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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1662/2003

of 22 September 2003

amending Regulation (EC) No 1030/2003 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Liberia

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 301 thereof,

Having regard to Common Position 2003/666/CFSP of 22 September 2003 amending Common Position 2001/357/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Liberia [1],

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) United Nations Security Council Resolution 1497 (2003) of 1 August 2003 (hereinafter referred to as UNSCR 1497 (2003)) authorised Member States of the United Nations to establish a multinational force in Liberia to support the implementation of the 17 June 2003 cease-fire agreement, and to exempt the supply of arms and related material, as well as the provision of technical training or assistance, to the multinational force from the arms embargo imposed by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1343 (2001) of 7 March 2001.

(2) Common Position 2001/357/CFSP [2] and Regulation (EC) No 1030/2003 [3] imposed restrictive measures against Liberia. Common Position 2003/666/CFSP makes provision for an amendment of the current regime in order to align it with UNSCR 1497 (2003).

(3) Regulation (EC) No 1030/2003 which, *inter alia*, prohibits providing Liberia with technical training or assistance related to arms and related materiel of all types, should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1030/2003 shall be replaced by the following:

'2. The prohibition referred to in paragraph 1 shall not apply:

(a) to the provision of such technical training and assistance intended solely for support of and use by the multinational force in Liberia, if an authorisation in advance for such activities has been granted by the competent authorities, as listed in Annex I, of the Member State where the provider of such technical training and assistance is established;

(b) to any other provision of such technical training and assistance for which the Committee established by paragraph 14 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1343 (2001) has granted an exemption in advance. Such exemptions shall be obtained through the competent authorities of the Member States listed in Annex I to this Regulation.'

Article 2

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

[1] See page 28 of this Official Journal.
[2] OJ L 126, 8.5.2001, p. 1. Common Position as last amended by Common Position 2003/365/CFSP (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 49).
[3] OJ L 150, 18.6.2003, p. 1.