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Subject: MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS

NOVEMBER 1999

#### This document contains:

in <u>Annex I</u>, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in November 1999. It is accompanied by statements in the minutes which the Council decided to make public (<u>Annex II</u>). The summary also mentions any votes against and abstentions, as well as explanations of voting.

It should be noted that only the minutes concerning the definitive adoption of legislative acts are authentic. Extracts from the minutes in question, and the information contained in Annexes I and II hereto, are available to the public on the Internet at the "Eudor" website (http://www.eudor.com; see "Transparency of the Council's legislative activities");

in <u>Annex III</u>, a list of the other acts <sup>1</sup> adopted by the Council in November 1999, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of voting and statements which the Council has decided to make public.

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With the exception of other acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, decisions of bodies set up by international agreements, specific budgetary decisions, etc.

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
2213th Council (Consumer affairs) on 8 November 1999			
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products	11999/99 + COR 1 (p)	242/99	
2215th Council (Development) on 11 November 1999			
Council Directive adapting to technical progress Directive 76/763/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to passenger seats for wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors	11238/99 + COR 1 + COR 2 (fin)		
2218th Council (Agriculture) on 15 November 1999			
Council Decision amending Decision 91/666/EEC establishing Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines	11589/99	243/99	

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
Council Directives		244/99	
(a) amending Directive 90/539/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of poultry and hatching eggs	11590/99		
(b) amending Directive 91/494/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultrymeat	11591/99		
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 76/625/EEC concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain species of fruit trees	PE-CONS 3624/99		
2220th Council (Fisheries) on 22 November 1999			
Council Decision concerning Community participation in the European Audiovisual Observatory	11666/99 + REV 1 (d)		

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TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE	
12870/99			
12871/99			
12872/99 + COR 1 (p)			
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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
Excise duties			
• Council Decision authorising the Italian Republic to apply or to continue to apply reductions in, or exemptions from, excise duties on certain mineral oils used for specific purposes, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC	12017/99 + COR 1 (fin) + REV 1 (p)		
Legislative acts adopted following 2nd reading by the European Parliament under the co-decision procedure			
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the enforcement of provisions in respect of seafarers' hours of work on board ships calling at Community ports (4 November 1999)	12270/99		
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the availability of consumer information on fuel economy and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in respect of the marketing of new passenger cars (4 November 1999)	12354/99		

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to measures to be taken against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants from compression ignition engines for use in vehicles, and the emission of gaseous pollutants from positive ignition engines fuelled with natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas for use in vehicles and amending Council Directive 88/77/EEC (16 November 1999)	12995/99		

## STATEMENT 242/99

"For pragmatic reasons the Council and the Member States can accept a tariff quota for 1999 for palmoil.

This is without prejudice to the unanimous view of the Member States that a duty-free tariff suspension solution would apply for 2000."

### **STATEMENT 243/99**

"The Commission has submitted to the Council (see 9437/99 – COM(99) 290 final) a proposal regarding the storage of concentrated inactivated foot-and-mouth disease antigen.

In connection with antigen storage, the Commission acknowledges the importance of being able to test the effectiveness and safety of vaccines produced from antigen reserves and sets out its intention to include, in a forthcoming proposal on measures to combat foot-and-mouth disease, appropriate provisions for testing vaccines.

The provisions should contain measures to guarantee independent testing of antigens and vaccines produced in the European Union or in third countries."

## **STATEMENT 244/99**

"The Council and the Commission agree that the expression "on a case-by-case basis" used in the new Article 27 of Council Directive 90/539/EEC and in the new Article 14a of Council Directive 91/494/EEC refers to a third country."

