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DECISIONS

COUNCIL

DECISION No 1/2007 OF THE EC-THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

of 20 December 2007

amending Protocol 2 (on steel products) of the EC-the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Agreement

(2008/82/EC)

THE STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part,

Whereas:

(1) Article 7 of Protocol 2 to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement establishes a double-checking system, without quantitative limits, for the import into the Community of steel products originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

(2) Significant progress has been made in the necessary restructuring and conversion programme for the steel industry in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

(3) The need for an administrative procedure for the rapid provision of information on the trend in trade flows in order to increase transparency and to avoid possible diversion of trade has disappeared.

(4) Consequently, there is no longer a need for a double-checking system, without quantitative limits, for the import into the Community of steel products originating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

(5) Protocol 2 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Article 7 of Protocol 2 to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, and Annex I to the said Protocol 2, shall be deleted.

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 2008.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 2007.

For the Stabilisation and Association Council
The President
Antonio MILOŠOSKI