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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1899/2005 of 27 June 2005 on administering certain restrictions on imports of certain steel products from the Russian Federation[(1)], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The European Community and the Russian Federation signed an agreement on trade in certain steel products on 3 November 2005[(2)] ('the Agreement').

(2) Article 3(3) of the Agreement provides that unused quantities for a given year may be carried over to the following year up to a maximum of 7 % of the relevant quantitative limit set out in Annex II to the Agreement.

(3) Pursuant to Article 3(4) of the Agreement transfers between product groups may be made up to 7 % of the quantitative limit of a given product group and transfers between product categories are permitted up to a maximum of 25 000 tonnes.

(4) Russia has notified the Community of its intent to make use of the provisions in Article 3(3) and (4) within the time-limits set by the Agreement. It is appropriate to make the necessary adjustments to the quantitative limits for the year 2006 resulting from Russia's request.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 1899/2005 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quantitative limits for the year 2006 set out in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1899/2005 are replaced by those set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 10th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1204/2006. (See end of Document for details)*

Done at Brussels, 9 August 2006.

For the Commission

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