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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87[(1)] established a goods nomenclature, hereinafter referred to as the 'Combined Nomenclature', and set out the conventional duty rates of the Common Customs Tariff.

(2) By its Decision 2005/964/EC[(2)], the Council has concluded, on behalf of the European Community, the Agreement on Duty-Free Treatment of Multi-Chip Integrated Circuits (MCPs) (hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement').

(3) The Agreement reduces to zero the rate of all customs duties and other duties and charges applied to MCPs.

(4) The Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union as the depository designated by the Agreement has received instruments of acceptance from four Parties. Pursuant to Article 7(a) of the Agreement, these four Parties have agreed that the Agreement shall enter into force on 1 April 2006.

(5) The Agreement should therefore be implemented by amending Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Annex I, Part One, Section II 'Special Provisions' of Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, a letter G 'Duty-Free Treatment of Multi-Chip Integrated Circuits (MCPs)' as contained in the Annex to this regulation is added.

Article 2

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

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 486/2006. (See end of Document for details)*

It shall apply from 1 April 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 March 2006.

For the Council

The President

U. PLASSNIK