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Subject : MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS DECEMBER 2008

This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in December 2008.^{1 2}
- ANNEX II containing further details on the adoption of these acts. PART I provides information on the adoption of legislative acts, such as the date of adoption, the relevant Council session, the number of the document adopted, and where appropriate, applicable voting rules, voting results, explanations of vote and statements published in the minutes of the Council. PART II provides information that the Council has decided to make public on the adoption of other acts.

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¹ With the exception of certain acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, decisions of bodies set up by international agreements, specific budgetary decisions, etc.

² In the case of legislative acts adopted in codecision, there may be a difference between the date of the Council's meeting where the legislative act is adopted and the actual date of the act in question, since legislative acts in codecision are only considered to have been adopted after signature by both the President of the Council and the President of the European Parliament and the Secretaries-General of the two Institutions.

It should be noted that only the minutes concerning the definitive adoption of legislative acts are authentic (available via the Internet: <http://consilium.europa.eu> , see under "Documents", "Legislative Transparency", "Council Minutes").

**LIST OF ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL
IN DECEMBER 2008**

2910th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research)), Brussels 1-2 December 2008

Council Regulation (EC) No 1222/2008 of 1 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 40/2008, as regards management measures adopted in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
OJ L 331, 10.12.2008, p. 1–2

Extract of Council Decision of 15 April 1958, defining the list of products (arms, munitions and war material) to which the provisions of Article 296 TEC apply (adoption of language versions).
14538/4/08 REV 4

Directive 2008/110/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Directive 2004/49/EC on safety on the Community's railways (Railway Safety Directive) (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 62–67

Regulation (EC) No 1335/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 establishing a European Railway Agency (Agency Regulation) (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 51–59

Council Conclusions on the need for skills in the nuclear field
15406/08

Council Regulation (EC) No 1193/2008 of 1 December 2008 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duties imposed on imports of citric acid originating in the People's Republic of China
OJ L 323, 3.12.2008, p. 1–15

Council Joint Action 2008/898/CFSP of 1 December 2008 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative to the African Union
OJ L 322, 2.12.2008, p. 50–53

Council Conclusions on "Think Small First – A Small Business Act for Europe"
14677/08

Council Conclusions on the communication from the Commission "Towards world-class clusters in the European Union: implementing the broad-based innovation strategy"
14679/08

Council Conclusions on the definition of a 2020 vision for the European research area
OJ C 25, 31.1.2009, p. 1–4

Council Conclusions concerning joint programming of research in Europe in response to the major societal challenges
OJ C 24, 30.1.2009, p. 3–6

Council Conclusions concerning a European partnership for international scientific and technological cooperation
OJ C 18, 24.1.2009, p. 11–13

Council Conclusions on a European strategy for marine and maritime research
16761/08

Council Conclusions on "Towards a GMES Programme"
16267/08

2911th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), Brussels 2 December 2008

Council Regulation (EC) No 1360/2008 of 2 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments
OJ L 352, 31.12.2008, p. 11–11

Council Conclusions on clearing and settlement
16212/08

Council Resolution on coordinating exit taxation
OJ C 323, 18.12.2008, p. 1–2

Council Conclusions on "Banking mobility"
16213/08

Council Joint Action 2008/900/CFSP of 2 December 2008 amending Joint Action 2008/107/CFSP extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Central Asia
OJ L 323, 3.12.2008, p. 65–65

Council Decision 2008/901/CFSP of 2 December 2008 concerning an independent international fact-finding mission on the conflict in Georgia
OJ L 323, 3.12.2008, p. 66–66

Council Conclusions on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments
16411/08

Council Conclusions on the Code of conduct for business taxation
16083/1/08 REV 1

**2912th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ENVIRONMENT),
Brussels 4 December 2008**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/2008 of 4 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1579/2007 fixing the fishing opportunities and the conditions relating thereto for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Black Sea for 2008
OJ L 338, 17.12.2008, p. 1–2

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean
15311/08 + COR 1 (lt) + REV 1 (de) + REV 1 COR 1 (de)

Council Conclusions on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council on Annex XI to the Staff Regulations
15643/08 + REV 1 (fr)

Council Conclusions addressing global mercury challenges
15683/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on the "Sustainable Consumption and Production and Sustainable Industrial Policy Action Plan"
16914/08

Council Conclusions addressing the challenges of deforestation and forest degradation to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss
16852/08

Council Conclusions on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
16882/08 + COR 1 (pl)

2913th meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS and ENERGY), Brussels 8-9 December 2008

Council Regulation (EC) No 1299/2008 of 9 December 2008 fixing for the 2009 fishing year the guide prices and Community producer prices for certain fishery products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000
OJ L 344, 20.12.2008, p. 1–5

Common Position (EC) No 30/2008 of 9 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on compliance with flag State requirements (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ C 330E, 30.12.2008, p. 13–17

Common Position (EC) No 29/2008 of 9 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the insurance of shipowners for maritime claims (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ C 330E, 30.12.2008, p. 7–12

Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals
OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 98–107

Decision No 1351/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a multiannual Community programme on protecting children using the Internet and other communication technologies (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 118–127

Council Decision on establishing the European Community position within the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community (Tirana, 11 December 2008)
16868/08

Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the Community with a view to concluding a Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Guinea
16795/08

Council Conclusions on assistance to third countries in the field of nuclear safety and security
14270/2/08 REV 2 + REV 2 COR 1 + REV 3 (hu)

Council Conclusions on "Greening Transport", "Strategy for the internalisation of external costs" and "Rail noise abatement measures addressing the existing fleet"
17042/08 + COR 1 (pl)

Council Resolution concerning the European Union Long Range Identification and Tracking Data Centre (EU LRIT Data Centre)
17043/08

2914th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), Brussels 8 December 2008

Council Directive 2008/114/EC of 8 December 2008 on the identification and designation of European critical infrastructures and the assessment of the need to improve their protection (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 75–82

Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December 2008 defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment
OJ L 335, 13.12.2008, p. 99–103

Council Conclusions on the integrated maritime policy
16503/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on Zimbabwe
16639/08

Council Decision 2008/922/CFSP of 8 December 2008 implementing Common Position 2004/161/CFSP renewing restrictive measures against Zimbabwe
OJ L 331, 10.12.2008, p. 22–24

Council Decision on the launch of a European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta)
15376/1/08 REV 1

Council Statement on strengthening international security
16751/2/08 REV 2 + REV 2 COR 1 (en) + REV 3 (cs)

Council Recommendation on the Future Perspectives of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC)
16629/08

Council Conclusions on the draft Code of Conduct for outer space activities
16560/08

Council Conclusions on the inclusion of a SALW article in agreements between the EU and third countries
15506/08

Council Conclusions on New lines for action by the European Union in combating the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and their delivery system
15565/08

Council Conclusions on EU Contribution for the establishment of an IAEA Nuclear Fuel Bank
15511/08 + COR 1 (fr) + AMD 1 (fr)

Council Conclusions on the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
16621/08

