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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending the list of countries mentioned in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 519/94

(presented by the Commission)

Explanatory memorandum

The Community has signed free trade agreements with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

These countries have moreover embarked on a large-scale programme of economic reforms aimed at ensuring their transition towards a market economy.

As regards more specifically the import regime which the Community is applying towards third countries, it should be noted that these countries have been considered as State-trading countries, and therefore subject to Regulation (EC) No 519/94.

Taking account of the current changes in the economic system of these countries and the agreements signed with the Community, these countries should from now on be considered as falling within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 518/94, applicable to GATT/WTO countries and other market economies.

In this regard, the mentions "Estonia", "Latvia" and "Lithuania" should be removed from Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 519/94.

Accordingly, a draft regulation is attached for approval.

Draft

Council Regulation (EC) No ..../..

amending the list of countries mentioned in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 519/94

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 519/94 of 7 March 1994 on common rules for imports from certain third countries[1], applies *inter alia*, to imports originating in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania;

Whereas the Community has signed free trade agreements with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, which have moreover embarked on a large-scale programme of economic reform aimed at ensuring their transition towards a market economy;

Whereas provision should be made therefore that these countries are removed from the scope of Regulation (EC) No 519/94 with effect from the entry into force of the said agreements,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania shall be removed from the list of countries in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 519/94.

2. The list of third countries in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 519/94 is replaced by the list of third countries annexed to this Regulation.

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[1] O.J. No L 67, 10.03.1994, p. 89

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force the third day after its publication into the Official Journal of the European Communities. It will be applicable on the day of entry into force of the free trade agreements concluded respectively between the countries referred to in Article 1(1) and the Community.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

List of third countries replacing Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 519/94

Albania	Kazakhstan	Russia
Armenia	North Korea	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	Kyrgyzstan	Turkmenistan
Belarus		Ukraine
People's Republic of China		Uzbekistan
	Moldova	Vietnam
Georgia	Mongolia	

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