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COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1832/2002

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amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 ([1]), and in particular Articles 9 and 12 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 established a goods nomenclature, hereinafter called the 'Combined Nomenclature', to meet, at one and the same time, the requirements of the Common Customs Tariff, the external trade statistics of the Community and other Community policies concerning the importation or exportation of goods.

(2) The Combined Nomenclature is reproduced in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 together with the autonomous and the conventional duty rates and the statistical supplementary units.

(3) It is appropriate to modernise and to simplify Annex I as envisaged by the SLIM initiative (simpler legislation for the internal market).

(4) It is necessary to amend the Combined Nomenclature to take account of:

1. changes in the harmonised system nomenclature pursuant to the recommendation of 25 June 1999 of the Customs Cooperation Council and the consequences thereof in regard to the Common Customs Tariff;
2. changes in requirements relating to statistics and to commercial policy;
3. technological or commercial developments;
4. the need for alignment or clarification of texts.

(5) Annex I includes adjustments of duty rates resulting from measures adopted by the Council, including Decision 94/800/EC of 22 December 1994 concerning the conclusion on behalf of the European Community, as regards matters within its competence, of the agreements reached in the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations (1986 to 1994) ([2]) as well as measures adopted by the Council or the Commission ([3]).

([1]) OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 969/2002, (OJ L 149, 7.6.2002, p. 20).

([2]) OJ L 336, 23.12.1994, p. 1.

([3]) Incorporated in Annex I to this Regulation are amendments resulting from the adoption of the following measures:
— Council Decision 96/611/EC of 16 September 1996 (OJ L 271, 24.10.1996, p. 31),
— Council Decisions 97/359/EC and 97/360/EC of 24 March 1997 (OJ L 155, 12.6.1997, p. 1),
— Council Regulation (EC) No 2216/97 of 3 November 1997 (OJ L 305, 8.11.1997, p. 1),
— Council Regulation (EC) No 1110/1999 of 10 May 1999 (OJ L 135, 29.5.1999, p. 1),
— Council Regulation (EC) No 2559/2000 of 16 November 2000 (OJ L 293, 22.11.2000, p. 1),
— Commission Regulation (EC) No 1229/2001 of 19 June 2001 (OJ L 168, 23.6.2001, p. 5),
— Commission Regulation (EC) No 1230/2001 of 21 June 2001 (OJ L 168, 23.6.2001, p. 6),
— Commission Regulation (EC) No 1776/2001 of 7 September 2001 (OJ L 240, 8.9.2001, p. 3),
— Commission Regulation (EC) No 1777/2001 of 7 September 2001 (OJ L 240, 8.9.2001, p. 4),
— Commission Regulation (EC) No 1783/2001 of 10 September 2001 (OJ L 241, 11.9.2001, p. 7),
— Council Regulation (EC) No 2433/2001 of 6 December 2001 (OJ L 329, 14.12.2001, p. 4),
— Commission Regulation (EC) No 578/2002 of 20 March 2002 (OJ L 97, 13.4.2002, p. 1),
— Commission Regulation (EC) No 796/2002 of 6 May 2002 (OJ L 128, 15.5.2002, p. 8),
— Commission Regulation (EC) No 969/2002 of 6 June 2002 (OJ L 149, 7.6.2002, p. 20).

(6) In accordance with Article 12, the Commission shall adopt a regulation reproducing the complete version of the Combined Nomenclature, together with the autonomous and conventional duty rates, as resulting from measures adopted by the Council or the Commission. The said Regulation shall be published not later than 31 October in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and it shall apply from 1 January of the following year.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation enters into force on 1 January 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 August 2002.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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