European Union Guidelines on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them
16173/08 + COR 1 (en)

European Union Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders
16332/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on combating violence against women, particularly in the ESDP framework, and all forms of discrimination against them
16520/08

Comprehensive Approach to the EU implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 on women, peace and security
15671/1/08 REV 1

EU Position for the ninth meeting of the EU-Armenia Cooperation Council (Brussels, 9 December 2008)
16086/08

EU Position for the ninth meeting of the EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council (Brussels, 9 December 2008)
16103/08

EU Position for the ninth meeting of the EU–Georgia Cooperation Council (Brussels, 9 December 2008)
16102/08

Council Conclusions on the European Union and the Arctic region
16826/08 + COR 1 (fr)

European Union guidelines on the implementation of the consular Lead State concept
16618/08

Council Conclusions on the attacks in Mumbai
16793/2/08 REV 2

EU Position for the fifth meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Council between the EU and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Brussels, 8 December 2008)
15443/08

Council Regulation (EC) No 1340/2008 of 8 December 2008 on trade in certain steel products between the European Community and the Republic of Kazakhstan
OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 1–18

Council Conclusions on market access
16198/08 + REV 1 (en)

Council Regulation (EC) No 1217/2008 of 8 December 2008 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1528/2007 in order to add the Republic of Zambia to the list of regions or states which have concluded negotiations
OJ L 330, 9.12.2008, p. 1–1

European Union Drugs Action Plan for 2009-2012
16116/08 + COR 1 + REV 1 (de) + COR 2 (pt)

2008/939/EC: Council Decision of 8 December 2008 on the signing and the provisional application of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Belarus amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Belarus on trade in textile products
OJ L 335, 13.12.2008, p. 39–40

Council Conclusions on the inclusion of the Roma
15976/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on the evaluation of the Global Approach to Migration and on the partnership with countries of origin and transit
16041/08

2008/945/EC, Euratom: Council Decision of 8 December 2008 amending the Council's Rules of Procedure
OJ L 337, 16.12.2008, p. 92–93

Council Conclusions on EU relations with EFTA countries
16651/1/08 REV 1 + REV 2 (fr)

Council Conclusions on Enlargement
16876/08

2915h meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), Brussels 8-9 December 2008

Council Conclusions on the Western Balkans
15535/1/08 REV 1 + REV 2(en)

Council Conclusions on the Democratic Republic of the Congo
16640/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process
16874/2/08 REV 2

Council Conclusions on Strengthening of the European Union's bilateral relations with its Mediterranean partners
16897/08

Council Conclusions on Pakistan
16715/2/08 REV 2

Council Declaration on strengthening capabilities
16840/08 + COR 1 (de)

2916th meeting of the Council of the European Union (EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH and CONSUMER AFFAIRS), Brussels 16-17 December 2008

2008/971/EC: Council Decision of 16 December 2008 on the equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in third countries

OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 83–87

Council Regulation (EC) No 1361/2008 of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 219/2007 on the establishment of a joint undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR)

OJ L 352, 31.12.2008, p. 12–17

Council Directive 2008/117/EC of 16 December 2008 amending Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax to combat tax evasion connected with intra-Community transactions

OJ L 14, 20.1.2009, p. 7–9

Council Regulation (EC) No 37/2009 of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1798/2003 on administrative cooperation in the field of value added tax, in order to combat tax evasion connected with intra-Community transactions

OJ L 14, 20.1.2009, p. 1–2

Council Directive 2008/118/EC of 16 December 2008 concerning the general arrangements for excise duty and repealing Directive 92/12/EEC

OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 12–30

Council Decision 2008/976/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the European Judicial Network

OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 130–134

Council Decision on the strengthening of Eurojust and amending Decision 2002/187/JHA setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime

14927/08 + COR 1 (hu) + REV 1 (fi)

Regulation (EC) No 78/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on the type-approval of motor vehicles with regard to the protection of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users, amending Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directives 2003/102/EC and 2005/66/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 35, 4.2.2009, p. 1–31

Directive 2008/121/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on textile names (recast) (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 19, 23.1.2009, p. 29–48

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on type-approval of hydrogen powered motor vehicles, and amending Directive 2007/46/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

PE-CONS 3674/1/08 REV 1

Regulation (EC) No 80/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on a Code of Conduct for computerised reservation systems and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2299/89 (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 35, 4.2.2009, p. 47–55

Decision No 1298/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing the Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013 action programme for the enhancement of quality in higher education and the promotion of intercultural understanding through cooperation with third countries (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 83–98

Regulation (EC) No 1337/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a facility for rapid response to soaring food prices in developing countries
OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 62–69

Common Position (EC) No 4/2009 of 17 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems (Text with relevance for the EEA and for Switzerland)
OJ C 38E, 17.2.2009, p. 26–75

Common Position (EC) No 1/2009 of 17 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems, and determining the content of its annexes (Text with relevance for the EEA and for Switzerland)
OJ C 33E, 10.2.2009, p. 1–29

Council Resolution on Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste Management
14554/3/08 REV 3 + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (fr)

Common Position 2008/959/CFSP of 16 December 2008 amending Common Position 2008/586/CFSP updating Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism
OJ L 338, 17.12.2008, p. 77–78

Council Regulation (EC) No 1286/2008 of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 193/2007, imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate, originating in India and amending Regulation (EC) No 192/2007 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate, originating in, inter alia, India
OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 1–12

Council Regulation (EC) No 1256/2008 of 16 December 2008 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain welded tubes and pipes of iron or non-alloy steel originating in Belarus, the People's Republic of China and Russia following a proceeding pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 384/96, originating in Thailand following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of the same Regulation, originating in Ukraine following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) and an interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of the same Regulation, and terminating the proceedings in respect of imports of the same product originating in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey

OJ L 343, 19.12.2008, p. 1–38

Council Joint Action 2008/958/CFSP of 16 December 2008 amending Joint Action 2005/797/CFSP on the European Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories

OJ L 338, 17.12.2008, p. 75–76

Council Conclusions on health security

16515/08 + COR 1 + REV 1 (hu)

Council Conclusions on public health strategies to combat neurodegenerative diseases associated with ageing and in particular Alzheimer's disease

16516/08 + REV 1 (hu)

Council Conclusions on common active inclusion principles to combat poverty more effectively

15984/08 + COR 1 + REV 1 (hu) + REV 2 (lv)

Council Conclusions on the review of the implementation by the Member States and the EU institutions of the Beijing Platform for Action - women and armed conflicts

17099/08 + REV 1 (fr)

Council Conclusions on the progress of the implementation by the Member States and the EU institutions of the Beijing Platform for Action - women and the economy: reconciliation of work and family life

17474/08

2917th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES), Brussels 18 December 2008

Council Regulation (EC) No 13/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy and (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) in order to set up a School Fruit Scheme

OJ L 5, 9.1.2009, P. 1-4

Council Directive 2008/119/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves (Codified version)

