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# COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

# of 26 May 2003

on the horizontal aspects of culture: increasing synergies with other sectors and Community actions and exchanging good practices in relation to the social and economic dimensions of culture

(2003/C 136/01)

THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN UNION,

into Community action;

- the field of culture: European added value and mobility of persons and circulation of works in the cultural sector (4);
- NOTING that, in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, the Community shall take cultural aspects into account in its action under other provisions of this Treaty, in particular in order to respect and to promote the diversity of its cultures;
- 2. RECALLING the Resolution of the Council of 20 January 1997 (¹) on horizontal aspects of culture that includes several proposals on how to integrate cultural aspects
- 3. RECALLING that the Resolution of the Council of 21 January 2002 (²) on the role of culture in the development of the European Union stressed the need for synergies and complementarity between culture and the various Community actions;
- 4. RECALLING that the Council on 25 June 2002 (3) adopted a Resolution on a work plan for European cooperation in the field of culture, and that this work plan includes as priorities horizontal aspects of cultural action (synergies with other Community areas and activities, economic and social dimensions of culture, mobility of persons and circulation of works, as well as development of the cultural and creative industries);
- 5. RECALLING that the follow-up concerning horizontal aspects of the work plan has already started and that on 19 December 2002 the Council adopted a Resolution implementing the work plan on European cooperation in

6. NOTING that culture interacts with other sectors both in

the Member States and at the European level;

- 7. RE-EMPHASISES the importance of an effective synergy with all, both internal and external, other relevant areas and actions of the Community;
- 8. STRESSES that culture is a powerful vector of integration and of social inclusion;
- RECOGNISES the work already initiated in the Member States and by the European Commission and STRESSES that an extra effort needs to be made to include culture in other sectors with the aim of placing culture at the heart of European integration;
- 10. INVITES the Commission, subject to timely information from all Member States, to submit by the end of 2003 a communication on the cultural dimension of EU Structural Funds for the period 1994 to 1999, while awaiting with interest the third Commission report on economic and social cohesion as well as the mid-term evaluation of the Structural Funds:
- 11. LOOKS FORWARD to a reflection, in 2004, to be led by the Commission on the basis of the abovementioned elements, which will consider how the contribution of culture to economic and social cohesion could be reinforced;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 36, 5.2.1997.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 32, 5.2.2002.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 162, 6.7.2002.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ C 13, 18.1.2003.

- 12. INVITES the Member States and the Commission within their respective competencies and responsibilities,
  - to enhance synergies with Community areas and activities other than cultural ones from the earliest possible stage of preparation of any action or policy to its implementation, through an assessment of these actions at all appropriate levels,
- to examine the methods through which the exchange of good practices in relation to the economic and social dimension of culture could be developed, including the contribution of cultural activities to social inclusion and to the promotion of cultural diversity;
- 13. AGREES that the Council, by the end of 2004, should take stock of the follow-up to this Resolution.

#### DECLARATION OF THE COUNCIL

## of 26 May 2003

on the tragic destruction of cultural goods, archaeological sites, monuments and libraries in Iraq

(2003/C 136/02)

The Council of the European Union,

- expresses its deepest concern at the tragic destruction of cultural goods, archaeological sites, and monuments of irreplaceable historical value in Iraq and the vandalism and looting of the museums and libraries of vital importance not only to Iraq but to the whole world,
- confirms that a basic principle ruling the EU as a community of cultural values and sensitivities is the respect and protection of world cultural heritage,
- stresses the need to protect in an efficient way the cultural goods of Iraq and to return the objects illegally removed from museums or archaeological sites, without allowing them to become objects of trade ending up in foreign museums or private collections.

The Council declares the European Union's active support of UNESCO's related initiatives and actions as well as its support of governmental and non-governmental organisations aiming at protecting Iraq's cultural heritage as part of the world's cultural heritage.

