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Proposal for a Council Decision

on the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Czech Republic to the European Communities.

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PROPOSAL FOR A

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) N°

concerning the export of certain ECSC and EC steel products from the Czech Republic to the European Communities for the period 1 January to 31 December 1997 (extension of the double-checking system)

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(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-Czech 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 1996 in respect of certain ECSC and EC steel products by means of Association Council Decision N° 2/96². Council Regulation (EC) N° 790/96³ established the corresponding implementing legislation for the Community.

At its meeting on 18 October 1996, the Contact Group agreed to recommend that the Association Council should extend the double-checking system, with certain amendments, for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997.

The attached proposals consequently seek to extend Association Council Decision N° 2/96 and Council Regulation (EC) N° 790/96, with certain amendments, for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997.

¹ OJ N° L 360, 31.12.94, p.12.

² OJ N° L 133, 4.6.96, p. 16.

³ OJ N° L 108, 1.5.96, p. 12.

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96/0284 (ACC)

The Council of the European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 together with Article 228, paragraph 2, first sentence,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Decision of the Council and the Commission of 19 December 1994 on the conclusion of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas the Contact Group referred to in Article 10 of Protocol 2 of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part and the Czech Republic of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995¹, met on 18 October 1996 to discuss trends in imports of ECSC and EC products from the Czech Republic into the Community and recognised the need to find appropriate solutions in the framework of Article 34.2 of the Agreement in order to ensure that the attainment of the objectives of the Agreement will not be jeopardised;

Whereas the Contact Group therefore agreed to recommend to the Association Council established under Article 104 of the Agreement that the double-checking system introduced in 1996 by Association Council Decision N° 2/96² should be renewed for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997;

Whereas the Parties are desirous to promote the orderly and equitable development of trade in steel between the Community and the Czech Republic;

Whereas the Association Council, having been supplied with all relevant information, has determined that the solution acceptable to the two parties which least disturbs the functioning of the Agreement is the renewal of the double-checking system, without quantitative limits, for the import into the Community of certain steel products covered by the ECSC and EC Treaties between 1 January and 31 December 1997,

¹ OJ L 360, 31.12.94, p.12

² OJ L 133, 4.6.96, p.16.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Czech Republic to the European Communities, and in particular the renewal of the double-checking system, shall be based on the draft decision of the Association Council annexed to this Decision.

Done at Brussels

For the Council

Draft
Decision N°/96 of the Association Council,

association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part,
and the Czech Republic, of the other part

concerning the export of certain ECSC and EC steel products from the Czech Republic to
the European Communities for the period 1 January to 31 December 1997 (extension of
the double-checking system established by Decision N° 2/96 of the Association Council)

(96/...../ECSC)

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Whereas the Contact Group referred to in Article 10 of Protocol 2 of the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995¹, met on 18 October 1996 and agreed to recommend to the Association Council established under Article 104 of the Agreement that the double-checking system introduced in 1996 by Association Council Decision N° 2/96² should be extended for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997 subject to certain amendments;

Whereas the Association Council, having been supplied with all relevant information, has agreed with this recommendation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The double-checking system established by Association Council Decision N° 2/96 for the period 1 January to 31 December 1996 shall continue to apply for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997, subject to the amendments to that Decision shown in Article 2. In the Preamble and Article 1 (1) and (3) of the Decision, references to the period 1 January to 31 December 1996 are hereby replaced by the words "1 January to 31 December 1997". Article 1 (4) shall be deleted.

¹ OJ N° L 360, 31.12.94, p. 12.

² OJ N° L 133, 4.6.96, p. 16.

Article 2

1. In Article 2 of the Decision, the first sentence of paragraph 2 shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Community undertakes to supply the Czech authorities with precise statistical information on import documents issued by Member States in respect of the export documents issued by the Czech authorities pursuant to Article 1."

2. Annex I shall be replaced by the text contained in the Annex to this Decision.
3. In Annex III, the following change shall be made: delete "Export Licence" and insert "Export Document".
4. In Annex IV, paragraph 3 shall be amended to read as follows:

"The export documents shall be valid for six months from the date of their issue."

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of signature.

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1997.

Done at

For the Association Council

The President

ANNEX
ANNEX I
CZECH REPUBLIC

List of products subject to double-checking (1997)

<i>Heavy Plates</i>	<i>Wire rod</i>
(excluding ex-CN Codes)	7213 10 00
7208 40 10	7213 20 00
7208 51 30	7213 91 10
7208 51 50	7213 91 20
7208 51 91	7213 91 41
7208 51 99	7213 91 49
7208 52 91	7213 91 70
7208 52 99	7213 91 90
7208 54 10	7213 99 10
7208 90 10	7213 99 90
7208 90 90	
	7221 00 10
	7221 00 90
<i>Cold-rolled sheet</i>	7227 10 00
	7227 20 00
7209 15 00	7227 90 10
7209 16 90	7227 90 50
7209 17 90	7227 90 95
7209 18 91	
7209 18 99	
7209 25 00	
7209 26 90	<i>Hematite pig iron</i>
7209 27 90	
7209 28 90	7201 10 19
7211 23 10	
7211 23 51	
7211 29 20	<i>Beams and sections</i>
<i>Hot-rolled strip and hoop</i>	7216 31 11
	7216 31 19
	7216 31 91
	7216 31 99
7211 14 10	7216 32 11
7211 14 90	7216 32 19
7211 19 20	7216 32 91
7211 19 90	7216 32 99
7212 60 91	
7220 11 00	<i>Welded Tubes</i>
7220 12 00	
7220 90 31	Complete CN heading 7306
7226 19 10	
7226 20 20	
7226 91 10	
7226 91 90	
7226 99 20	

JOINT DECLARATION

In the context of Association Council Decision N° 2/96, as extended by Association Council Decision N° .../96, the Community and the Czech Republic declared that, if so requested by the producers of products subject to double-checking, they would inform each other immediately in the event of any problems relating to the operation of the Decision and the products concerned which might require consultations as provided for in Article 3 thereof.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas a Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of, the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, entered into force on 1 February 1995¹;

Whereas the Parties decided in Association Council Decision N°/96² to extend the double-checking system introduced by Decision N° 2/96³ for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997 subject to certain amendments;

Whereas it is consequently necessary to extend the Community implementing legislation introduced by Council Regulation (EC) N° 790/96⁴,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Council Regulation (EC) N° 790/96 shall continue to apply for the period between 1 January and 31 December 1997, in accordance with the provisions of Association Council Decision N°/96 between the European Communities and their Member States, of, the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, subject to the amendments to that Regulation shown in Article 2. In the Preamble and Article 1 (1) and (3) of the Regulation, references to the period 1 January to 31 December 1996 are hereby replaced by 1 January to 31 December 1997. Article 1 (4) shall be deleted.

¹ OJ N° L 360, 31.12.94, p. 12.

² See page ... of this Official Journal.

³ OJ N° L 133, 4.6.96, p. 16.

⁴ OJ N° L 108, 1.5.96, p. 12.

Article 2

1. Annex I shall be replaced by the text contained in the Annex to this Regulation.
2. In Annex II, the following change shall be made: delete "Export Licence" and insert "Export Document".

Article 3

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1997.

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

Done at

For the Council

The President

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