OJ L 10, 15.1.2009, p. 7–13

Council Regulation (EC) No 116/2009 of 18 December 2008 on the export of cultural goods (Codified version)
OJ L 39, 10.2.2009, p. 1–7

Council Directive 2008/120/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs (Codified version)
OJ L 47, 18.2.2009, p. 5–13

Council Framework Decision 2008/978/JHA of 18 December 2008 on the European evidence warrant for the purpose of obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters
OJ L 350, 30.12.2008, p. 72–92

Council Regulation (EC) No 1300/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a multi-annual plan for the stock of herring distributed to the west of Scotland and the fisheries exploiting that stock
OJ L 344, 20.12.2008, p. 6–9

Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 423/2004
OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 20–33

Council Regulation (EC) No 1362/2008 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products
OJ L 352, 31.12.2008, p. 18–22

Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain industrial, agricultural and fishery products
OJ L 1, 5.1.2009, p. 1–55

Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting
OJ L 17, 22.1.2009, p. 1–3

Council Regulation (EC) No 45/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1339/2001 extending the effects of Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting to those Member States which have not adopted the euro as their single currency
OJ L 17, 22.1.2009, p. 4–4

Council Regulation (EC) No 46/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004 concerning medals and tokens similar to euro coins
OJ L 17, 22.1.2009, p. 5–6

Council Regulation (EC) No 47/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 2183/2004 extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004 concerning medals and tokens similar to euro coins
OJ L 17, 22.1.2009, p. 7–7

Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 of 18 December 2008 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations

OJ L 7, 10.1.2009, p. 1–79

Council Regulation (EC) No 1341/2008 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund, in respect of certain revenue-generating projects

OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 19–19

Directive 2008/122/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on the protection of consumers in respect of certain aspects of timeshare, long-term holiday product, resale and exchange contracts (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 33, 3.2.2009, p. 10–30

Common Position (EC) No 2/2009 of 18 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin, and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ C 33E, 10.2.2009, p. 30–43

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1323/2008 of 18 December 2008 adjusting with effect from 1 July 2008 the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities and the correction coefficients applied thereto

OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 10–16

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1324/2008 of 18 December 2008 adjusting, from 1 July 2008, the rate of contribution to the pension scheme of officials and other servants of the European Communities

OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 17–17

2008/972/EC: Council Decision of 18 December 2008 amending Annex 13 to the Common Consular Instructions on filling in visa stickers

OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 88–89

Council Regulation (EC) No 1353/2008 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 74/2004 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of cotton-type bedlinen originating in India

OJ L 350, 30.12.2008, p. 1–23

Council Regulation (EC) No 1354/2008 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1628/2004 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of certain graphite electrode systems originating in India and Regulation (EC) No 1629/2004 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain graphite electrode systems originating in India

OJ L 350, 30.12.2008, p. 24–34

Council Conclusions on safety of imported agricultural and agri-food products and compliance with Community rules
17169/08 + ADD 1

Council Conclusions on better regulation in the plant variety and seeds
16918/1/08 REV 1

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution
16538/08

2008/979/EC: Council Decision of 18 December 2008 on the signing on behalf of the Community and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products
OJ L 352, 31.12.2008, p. 23–23

Council Decision on the Community position to be taken in the Joint Veterinary Committee regarding the amendment of Appendices 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 to Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products
15486/08

Council Decision on the signing on behalf of the Community and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products
12445/08

Council Decision 2008/975/CFSP of 18 December 2008 establishing a mechanism to administer the financing of the common costs of European Union operations having military or defence implications (Athena)
OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 96–114

Council Decision 2008/974/CFSP of 18 December 2008 in support of the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 91–95

2009/81/EC, Euratom: Council and Commission Decision of 18 December 2008 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
OJ L 26, 30.1.2009, p. 4–4

2009/82/EC, Euratom: Council and Commission Decision of 18 December 2008 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
OJ L 26, 30.1.2009, p. 5–5

2009/50/EC, Euratom: Council and Commission Decision of 18 December 2008 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, to take account of the Accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
OJ L 21, 24.1.2009, p. 41–42

2009/105/EC: Council Decision of 18 December 2008 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Banque centrale du Luxembourg
OJ L 38, 7.2.2009, p. 33–33

2009/127/EC: Council Decision of 18 December 2008 concerning the signature, on behalf of the European Community, of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part, to combat fraud and any other illegal activity to the detriment of their financial interests
OJ L 46, 17.2.2009, p. 6–7

Council Conclusions on implementing a new approach to Schengen evaluation
15801/2/08 REV 2

Council Regulation (EC) No 1355/2008 of 18 December 2008 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain prepared or preserved citrus fruits (namely mandarins, etc.) originating in the People's Republic of China
OJ L 350, 30.12.2008, p. 35–45

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Regulation (EC) No 1339/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a European Training Foundation (recast)
OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 82–93

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17242/08

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Council Decision 2009/29/CFSP of 22 December 2008 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Somali Republic on the status of the European Union-led naval force in the Somali Republic in the framework of the EU military operation Atalanta
OJ L 10, 15.1.2009, p. 27–28

Council Decision 2009/88/CFSP of 22 December 2008 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Djibouti on the status of the European Union-led forces in the Republic of Djibouti in the framework of the EU military operation Atalanta
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2910th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research)), Brussels 1-2 December 2008			
Council Regulation (EC) No 1222/2008 of 1 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 40/2008, as regards management measures adopted in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission	15701/08 + REV 1 (lt) + REV 2 (lv)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Extract of Council Decision of 15 April 1958, defining the list of products (arms, munitions and war material) to which the provisions of Article 296 TEC apply (adoption of language versions).	14538/4/08 REV 4	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Directive 2008/110/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Directive 2004/49/EC on safety on the Community's railways (Railway Safety Directive)	PE-CONS 3668/2/08 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation (EC) No 1335/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 establishing a European Railway Agency (Agency Regulation) (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3669/5/08 REV 5	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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2911th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), Brussels 2 December 2008 Council Regulation (EC) No 1360/2008 of 2 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments	15579/08 + COR 1 (hu)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
2912th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ENVIRONMENT), Brussels 4 December 2008 Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/2008 of 4 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1579/2007 fixing the fishing opportunities and the conditions relating thereto for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Black Sea for 2008	16508/08	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
2913th meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS and ENERGY), Brussels 8-9 December 2008 Council Regulation (EC) No 1299/2008 of 9 December 2008 fixing for the 2009 fishing year the guide prices and Community producer prices for certain fishery products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000	15381/08 + COR 1 + REV 1 (da)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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Common Position (EC) No 30/2008 of 9 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on compliance with flag State requirements (Text with EEA relevance)	14288/2/08 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Common Position (EC) No 29/2008 of 9 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the insurance of shipowners for maritime claims (Text with EEA relevance)	14287/2/08 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Statement by Germany Germany takes the rule in Article 2(3) to mean that the instruments listed in Annex I take precedence, even over Article 2(1) of the Directive, and thus, for example, guarantees that the registered owner of a vessel entered in the register of ships of a Contracting Party to the Bunker Oil Convention with gross tonnage of less than 1 000 will continue in future not to be required to have insurance to cover liability for bunker oil pollution damage.			
Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals	PE-CONS 3653/3/08 REV 3	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: abstention: BE

