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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) Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000[(1)] expires on 31 December 2005.

(2) Since Stabilisation and Association Agreements have not yet been concluded with all the Western Balkan countries, it is appropriate to prolong the period of validity of Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000.

(3) Continued market opening is expected to contribute to the process of political and economic stabilisation in the region while not creating negative effects for the Community. Accordingly, these preferences should apply for a further period, from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2010.

(4) A Constitutional Charter was adopted in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 4 February 2003, changing the name of that country to Serbia and Montenegro and establishing the division of competences between the State Union and the two constituent Republics.

(5) The trade measures provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 should also take into account that the Republic of Montenegro, the Republic of Serbia and Kosovo, as defined in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999), each constitute separate customs territories.

(6) The Community has concluded an agreement on trade in textile products with the Republic of Serbia[(2)],

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 is hereby amended as follows:

Changes to legislation: Council Regulation (EC) No 1946/2005 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 December 2020. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

1. in Article 1(1) and (2), 'and Serbia and Montenegro, including Kosovo' shall be replaced by 'and in the customs territories of Montenegro, Serbia or Kosovo';

2. in Article 3(1) and (2), 'the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia' shall be replaced by 'the customs territories of Montenegro or Kosovo';

3. Article 4 shall be amended as follows:

   (a) in paragraph 2, point (d), 'in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo' shall be replaced by 'in the customs territories of Montenegro, Serbia or Kosovo';

   (b) in paragraph 4, introductory phrase and point (c), 'Serbia and Montenegro, including Kosovo' shall be replaced by 'the customs territories of Montenegro, Serbia or Kosovo';

4. in Article 17, '31 December 2005' shall be replaced by '31 December 2010';

5. in Annex I, in the column 'Beneficiaries', all references to the 'Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including Kosovo' shall be replaced by 'customs territories of Montenegro, Serbia or Kosovo'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2005.

For the Council

The President

T. JOWELL