# **COMMISSION**

# Euro exchange rates (1)

# 10 June 2003

(2003/C 136/03)

1 euro =

	Currency	Exchange rate		Currency	Exchange rate	
USD	US dollar	1,1699	LVL	Latvian lats	0,657	
JPY	Japanese yen	138,22	MTL	Maltese lira	0,4292	
DKK	Danish krone	7,4246	PLN	Polish zloty	4,463	
GBP	Pound sterling	0,7065	ROL	Romanian leu	38 215	
SEK	Swedish krona	9,1157	SIT	Slovenian tolar	233,55	
CHF	Swiss franc	1,5422	SKK	Slovak koruna	41,49	
ISK	Iceland króna	85,65	TRL	Turkish lira	1 669 000	
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,2175	AUD	Australian dollar	1,7768	
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9465	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,59	
CYP	Cyprus pound	0,58624	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,1235	
CZK	Czech koruna	31,305	NZD	New Zealand dollar	2,0336	
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	SGD	Singapore dollar	2,0273	
HUF	Hungarian forint	259,4	KRW	South Korean won	1 397,27	
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4527	ZAR	South African rand	9,3765	

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

# Information procedure — Technical rules

(2003/C 136/04)

## (Text with EEA relevance)

Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on Information Society services (OJ L 204, 21.7.1998, p. 37; OJ L 217, 5.8.1998, p. 18)

Notifications of draft national technical rules received by the Commission

Reference (1)	Title	End of three-month standstill period (2)
2003/169/NL	Regulation by the State Secretary for Public Health, Welfare and Sport of, amending the Regulation on pesticide residues	18.8.2003
2003/170/D	Performance requirements for voyage data recorders for use on passengers ships of Classes B, C and D engaged on domestic voyages, in accordance with Council Directive 98/18/EC of 17 March 1998	18.8.2003
2003/171/A	Act of amending the Salzburg Animal Protection Act 1999	18.8.2003
2003/172/B	Draft Royal Decree laying down certain ranges of nominal quantities and regulating the indication of quantities of certain pre-packaged products	18.8.2003
2003/173/NL	Regulation by the Minister for Economic Affairs of, No WJZ, amending for the third time the Regulation on green certificates under the Electricity Act 1998 in connection with the act amending the Electricity Act 1998 in order to promote the environmental quality of the production of electricity	(4)
2003/174/NL	Regulation by the State Secretary for Economic Affairs of, No WJZ, laying down implementing rules with regard to the testing installation, measurement and issue of certificates pertaining to electricity generated by means of total energy (Regulation on certificates for total energy under the Electricity Act 1998)	(4)
2003/175/S	Administrative provisions amending the Swedish Board of Agriculture's administrative provisions (SJVFS 1995:145) on compulsory health monitoring with regard to the disease enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL) in cattle	20.8.2003
2003/176/I	Circular on: 'Directions for the compilation and distribution of the identification sheet of wood products and wood-furniture products' (Law No 126 of 10 April 1991 and Ministerial Decree No 101 of 8 February 1997)	20.8.2003
2003/177/A	Order of the Salzburg Provincial Government of implementing the Salzburg Animal Protection Act 1999 (Animal Protection Order (German designation: TSCHV))	21.8.2003
2003/178/S	Administrative provisions amending the Swedish Board of Agriculture's provisions (SJVFS 2003:24) on conditions for keeping, breeding and sale etc. of animals intended for companionship and hobby purposes	21.8.2003
2003/179/A	RVS 15.362 (Guidelines and Regulations for Highway Construction) 'Construction work; bridge waterproofing: waterproofing using polymer modified bitumen-coated sheeting'	22.8.2003
2003/180/A	RVS 15.364 (Guidelines and Regulations for Highway Construction) 'Construction work; bridge waterproofing; surfaces of concrete load-bearing structures — Part I: Treatment of surfaces of concrete load-bearing structures which require waterproofing — Part II: Levelling mortar and repair mortar under waterproofing'	22.8.2003
2003/181/IRL	Bye-Laws for the Management of Water Services and the Conservation of Drinking Water, 2003	22.8.2003
2003/182/A	RVS 15.361 (Guidelines and Regulations for Highway Construction) 'Construction work; bridge waterproofing: primary coats, sealing coats, scratch coatings'	25.8.2003
2003/183/A	RVS 3.04 (Guidelines and Regulations for Highway Construction) Protection of Amphibians on Roads	25.8.2003
2003/184/NL	Draft Decree regulating the safety measures to be taken by providers of public telecommunications networks or public telecommunications services, such measures pertaining to data on the tapping and recording of telecommunications (Decree on the safeguarding of data with regard to the tapping of telecommunications)	25.8.2003