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Statement by Malta Malta declares that it continues to maintain that in view of circumstances prevailing at EU external borders as regards illegal immigration, the subject of detention should remain in the hands of the individual Member States to determine. In a spirit of compromise, Malta, however, can agree to this proposal, since it leaves the decision to Member States as to whether or not to apply this Directive to the categories of third-country nationals listed in Article 2(2)(a) and (b) of the Directive. Council Statement The Council states that the implementation of this Directive should not be used in itself as a reason to justify the adoption of provisions less favourable to persons to whom it applies. Commission Statements The Commission states that the review of the SIS II (envisaged under the review clause of Article 24(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006) will be an opportunity to propose an obligation to register in the SIS entry bans issued under this Directive. The Commission commits itself to assist Member States in finding possibilities for mitigating the financial burden resulting from the implementation of Article 13(4) (free legal aid) in Member States in a spirit of solidarity. The Commission underlines that possibilities exist under the European Return Fund (Decision No 575/2007/EC) to co-finance national action promoting the application of Article 13(4) (free legal aid) in Member States: – Actions related to the specific objective of "promoting an effective and uniform application of common standards on return" (Article 3(c)) may include support for the "enhancement of the capacity of competent authorities to take high quality return decisions" (Article 4(3)(a)). The presence of appropriate legal safeguards, including the principle of equality of arms, enhances the potential for high quality decisions. – In accordance with priority 4 of the strategic guidelines for the Return Fund (Decision 2007/837/EC), the Community contribution may be increased up to 75 % for actions which ensure a "fair and effective implementation of common standards" on return in Member States. This means that measures related to the provisions of Article 13(4) (free legal aid) may be co-financed up to 75 % under the European Return Fund. The Commission encourages Member States to take this fact into account when choosing the priorities for their national programmes and when programming actions under priority 4 of the strategic guidelines. The Commission states that in its assessment under Article 19(2) it will consider the additional impact on the administration of justice in the Member States.			

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Decision No 1351/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a multiannual Community programme on protecting children using the Internet and other communication technologies (Text with EEA relevance) 2914th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), Brussels 8 December 2008	PE-CONS 3700/2/08 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Directive 2008/114/EC of 8 December 2008 on the identification and designation of European critical infrastructures and the assessment of the need to improve their protection (Text with EEA relevance)	10934/08 + COR 1 (de) + COR 2 (da) + COR 3 (cs) + REV 1 (es)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour except: abstention: AT
Commission Statement on Article 5 (Operator Security Plans) and Article 6 (Security Liaison Officer) The Commission confirms that it accepts that Member States do not to have to set out in the implementing legislation for this Directive any binding obligation on European Critical Infrastructure (ECI) operators to prepare Operator Security Plans or appoint a Security Liaison Officer. A Member State fully discharges its implementation responsibility under Articles 5 and 6 of the Directive if in fact an Operator Security Plan or Security Liaison Officer or equivalents are provided through existing measures, whether binding or non-binding. Where measures including Community measures which in a particular sector require, or refer to a need to have, a plan similar or equivalent to an Operator Security Plan and oversight by the relevant authority of such a plan are complied with, this is deemed to satisfy all the requirements incumbent upon Member States by virtue of , or adopted pursuant to, Article 5. Where measures including Community measures which in a particular sector require, or refer to a need to have, a Security Liaison Officer or equivalent are complied with, this is deemed to satisfy all the requirements incumbent upon Member States by virtue of, or adopted pursuant to, Article 6.			

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Statement by the Austrian delegation Austria holds that nuclear facilities should definitely be considered as European Critical Infrastructure. This is the view which it has always taken during negotiations on the <i>Directive on the identification and designation of European Critical Infrastructures and the assessment of the need to improve their protection</i>. Austria reaffirms this position and hopes that nuclear facilities will be included during the scheduled review of the Directive in three years' time.			

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2916th meeting of the Council of the European Union (EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH and CONSUMER AFFAIRS), Brussels 16-17 December 2008 2008/971/EC: Council Decision of 16 December 2008 on the equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in third countries	16152/08 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 (sk) + COR 4 (fr) + COR 5 (de) + COR 6 (da) + COR 7 (sl) + COR 8 (it) + COR 9 (el) + COR 10 (es) + COR 11 (nl) + COR 12 (lv) + COR 13 (pl) + COR 14 (sv) + COR 15 (fi) + COR 16 (bg) + COR 17 (et) + COR 18 (hu) + COR 19 (fr) + COR 20 (cs)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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Council Regulation (EC) No 1361/2008 of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 219/2007 on the establishment of a joint undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR)	14103/08 + COR 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany Germany observes with concern the process of progressive inclusion of decentralised Community bodies into the scope of the Protocol of the Communities concerning the Immunities and Privileges of 8 April 1965 and regrets that through the proposed adaptation of the Regulation establishing the SESAR Joint Undertaking a further step is being taken in this direction. Germany recalls the need for conducting a general exchange of views concerning the appropriateness of granting privileges and immunities in the united Europe, in particular with regard to decentralised Community bodies, joint undertakings or other institutions of the Community. Germany has already asked for such a general exchange of views on several occasions, together with other Member States. The Commission has given its agreement to the holding of such a debate within an appropriate time span, in connection with the establishment of the European Border Protection Agency in March 2004. Germany also maintains the view that the application of the EC Staff Regulations to all persons employed by Community establishments should be handled restrictively. Therefore, Germany asks the Commission to carry out a re-evaluation in principle of the increasingly extensive, and in part no longer functional, application of the EC Staff Regulations, including possible alternative approaches.			

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Council Directive 2008/117/EC of 16 December 2008 amending Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax to combat tax evasion connected with intra-Community transactions	16242/08 + COR 1 (de) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 (sv) + COR 4 (es) + REV 1 (hu) + REV 1 COR 1 (hu) + REV 2 (mt)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation (EC) No 37/2009 of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1798/2003 on administrative cooperation in the field of value added tax, in order to combat tax evasion connected with intra-Community transactions	16243/08 + COR 1 (es) + REV 1 (hu) + REV 1 COR 1 (hu)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Statement The Council takes note that Member States commit themselves to making effectively use of the new possibilities offered by the speeding-up of the submission of recapitulative statements by the taxable persons resulting from Article 1, point 3, of the Directive and of the improved exchange of information between Member States resulting from Article 1, point 3, of the Regulation to further intensify their fight against VAT fraud connected with intra-Community transactions.			

