COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 862/2004

of 29 April 2004

adapting Regulation (EC) No 2888/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council, in the field of transport, by reason of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Treaty concerning the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union [1] (hereinafter referred to as the "Treaty of Accession") and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded [2] (hereinafter referred to as the Act of Accession) and in particular Article 57(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

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1 OJ L 236, 23.9.2003, p. 17.

2 OJ L 236, 23.9.2003, p. 33.

Whereas:

(1) For certain acts which remain valid beyond 1 May 2004 and require adaptation by reason of accession, the necessary adaptations were not provided for in the Act of Accession, or were provided for, but further adaptations are necessary. All these adaptations need to be adopted before accession in order to enter into force as from accession.

(2) Pursuant to Article 57 (2) of the Act of Accession, such adaptations are to be adopted by the Council in all cases where the Council alone or jointly with the European Parliament adopted the original act.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 2888/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the distribution of permits for heavy goods vehicles travelling in Switzerland[1] should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 2888/2000 shall be replaced by the text set out in the Annex.

[1] OJ L 336, 30.12.2000, p. 9.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force subject to, and as from the date of, the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 29 April 2004.

For the Council
The President
M. McDOWELL

ANNEX

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Scale for allocating "full-weight" permits

The Commission shall allocate "full-weight" permits to the Member States according to the following scale:

Member State	%
Belgium	6,9
Denmark	1,4
Germany	25
Greece	0,9
Spain	2
France	15
Ireland	0,85
Italy	24
Luxemburg	1,45
Netherlands	8,9
Austria	8
Portugal	0,7
Finland	0,8
Sweden	0,75
United Kingdom	3,35
Total:	100 %

The total number of permits to be allocated will amount to 300 000 for 2001 and 2002 and to 400 000 for 2003 and 2004.