Reference (¹)	Title	End of three-month standstill period (²)
2003/185/I	Draft law for the approval for metric testing and subsequent regularisation of industrial chemical composition measuring systems for natural gas using process gas chromatography	25.8.2003
2003/186/I	Decree of the Minister for the Interior on: 'Provisions relating to the installation and maintenance of opening devices for doors placed along escape routes, with regard to safety in case of fire'	27.8.2003
2003/187/I	Draft Decree 'Amending the Ministerial Decree of 31 May 2001, amending the Decree of 12 November 1992, relating to the criteria for the assessment of the characteristics of natural mineral water'	28.8.2003
2003/188/D	Draft Act on the registration of establishments keeping laying hens (German designation: LegRegG) incorporating amendments proposed by the SPD (German Social Democratic Party) and Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (the German Green party) and accepted by the Bundestag's Committee for Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture on 21.5.2003	28.8.2003
2003/190/A	Order of the Viennese Provincial Government on the keeping of dogs	1.9.2003
2003/191/E	Draft Royal Decree adopting the quality standard for the manufacture, marketing and sale of preserves, jellies, fruit marmalades, chestnut cream and fruit jams	1.9.2003

<sup>(1)</sup> Year — registration No — Member State of origin.

The Commission draws attention to the judgement delivered on 30 April 1996 in the 'CIA security' Case (C-194/94, ECR I-2201), in which the Court of Justice ruled that Articles 8 and 9 of Directive 98/34/EC (formerly 83/189/EEC) are to be interpreted as meaning that individuals may rely on them before national courts which must decline to apply a national technical regulation which has not been notified in accordance with the Directive.

This judgement confirms the Commission's communication of 1 October 1986 (OJ C 245, 1.10.1986, p. 4).

Accordingly, breach of the obligation to notify renders the technical regulations concerned inapplicable and consequently unenforceable against individuals.

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If you require any further information on these notifications, please contact the national departments listed below.

<sup>(2)</sup> Period during which the draft may not be adopted.

<sup>(3)</sup> No standstill period since the Commission accepts the grounds of urgent adoption invoked by the notifying Member State.

<sup>(4)</sup> No standstill period since the measure concerns technical specifications or other requirements or rules on services linked to fiscal or financial measures, pursuant to the third indent of the second paragraph of Article 1(11) of Directive 98/34/EC.

<sup>(5)</sup> Information procedure closed.

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#### Prior notification of a concentration

# (Case COMP/M.3134 — Arcelor/Umicore/Duology JV)

(2003/C 136/05)

#### (Text with EEA relevance)

- 1. On 2 June 2003 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 Arcelor SA (Arcelor), Luxembourg and NV Umicore SA (Umicore), Belgium acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of a newly created company constituting a joint venture (Duology), which will be constituted by the attribution of parts of Considar Inc. and Considar Europe SA (subsidiaries of Arcelor) and parts of Sogem SA, UMS France and UMS Iberica (subsidiaries of Umicore).
- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- Arcelor: production and distribution of steel products, engineering and products for the steel industry such as non-ferrous metals, and ferro-alloys,
- Umicore: transformation, recycling and refining of non-ferrous metals and production and sale of other related products (speciality products, copper, zinc and precious metals),
- Duology: distribution and sale of non-ferrous metals, ferro-alloys, oxides, metallic salts, flat-rolled products, ingots and foundry products.
- 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.3134 — Arcelor/Umicore/Duology JV, to:

European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition, Directorate B — Merger Task Force, J-70, B-1049 Brussels.