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Council Directive 2008/118/EC of 16 December 2008 concerning the general arrangements for excise duty and repealing Directive 92/12/EEC	15787/08 + COR 1 (es) + COR 2 (da) + COR 3 (it) + COR 5 (lv) + REV 1 (hu) + REV 1 COR 1 (hu)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Council and the Commission <u>Re Article 5(3):</u> The Council and the Commission state that, in accordance with Article 5(3), this Directive and the Directives referred to in Article 1 do not apply to Gibraltar.			
Declaration by the Republic of Slovenia <u>Re Article 14(4):</u> The Republic of Slovenia welcomes the modernisation of the system of supervision of excise goods moving between Member States under duty suspension arrangements introduced by the new Directive. The Republic of Slovenia considers that the proposed new solutions and the introduction of an electronic control system will contribute significantly to combating tax fraud in the area of excise duty and therefore supports the timely adoption of the Directive which will enable the enforcement of the new solutions in practice in accordance with the set deadlines. However, the Republic of Slovenia regrets to find that the final text of the Proposal for the Directive also contains the possibility of a seven-year transition period for the operation of tax-free shops elsewhere than within an airport or port open to international passenger transport. The Republic of Slovenia considers that such an arrangement derogates from the fundamental guidelines of regulating tax-free sales of goods to travellers in tax-free shops, supported by the European Union so far, and consequently means different treatment of individual Member States. According to the Republic of Slovenia there are no objective reasons for such different treatment, however, taking into account all the advantages brought about by the proposed Directive, Slovenia is willing to support the Proposal for the Directive as a whole, despite its principal objection to the provision of the fourth paragraph of Article 14 of the Directive.			

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Statement by the Council and the Commission <u>Re Article 14(5)(b):</u> The Council and the Commission recognize that a travel whose final destination is situated in a third territory or a third country may include a stopover in an airport or port situated on the territory of another Member State as long as it does not exceed the time needed for transport reasons and does not lead to an interruption of the travel. Paragraph 3 allows Member States to take the measures necessary to ensure that this provision is correctly applied. Statement by the Council and the Commission <u>Re Articles 21(3), 24(1) and 26(1):</u> The Council and the Commission state that the competent authorities of the Member State of dispatch and of the Member State of destination may check excise goods before the beginning of a movement or after the end of a movement, provided that these checks are not systematic but are based on a risk analysis, are part of a strategy which also provides for checks on movements taking place entirely within the Member State's territory and do not undermine the principle of free movement of goods within the internal market. Statement by the Commission <u>Re Article 32(1):</u> The Commission state that excise goods sent as a gift by a private individual established in a Member State to a private individual located in another Member State are not subject to payment of the excise duty in the Member State of destination. In order to determine that it is a gift, at least the following elements should be taken into account: – the gifts must be intended for the personal needs of the private person; – the gifts must not be subject of payment of any kind, direct or indirect, by the recipient; – the gift must be of an occasional nature.			

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Council Decision 2008/976/JHA of 16 December 2008 on the European Judicial Network	14914/08 + REV 1 (hu)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Statement of the Commission It is understood that the implementation of Article 9 (2) is without prejudice to regular budgetary procedures.			
Statement of the Commission The Commission notes that Article 28 of the Financial Regulation provides that any proposal or initiative submitted to the legislative authority by the Commission or by a Member State in conformity with the relevant provisions to the EC Treaty or the Treaty on European Union, which may have an impact on the budget, must be accompanied by a financial statement. Only such a financial statement quantifying the expenditure would enable the Commission to pronounce itself in full knowledge on the possibility to finance additional expenditure not covered by Joint Action 98/428/JHA on the creation of a European Judicial Network.			
Council Decision on the strengthening of Eurojust and amending Decision 2002/187/JHA setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime	14927/08 + COR 1 (hu) + REV 1 (fi)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Statement of the Council and the Commission It is understood that the implementation of Article 12(6) as referred to in Article 1 point 10 of this Decision, is without prejudice to regular budgetary procedures.			
Statement of the Commission The Commission notes that Article 28 of the Financial Regulation provides that any proposal or initiative submitted to the legislative authority by the Commission or by a Member State in conformity with the relevant provisions of the EC Treaty or the Treaty on the European Union, which may have an impact on the budget, must be accompanied by a financial statement. Only such financial statement quantifying the expenditure would enable the Commission to pronounce itself in full knowledge on the possibility to finance additional expenditure not covered by the present Eurojust decision.			

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Statement of the Secretary General of the Council/High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy Notwithstanding Article 25a(1)(b) of Council Decision 2002/187/JHA setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime, as amended by the present Council Decision on the strengthening of Eurojust, costs for travel of participants (two per Member State) in the annual plenary meeting of the European Judicial Network to be held at the premises of the Council in Brussels and for interpretation at that meeting will, for a transitional period up till the end of 2009, be eligible to be covered under Decision 31/2008 of the Secretary General of the Council/High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy concerning reimbursement of travel expenses of delegates of Council members and Decision 111/07 of the Secretary General of the Council/High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy concerning interpreting for the European Council, the Council and its preparatory bodies.			
Regulation (EC) No 78/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on the type-approval of motor vehicles with regard to the protection of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users, amending Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directives 2003/102/EC and 2005/66/EC (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3651/08 + COR 1 (fi)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Directive 2008/121/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on textile names (recast) Text with EEA relevance	PE-CONS 3650/08	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on type-approval of hydrogen powered motor vehicles, and amending Directive 2007/46/EC (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3674/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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Regulation (EC) No 80/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on a Code of Conduct for computerised reservation systems and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2299/89 (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3675/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Decision No 1298/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing the Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013 action programme for the enhancement of quality in higher education and the promotion of intercultural understanding through cooperation with third countries (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3702/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation (EC) No 1337/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a facility for rapid response to soaring food prices in developing countries	PE-CONS 3709/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission Re Article 3(1) The Parliament, the Council and the Commission agree that the submission by the Commission, as soon as possible and before 1 May 2009, of the overall plan which will provide information concerning the list of target countries and the allocation of financial resources between the different eligible entities, in accordance with the appropriate balance mentioned in Article 4(2) of the Regulation, is not a prerequisite for adoption of the initial measures implementing the financing facility as provided for in Article 1 of the Regulation. They also agree that the overall plan will provide for the possibility of adapting implementation to new circumstances, if necessary.			

