# COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1661/98

## of 27 July 1998

## concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1048/98 [2], and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas in order to ensure uniform application of the Combined Nomeclature annexed to the abovementioned Regulation, it is necessary to adopt measures concerning the classification of the goods referred to in the Annex to this Regulation;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 has set down the general rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and those rules also apply to any other nomenclature which is wholly or partly based on it or which adds any additional subdivision to it and which is established by specific Community provisions, with a view to the application of tariff and other measures relating to trade in goods;

Whereas, pursuant to the said general rules, the goods described in column 1 of the table annexed to the present Regulation must be classified within the appropriate CN codes indicated in column 2, by virtue of the reasons set out in column 3;

Whereas it is accepted that binding tariff information issued by the customs authorities of Member States in respect of the classification of goods in the Combined Nomenclature and which do not conform to the rights established by this Regulation, can continue to be invoked, under the provisions in Article 12(6) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code [3], for a period of three months by the holder;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature Section of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The goods described in column 1 of the annexed table are now classified within the Combined Nomenclature within the appropriate CN codes indicated in column 2 of the abovementioned table.

*Article 2*

Binding tariff information issued by the customs authorities of Member States which do not conform to the rights established by this Regulation can continue to be invoked under the provisions of Article 12(6) of Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 for a period of three months.

*Article 3*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 21st day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

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

Done at Brussels, 27 July 1998.

*For the Commission*
Mario MONTI
*Member of the Commission*

[1] OJ L 256, 7. 9. 1987, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 151, 21. 5. 1998, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 302, 19. 10. 1992, p. 1.

*ANNEX*

| Description | CN code | Grounds |
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| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Tanning preparation, in the form of a green powder based on inorganic compounds, containing:<br>— approximately 26 % chromium expressed as chromium oxide<br>— approximately 8 % sodium and 17 % sulphur<br>— with a basicity of about 33 % | 3202 90 00 | Classification is determined by the provisions of General Rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, note 1(a) to Chapter 28 and the wording of CN codes 3202 and 3202 90 00<br>See also HS explanatory notes I and I(B) to heading 3202 |