details in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) The maximum level of cofinancing will be 50 % and the maximum amount of grant will be EUR 60 000.
- (c) Maximum project implementation period: 36 months.

Eligibility: who may apply?

Non-profit organisations representing groups of companies such as a chamber of commerce or a trade/industrial association.

For further details see section 2.1 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Type and maximum amount of costs to be taken into consideration for a grant

- (a) Type of costs: see section 2.1 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) Maximum amount of grant: 50 % of total eligible project costs. See sections 1.3 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Evaluation criteria

See section 2.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Language, address and deadline for applications

- (a) **Form:** project proposals including annexes must be submitted in one original and five copies. Applicants will use the application form annexed to the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) **Language:** see section 2.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Deadline for applications: there will be two deadlines in the year 2000 for the submission of proposals: 17 July at 4 p.m. and 20 November at 4 p.m.

Any application arriving after 17 July at 4 p.m. will automatically be included in the next batch of applications (deadline: 20 November 2000).

Any application received after 4 p.m. on 20 November 2000 will be automatically rejected.

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Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels

address for hand delivery:

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Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 41
Office 7/93
B-1040 Brussels

- (d) Envelopes must be clearly marked with the following:

Full name of the applicant and full name and address of the organisation

Call for proposals SCRE/111083/C/G (Asia-Invest language and business culture familiarisation) — Do not open until the opening session.

Detailed information on the call for proposals and application form

- (a) Detailed information on the present call for proposals is contained in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000 available from the following addresses:

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Call for proposals SCORE/111084/C/G

Asia-Invest programme — Budget line B7-301

(2000/C 150/08)

Financing source and programme covering the fields of activity for which proposals are sought

- (a) **Asia-Invest** programme: economic cooperation with south and south-east Asia and China. Proposals are sought for cofinancing under 'Business Priming Fund — technical assistance'.
- (b) Source of financing Budget line B7-301: 'Economic cooperation with Asian developing countries'.

Type and size of projects

- (a) 'Technical Assistance' aims at preparing companies from the less developed Asian countries for economic cooperation with their European counterparts. Projects should be within geographical and thematic areas covered by the budget line as described in further details in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) The maximum amount of grant: EUR 120 000. The maximum level of cofinancing will be 50 % for technical assistance activities in Maldives, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, 65 % for technical Assistance activities in Bangladesh, Bhutan, China (with emphasis on the inland provinces), Indonesia, India (with emphasis on the less developed States) and Pakistan, and 80 % for technical assistance activities in Cambodia, Laos, Nepal and Vietnam.
- (c) Maximum project implementation period: 36 months.

Eligibility: who may apply?

Asian non-profit organisation representing groups of companies such as a chamber of commerce or a trade/industrial association, from the less developed countries.

For further details see section 2.1 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Type and maximum amount of costs to be taken into consideration for a grant

- (a) Type of costs: see section 2.1 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) Maximum amount of grant: 50 % to 80 % of total eligible project costs according to the country. See sections 1.3 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Evaluation criteria

See section 2.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Languages, address and deadline for applications

- (a) Form: project proposals including annexes must be submitted in one original and five copies. Applicants will use the application form annexed to the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) Language: see section 2.2 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Deadline for applications: there will be two deadlines in the year 2000 for the submission of proposals: 17 July at 4 p.m. and 20 November at 4 p.m.

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- (d) Envelopes must be clearly marked with the following:

Full name of the applicant and full name and address of the organisation Call for proposals SCORE/111084/C/G (Asia-Invest technical assistance) — Do not open until the opening session.

Detailed information on the call for proposals and application form

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Frequently asked questions with answers will be available on the Commission and programme websites:

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Call for proposals SCRE/111085/C/G**Asia-Invest programme — Budget line B7-301**

(2000/C 150/09)

Financing source and programme covering the fields of activity for which proposals are sought

- (a) **Asia-Invest** programme: economic cooperation with south and south-east Asia and China. Proposals are sought for cofinancing under 'Business Priming Fund — market place monitoring'.
- (b) Source of financing Budget line B7-301: 'Economic cooperation with Asian developing countries'.

Type and size of projects

- (a) 'Market place monitoring' aims are to help EU companies prepare their decisions and strategy planning in order to go into partnerships with Asian companies. The outcome of a market place monitoring activity will be a sector-specific report in which the market potential and cooperation opportunities in Asian countries will be evaluated. Projects should be within areas covered by the budget line as described in further details in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) The maximum level of cofinancing will be 50 % and the maximum amount of grant will be EUR 100 000.
- (c) Maximum project implementation period: 36 months.

Eligibility: who may apply?

European non-profit organisations representing groups of companies such as a chamber of commerce or a trade/industrial association.

For full details see section 2.1 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Type and maximum amount of costs to be taken into consideration for a grant

- (a) Type of costs: see section 2.1 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) Maximum amount of grant: 50 % of total eligible project costs. See sections 1.3 in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Evaluation criteria

See section 2.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Language, address and deadline for applications

- (a) **Form:** project including annexes must be submitted in one original and five copies. Applicants will use the application form annexed to the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.
- (b) **Language:** see section 2.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants 2000.

Deadline for applications: there will be two deadlines in the year 2000 for the submission of proposals: 17 July at 4 p.m. and 20 November at 4 p.m.

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- (d) Envelopes must be clearly marked with the following:

Full name of the applicant and full name and address of the organisation Call for proposals SCRE/111085/C/G (Asia-Invest market place monitoring) — Do not open until the opening session.

Detailed information on the call for proposals and application form

- (a) Detailed information on the present call for proposals is contained in the Guidelines for Applicants 2000 available from the following address:

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