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Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission Re Article 13 The Parliament, the Council and the Commission declare that the decision-making procedure for the adoption of the implementing measures must be as simple and as fast as possible, for the period up to 30 April 2009. The Council accepts that the period for despatching the documents to be submitted for the Committee's opinion should be limited to ten working days. The Parliament accepts that the period allowed for exercising its right of scrutiny of the measures submitted to the Committee will end five working days after the date of receipt by the Register of Comitology of the Committee's opinion on the draft measures. The Council and the Commission accept that the Parliament's response will take the form of a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Development to the Member of the Commission responsible, and shall be brought to the attention of all Members of Parliament.			
Common Position (EC) No 4/2009 of 17 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems (Text with relevance for the EEA and for Switzerland)	14516/4/08 REV 4	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Common Position (EC) No 1/2009 of 17 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the coordination of social security systems, and determining the content of its annexes (Text with relevance for the EEA and for Switzerland)	14518/1/08 REV 1	Unanimity	All Member States in favour

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2917th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES), Brussels 18 December 2008 Council Regulation (EC) No 13/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy and (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) in order to set up a School Fruit Scheme Statement by the Commission The Commission takes note and accepts the request by several Member States to have the possibility to provide for a compulsory parental contribution to the financing of their school fruit scheme. In its report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of the School Fruit Scheme, which it will present before 31 August 2012, the Commission will pay attention to the impact of a compulsory parental contribution on the effectiveness of a School Fruit Scheme, as well as its social consequences.	16321/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: abstention: UK
Council Directive 2008/119/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves (Codified version)	8713/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation (EC) No 116/2009 of 18 December 2008 on the export of cultural goods (Codified version)	8714/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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Council Directive 2008/120/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs (Codified version)	8719/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Framework Decision 2008/978/JHA of 18 December 2008 on the European evidence warrant for the purpose of obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters	13076/07 + COR 1 + REV 1 (it) + REV 3 (fi) + REV 4 (de)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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Declaration by Germany Where the execution of a European Evidence Warrant under Council Framework Decision ... of ... * on the European Evidence Warrant for the purpose of obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters¹ requires search or seizure, the Federal Republic of Germany reserves the right under Article 23(4) of that Framework Decision to make execution subject to verification of double criminality in the case of the offences relating to terrorism, computer-related crime, racism and xenophobia, sabotage, racketeering and extortion and swindling listed in Article 14(2) of that Framework Decision, unless the issuing authority has stated that the offence in question meets the following criteria under the law of the issuing State: Terrorism: – An act which constitutes an offence within the meaning of and as defined in the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism of 13 April 2005, the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism of 9 December 1999 or within the meaning of one of the treaties listed in the annex thereto, or – an act to be criminalised under the Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA of 13 June 2002 on combating terrorism², or – an act to be prohibited under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1624 (2005) of 14 September 2005. Computer-related crime: Offences as defined in the Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA of 24 February 2005 on attacks against information systems³, or in Title 1 of Section I of the European Convention on Cyber crime of 23 November 2001. Racism and xenophobia: Offences as defined in the Council Joint Action 96/443/JHA of 15 July 1996 concerning action to combat racism and xenophobia⁴. Sabotage: Acts unlawfully and intentionally causing large-scale damage to a government facility, another public facility, a public transport system or other infrastructure which entails or is likely to entail considerable economic loss.			

* OJ: please insert date and number of that Framework Decision.

¹ OJ L ...

² OJ L 164, 22.6.2002, p. 3.

³ OJ L 69, 16.3.2005, p. 67.

⁴ OJ L 185, 24.7.1996, p. 5.

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Racketeering and extortion: Demanding by threats, use of force or by any other form of intimidation goods, promises, revenues or the signing of any document containing or resulting in an obligation, alienation or discharge. Swindling: Using false names or claiming a false position or using fraudulent means to abuse people's trust or good faith with the aim of appropriating something belonging to another person. Declaration by the Kingdom of the Netherlands in relation to Article 23(3) On the basis of Article 23(3) of the Framework Decision, the Netherlands declares that it intends to transpose the ground for refusal set out in Article 13(1)(f) into national law. Declaration by Germany in relation to Article 23(3) In accordance with Article 23(3) of the Framework Decision, Germany declares that it intends to transpose the ground for refusal set out in Article 13(1)(f) into national law. Declaration by Sweden in relation to Article 23(3) Sweden intends to transpose into its national law the grounds for refusal in Article 13(1)(f) of the Framework Decision on the European Evidence Warrant for the purpose of obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in relation to Article 23(3) In accordance with Article 23(3) of the Framework Decision, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hereby declares that it intends to transpose the ground for refusal set out in Article 13(1)(f)(ii) into national law.			

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Declaration by Austria in relation to Article 11(5) In accordance with Article 11(5) of the Council Framework Decision on the European Evidence Warrant for the purposes of obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters, the Republic of Austria declares that validation of the European Evidence Warrant by a judge, a court, an investigating magistrate or a public prosecutor is required in all cases where the issuing authority is not a judge, a court, an investigating magistrate or a public prosecutor and where the measures necessary to execute the EEW would have to be ordered or supervised by a judge or a public prosecutor in a similar domestic case under Austrian law. Declaration by the French authorities pursuant to Article 11(5) of the Council Framework Decision on the European evidence warrant for the purposes of obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters Article 11(5) of the draft Framework Decision on the European evidence warrant allows any Member State to make a declaration that, as an executing State, it will require "validation" of the evidence warrant by a judicial authority in the issuing State if the warrant is issued by an authority which is not a judge, a court or a public prosecutor. The French authorities wish to make use of the option of making such a declaration under Article 11(5). The declaration reads as follows: "In accordance with Article 11(5) of the Framework Decision, France declares that it will require validation of the European evidence warrant by a judge, a court, an investigating magistrate or a public prosecutor in all cases where the issuing authority is not a judge, a court, an investigating magistrate or a public prosecutor and where French law would require the measures necessary for execution of the European evidence warrant to be ordered or supervised by such an authority in a similar domestic case".			
Council Regulation (EC) No 1300/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a multi-annual plan for the stock of herring distributed to the west of Scotland and the fisheries exploiting that stock	16542/08 + REV 1 (en)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 423/2004	16292/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation (EC) No 1362/2008 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products	16479/5/08 REV 5	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain industrial, agricultural and fishery products	16785/08 + COR 1 (lt) + REV 1 (en) + REV 2 (pl)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: abstention PL
Statement by the Polish delegation on the tariff suspension period for LCD modules Generally, the Polish delegation supports tariff suspensions as a useful and important measure for Community producers importing raw materials as well as semi-processed components from third countries if these materials and components are not manufactured in the EU. However, the Polish delegation votes against the present regulation, because of the 5-year tariff suspension period for LDC modules contained therein. Two companies located in Poland are particularly affected by this proposal. The Polish delegation shares their view that such a long period of tariff suspension for imports of LDC modules is very harmful to the European producers of such modules, especially those located in Poland. The Polish delegation reserves the right to come back to this issue in the future.			
Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting	16361/08 + COR 1 (fi)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour

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Council Regulation (EC) No 45/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1339/2001 extending the effects of Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001 laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting to those Member States which have not adopted the euro as their single currency	16362/08	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation (EC) No 46/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004 concerning medals and tokens similar to euro coins	16365/08	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation (EC) No 47/2009 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 2183/2004 extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EC) No 2182/2004 concerning medals and tokens similar to euro coins	16366/08	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 of 18 December 2008 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations	15736/08 + COR 1 (el) + REV 1 (sv, cs, lt) + REV 2 (nl) + REV 3 (sl) + REV 4 (da) + REV 5 (pt)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour