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public		
2212th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 8 November 1999			
Council Decision providing supplementary macrofinancial assistance to Bulgaria 11825/99			
Council Decision providing supplementary macrofinancial assistance to Romania 11826/99			
Council Decision providing supplementary macrofinancial assistance to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 11827/99			
2213th Council (Consumer Affairs) on 8 November 1999			
Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues 11195/99 + COR 1 (i) + COR 2 (s) + COR 3 (fin)			
2215th Council (Development) on 11 November 1999			
Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a revised Community Eco-label Award Scheme 10656/1/99 REV 1			
2217th Council (General Affairs) on 15 November 1999			
Council Common Position concerning restrictive measures against the Taliban 12505/99			
Council Decision implementing Joint Action 1999/34/CFSP with a view to a European Union contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and spread of small arms and light weapons in Cambodia 12507/99			

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	OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
the sa	cil Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2111/1999 prohibiting and supply of petroleum and certain petroleum products to n parts of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) 2/99	
1.	Council Decision implementing the Council Common Position concerning EU support for the implementation of the Lusaka ceasefire agreement and the peace process in the Democratic Republic of Congo 12358/99	
2.	Council Common Position concerning EU support for the implementation of the Lusaka ceasefire agreement and the peace process in the Democratic Republic of Congo 12368/99	
for Board the setting	cil Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1628/96 relating to aid osnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia ne former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in particular by the g up of a European Agency for Reconstruction 8/99 + COR 1	
2218	th Council (Agriculture) on 15 November 1999	
Agree sanita	cil Decision amending Decision 97/132/EC on the conclusion of the ement between the European Community and New Zealand on ary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products 2/1/99 REV 1	
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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public	
Council Decision concerning the conclusion of a Protocol on veterinary matters to supplement the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part 11888/99 + COR 1 (fin)		
2220th Council (Fisheries) on 22 November 1999		
Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol defining for the period 3 May 1999 to 2 May 2000 the fishing opportunities and the financial compensation provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the People's Republic of Angola on fishing off the coast of Angola 12345/99		
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 54/1999 allocating, for 1999, Community catch quotas in Greenland waters 12136/1/99 REV 1		
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 61/1999 allocating, for 1999, catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Lithuanian waters 12138/1/99 REV 1		
Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on action to be taken against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants by engines intended to power agricultural or forestry tractors and amending Council Directive 74/150/EEC 10323/99 + COR 1 (fin) + COR 2 (fin) + COR 3 (es) + COR 4		
2221st Council (Cultural Affairs) on 23 November 1999		
Council Decision accepting the extension of the International Coffee Agreement 1994 on behalf of the Community 12552/99		

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public		
2223rd Council (Budget) on 25 November 1999			
Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the incineration of waste 11472/99 + COR 1 (fin)			
2225th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 29 November 1999			
Council Decision granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank (EIB) against losses under loans for projects for the reconstruction of the earthquake-affected areas of Turkey 12929/1/99 REV 1 + COR 1 (f,i,nl,es,p)			
<ul> <li>with a view to the adoption of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the taking up, the pursuit and the prudential supervision of the business of electronic money institutions         12004/99 + COR 1 (i) + COR 2 (p) + REV 1 (s)         + REV 1 COR 1 (s)         with a view to the adoption of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 77/780/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions         12005/99</li> </ul>			
Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Kazakhstan establishing a double-checking system without quantitative limits in respect of the export of certain steel products covered by the EC and ECSC Treaties from the Republic of Kazakhstan to the European Community 12503/99			

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public	
Council Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 2861/93, (EC) No 2199/94, (EC) No 663/96 and (EC) No 1821/98 concerning the imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain magnetic disks (3,5" microdisks) originating in Japan, Taiwan, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, the United States of America and Indonesia and Regulation (EC) No 1335/1999 reimposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain magnetic disks (3,5" microdisks) originating in Indonesia and produced and sold for export to the Community by PT Betadiskindo Binatama 12607/99		
2226th Council (Labour and Social Affairs) on 29 November 1999		
Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Protocol defining for the period 3 May 1999 to 2 May 2000 the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Community and the People's Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola 12346/99		
2228th Council (Telecommunications) on 30 November 1999		
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Community framework for electronic signatures PE-CONS 3625/99		