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

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

#### Non-opposition to a notified concentration

#### (Case COMP/M.3063 — De Agostini/Holding di partecipazioni/RCS Diffusione/JV)

(2003/C 136/06)

#### (Text with EEA relevance)

On 12 May 2003 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in Italian and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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# Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case COMP/M.3111 — P & O Ports/CMA-CGM/Egis Ports)

(2003/C 136/07)

# (Text with EEA relevance)

On 28 May 2003, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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# Non-opposition to a notified concentration

#### (Case COMP/M.3114 — Union Fenosa/ENI/Union Fenosa Gas)

(2003/C 136/08)

#### (Text with EEA relevance)

On 21 May 2003, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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#### Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case COMP/M.3127 — Wienerberger/Koramic Building Products/JV)

(2003/C 136/09)

# (Text with EEA relevance)

On 23 May 2003 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in German and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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(2003/C 136/10)

#### For Luxembourg

1. Article 14 is replaced by the following:

'Article 14

# Service by post

Where service is to be by post, it must be by registered letter with advice of delivery and the rules governing translations in the Regulation must be applied.'

2. Article 15 is replaced by the following:

'Article 15

# Direct request for service

Luxembourg is not opposed to the possibility provided for by Article 15 regarding Member States that allow reciprocity, on the understanding that a bailiff in the requested State is not responsible for the proper form and content of the document sent to him direct by the person concerned but responsible solely for the service formalities and procedures that he applies in the requested State.'

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 151, 22.5.2001, p. 4. Communication last updated in OJ C 13, 17.1.2002, p. 2.

# III

(Notices)

# **COMMISSION**

# Outcome of the invitations to tender of (Community food aid)

(2003/C 136/11)

as provided for in Article 9(7) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down general rules for the mobilisation of products to be supplied under Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 as Community food aid

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 23)

## 3 June 2003

Regulation (EC) No/ Decision of	Lot	Action No	Beneficiary/ Destination	Product	Quantity (t)	Delivery stage	Successful tenderer	Awarded price (EUR/t)
862/2003	A	3/03	Ethiopia	BLT	15 000	DEST	n.a.	(1)
	В	4/03	Ethiopia	BLT	25 000	DEST	n.a.	(1)

n.a. No contract was awarded.

<sup>(1)</sup> Second deadline for the submission of tenders: 17.6.2003.

BLT:	Common wheat	FABA:	Broad beans (Vicia faba major)	WSB:	Wheat/soya blend
DUR:	Durum wheat	FEQ:	Horse beans (Vicia faba equina)	Lsub1:	Infant formula
ORG:	Barley	PISUM:	Split peas	Lsub2:	Follow-on formula
MAI:	Maize	SUB:	White sugar	LHE:	High energy milk
SEG:	Rye	HCOLZ:	Rape seed oil	AC:	Compound food
SOR:	Sorghum	HTOUR:	Sunflower oil	PAL:	Pasta
CBR/M/L:	Milled round, medium or long	HOLI:	Olive oil	SAR:	Tinned sardines
	grain rice	HMAI:	Maize oil	CM:	Tinned mackerel
RPR/M/L:	Parboiled round, medium or long grain rice	HSOJA:	Soya oil	CB:	Corned beef
BRI:	Broken rice	LEP:	Skimmed milk powder	BPJ:	Canned beef
FBLT:	Common wheat flour	LEPv:	Vitaminized skimmed milk powder	PFB:	Beef liver pâté
FMAI:	Maize flour	LDEP:	Semi-skimmed milk powder	CP:	Canned pork
FSEG:	Rye flour	LENP:	Whole milk powder	PFP:	Pig liver pâté
SDUR:	Durum wheat meal	B:	Butter	CV:	Canned poultrymeat
SMAI:	Maize gritz	BO:	Butteroil	DEST:	Free at destination
FHAF:	Oat flakes	FETA:	Feta-type cheese	DEB:	Free at port of landing — landed
CT:	Tomato concentrate	FROf:	Processed cheese	DEN:	Free at port of landing — ex ship
PT:	Tomato powder	BABYF:	Cereal-based weaning food	EMB:	Free at port of shipment
	Currants	BISC:	Biscuits	EXW:	Ex works