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TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Council Regulation (EC) No 1341/2008 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund, in respect of certain revenue-generating projects	13874/08 + COR 1 (mt) + COR 2 (pl) + COR 3 + COR 4 (it) + COR 5 (fi) + COR 6 (fr)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Directive 2008/122/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on the protection of consumers in respect of certain aspects of timeshare, long-term holiday product, resale and exchange contracts (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3701/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: abstention: AT, CZ, DE, LU, MT
Common Position (EC) No 2/2009 of 18 December 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin, and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 (Text with EEA relevance)	15079/2/08 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: abstention: UK

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Adoption of legislative acts following the European Parliament's second reading under the codecision procedure (Strasbourg, 15 to 18 December 2008) Regulation (EC) No 1339/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a European Training Foundation (recast) Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement	 11263/4/08 REV 4 17242/08	 (Not applicable) (Not applicable)	 (Not applicable) (Not applicable)

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2910th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research)), Brussels 1-2 December 2008 Council Conclusions on the need for skills in the nuclear field 15406/08 Council Regulation (EC) No 1193/2008 of 1 December 2008 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duties imposed on imports of citric acid originating in the People's Republic of China 15329/08 Council Joint Action 2008/898/CFSP of 1 December 2008 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative to the African Union 15372/08 Council Conclusions on "Think Small First – A Small Business Act for Europe 14677/08 Council Conclusions on the communication from the Commission "Towards world-class clusters in the European Union: implementing the broad-based innovation strategy" 14679/08 Council Conclusions on the definition of a "2020 Vision for the European Research Area" 16767/08	

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Council Conclusions concerning joint programming of research in Europe in response to the major societal challenges 16775/08 Council Conclusions concerning a European partnership for international scientific and technological cooperation 16763/08 Council Conclusions on a European strategy for marine and maritime research 16761/08 Council Conclusions on "Towards a GMES Programme" 16267/08 2911th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), Brussels 2 December 2008 Council Conclusions on clearing and settlement 16212/08 Council Resolution on coordinating exit taxation 16412/08 + COR 1 (nl) Council Conclusions on "Banking mobility" 16213/08	

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Council Joint Action 2008/900/CFSP of 2 December 2008 amending Joint Action 2008/107/CFSP extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Central Asia 14997/08 Council Decision 2008/901/CFSP of 2 December 2008 concerning an independent international fact-finding mission on the conflict in Georgia 15860/08 Council Conclusions on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments 16411/08 Council Conclusions on the Code of conduct for business taxation 16083/1/08 REV 1 2912th meeting of the the Council of the European Union (ENVIRONMENT), Brussels 4 December 2008 Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean 15311/08 + COR 1 (lt) + REV 1 (de) + REV 1 COR 1 (de) Council Conclusions on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council on Annex XI to the Staff Regulations 15643/08 + REV 1 (fr)	

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Council Conclusions addressing global mercury challenges 15683/1/08 REV 1 Council Conclusions on the "Sustainable Consumption and Production and Sustainable Industrial Policy Action Plan" 16914/08 Council Conclusions addressing the challenges of deforestation and forest degradation to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss 16852/08 Council Conclusions on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) 16882/08 + COR 1 (pl) 2913th meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS and ENERGY), Brussels 8 December 2008 Council Decision on establishing the European Community position within the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community (Tirana, 11 December 2008) 16868/08 Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the Community with a view to concluding a Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Guinea 16795/08	

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Council Conclusions on assistance to third countries in the field of nuclear safety and security 14270/2/08 REV 2 + REV 2 COR 1 + REV 3 (hu) Council Conclusions on "Greening Transport", "Strategy for the internalisation of external costs" and "Rail noise abatement measures addressing the existing fleet" 17042/08 + COR 1 (pl) Council Resolution concerning the EU LRIT Data Centre 17043/08 2914th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), Brussels 8 December 2008 Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December 2008 defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment 15972/1/08 REV 1	

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Council Statement The Council stresses that the Common Position defining common rules governing the control of exports of military technology and equipment enhances the value of the rules governing in this area the trade relations with third countries currently or potentially receiving such exports. It notes that this Common Position is an instrument contributing to the continued implementation of a responsible policy, in order to prevent, in particular, such exports being used for internal repression or international aggression or contributing to regional instability. The Council recalls on this occasion the Guidelines it adopted on 8 December 2003 and amended on 2 December 2005 on implementation and evaluation of restrictive measures (sanctions) in the framework of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (15114/05). The adoption of this Common Position also enhances the EU's credibility in the promotion of an Arms Trade Treaty. It demonstrates the feasibility of an agreement on the establishment of a legally binding instrument, without depriving States of the prerogative of licensing or denying individual exports, and confirms the efficiency and effectiveness of a multilateral export control mechanism.	
Council Conclusions on the integrated maritime policy 16503/1/08 REV 1	
Council Conclusions on Zimbabwe 16639/08	
Council Decision 2008/922/CFSP of 8 December 2008 implementing Common Position 2004/161/CFSP renewing restrictive measures against Zimbabwe 12706/1/08 REV 1 + ADD 1 REV 3 + ADD 2 REV1	

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Council Decision on the launch of a European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta) 15376/1/08 REV 1 Council Statement on strengthening international security 16751/08 + COR 1 (pl) + REV 1 (mt) + REV 2 (en) + REV 2 COR 1 (en) + REV 3 (cz) Council Recommendation on the Future Perspectives of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) 16629/08 Council Conclusions on the draft Code of Conduct for outer space activities 16560/08 Council Conclusions on the inclusion of a SALW article in agreements between the EU and third countries 15506/08 Council Conclusions on New lines for action by the European Union in combating the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and their delivery system 15565/08	

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Council Conclusions on EU Contribution for the establishment of an IAEA Nuclear Fuel Bank 15511/08 + COR 1 (fr) + AMD 1 (fr) Council Conclusions on the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 16621/08 European Union Guidelines on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them 16173/08 + COR 1 (en) European Union Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders 16332/1/08 REV 1 Council Conclusions on combating violence against women, particularly in the ESDP framework, and all forms of discrimination against them 16520/08 Comprehensive Approach to the EU implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 on women, peace and security 15671/1/08 REV 1 EU Position for the ninth meeting of the EU-Armenia Co-operation Council (Brussels, 09 December 2008) 16086/08	

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EU Position for the ninth meeting of the EU-Azerbaijan Co-operation Council (Brussels, 9 December 2008) 16103/08 EU Position for the ninth meeting of the EU–Georgia Co-operation Council (Brussels, 9 December 2008) 16102/08 Council Conclusions on the European Union and the Arctic region 16826/08 + COR 1 (fr) European Union guidelines on the implementation of the consular Lead State concept 16618/08 Council Conclusions on the attacks in Mumbai 16793/2/08 REV 2 EU Position for the fifth meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Council between the EU and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Brussels, 8 December 2008) 15443/08 Council Regulation (EC) No 1340/2008 of 8 December 2008 on trade in certain steel products between the European Community and the Republic of Kazakhstan 14366/08 + REV 1 (sl)	

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Council Conclusions on market access 16198/08 Council Regulation (EC) No 1217/2008 of 8 December 2008 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1528/2007 in order to add the Republic of Zambia to the list of regions or states which have concluded negotiations 15553/08 European Union Drugs Action Plan for 2009-2012 16116/08 + COR 1 + REV 1 (de) + COR 2 (pt) 2008/939/EC: Council Decision of 8 December 2008 on the signing and the provisional application of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Belarus amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Belarus on trade in textile products 15586/08 + COR 1 (mt) + REV 1(sl) Council Conclusions on inclusion of the Roma 15976/1/08 REV 1 Council Conclusions on the evaluation of the Global Approach to Migration and on the partnership with countries of origin and transit 16041/08	

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2008/945/EC,Euratom: Council Decision of 8 December 2008 amending the Council's Rules of Procedure 16079/08 Statement by Italy Italy considers that the Council Decision amending the Council's Rules of Procedure in order to implement Article 205(4) of the Treaty establishing the European Community, Article 118(4) of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community and the third subparagraph of Article 23(2) and Article 34(3) of the Treaty on European Union is not to be regarded as a precedent for the definition or interpretation of the concept of "population" for the purpose of determining a qualified majority in the framework of the new Lisbon Treaty. Italy therefore stresses the need to start, at the earliest opportunity, a debate on the criteria on the basis of which the concept of "European population" is to be defined once the new Treaty enters into force. Council Conclusions on EU relations with EFTA countries 16651/1/08 REV 1 + REV 2 (fr) Council Conclusions on Enlargement 16876/08 2915h meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), Brussels 8-9 December 2008 Council Conclusions on the Western Balkans 15535/1/08 REV 1	

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Council Conclusions on the Democratic Republic of the Congo 16640/1/08 REV 1 Council Conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process 16874/2/08 REV 2 Council Conclusions on Strengthening of the European Union's bilateral relations with its Mediterranean partners 16897/08 Council Conclusions on Pakistan 16715/2/08 REV 2 Council Declaration on strengthening capabilities 16840/08 + COR 1 (de) 2916th meeting of the Council of the European Union (EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH and CONSUMER AFFAIRS), Brussels 16-17 December 2008 Council Resolution on Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste Management 14554/3/08 REV 3 + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (fr) Council Common Position 2008/959/CFSP of 16 December 2008 amending Common Position 2008/586/CFSP updating Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism 16573/08 + ADD 1 REV 1	

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Council Regulation (EC) No 1286/2008 of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 193/2007, imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate, originating in India and amending Regulation (EC) No 192/2007 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate, originating in, inter alia , India 15943/08 Council Regulation (EC) No 1256/2008 of 16 December 2008 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain welded tubes and pipes of iron or non-alloy steel originating in Belarus, the People's Republic of China and Russia following a proceeding pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 384/96, originating in Thailand following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of the same Regulation, originating in Ukraine following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) and an interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of the same Regulation, and terminating the proceedings in respect of imports of the same product originating in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey 16092/08 Council Joint Action 2008/958/CFSP of 16 December 2008 amending Joint Action 2005/797/CFSP on the European Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories 15402/08 Council Conclusions on health security 16515/08 + COR 1 + REV 1 (hu) Council Conclusions on public health strategies to combat neurodegenerative diseases associated with ageing and in particular Alzheimer's disease 16516/08 + REV 1 (hu)	

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Council Conclusions on common active inclusion principles to combat poverty more effectively 15984/08 + COR 1 + REV 1 (hu) + REV 2 (lv) Council Conclusions on the review of the implementation by the Member States and the EU institutions of the Beijing Platform for Action - women and armed conflicts 17099/08 + REV 1 (fr) Council Conclusions on the progress of the implementation by the Member States and the EU institutions of the Beijing Platform for Action - women and the economy: reconciliation of work and family life 17098/08, 17474/08 2917th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES), Brussels 18 December 2008 Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1323/2008 of 18 December 2008 adjusting with effect from 1 July 2008 the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities and the correction coefficients applied thereto 15867/08 + COR 1 + REV 1 (fr) + REV 2 (mt) Statement by Denmark Denmark is opposed to the method of adjusting remuneration and pensions, given the high level of salaries in the EU institutions.	

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Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1324/2008 of 18 December 2008 adjusting, from 1 July 2008, the rate of contribution to the pension scheme of officials and other servants of the European Communities 15868/08 REV 1 (mt) 2008/972/EC: Council Decision of 18 December 2008 amending Annex 13 to the Common Consular Instructions on filling in visa stickers 15280/08 Council Regulation (EC) No 1353/2008 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 74/2004 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of cotton-type bedlinen originating in India 16374/08 Council Regulation (EC) No 1354/2008 of 18 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1628/2004 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of certain graphite electrode systems originating in India and Regulation (EC) No 1629/2004 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain graphite electrode systems originating in India 16379/08 Council Conclusions on safety of imported agricultural and agri-food products and compliance with Community rules 17169/08 + ADD 1	

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Council Conclusions on better regulation in the plant variety and seeds 16918/1/08 REV 1 Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution 16538/08 2008/979/EC: Council Decision of 18 December 2008 on the signing on behalf of the Community and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products 15472/08 Council Decision on the Community position to be taken in the Joint Veterinary Committee regarding the amendment of Appendices 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 to Annex 11 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products 15486/08 Council Decision on the signing on behalf of the Community and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products 12445/08	

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Council Decision 2008/975/CFSP of 18 December 2008 establishing a mechanism to administer the financing of the common costs of European Union operations having military or defence implications (Athena) 16561/08 Council Decision 2008/974/CFSP of 18 December 2008 in support of the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction 15098/08 2009/81/EC,Euratom: Council and Commission Decision of 18 December 2008 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union 16402/08 2009/82/EC,Euratom: Council and Commission Decision of 18 December 2008 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union 16405/08	

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2009/50/EC,Euratom: Council and Commission Decision of 18 December 2008 on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, to take account of the Accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union 16407/08 2009/105/EC: Council Decision of 18 December 2008 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Banque centrale du Luxembourg 16504/08 + COR 1 (fi) 2009/127/EC: Council Decision of 18 December 2008 concerning the signature, on behalf of the European Community, of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part, to combat fraud and any other illegal activity to the detriment of their financial interests 14565/08 Council Conclusions on implementing a new approach to Schengen evaluation 15801/2/08 REV 2	

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Council Regulation (EC) No 1355/2008 of 18 December 2008 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain prepared or preserved citrus fruits (namely mandarins, etc.) originating in the People's Republic of China Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain prepared or preserved citrus fruits (namely mandarins, etc.) originating in the People's Republic of China 16885/08 + COR 1 (bu) + COR 2 (ro) +REV 1 (en) Written procedure completed on 22 December 2008 Council Decision 2009/29/CFSP of 22 December 2008 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Somali Republic on the status of the European Union-led naval force in the Somali Republic in the framework of the EU military operation Atalanta 16954/08 + REV 1 (et) Council Decision 2009/88/CFSP of 22 December 2008 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Djibouti on the status of the European Union-led forces in the Republic of Djibouti in the framework of the EU military operation Atalanta 17255/08 + REV 1 (et)	