COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 706/98

of 30 March 1998

amending Regulation (EC) No 2604/97 concerning prior Community surveillance of imports of certain iron and steel products covered by the ECSC and EC Treaties originating in certain third countries

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3285/94 of 22 December 1994 on the common rules for imports and repealing Regulation (EC) No 518/94 [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2315/96 [2], and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 519/94 of 7 March 1994 on common rules for imports from certain third countries and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 1765/82, (EEC) No 1766/82 and (EEC) No 3420/83 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 847/97 [4], and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Consultations having taken place within the committees set up under the Regulations referred to above,

Whereas by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2604/97 [5], imports into the Community of certain iron and steel products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community and the Treaty establishing the European Community are subject to *a priori* Community surveillance for the period 1 January to 31 December 1998;

Whereas by Decision No 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council [6], the Association Council laid down the rules for implementing the final phase of the Customs Union in respect of products subject to the EC Treaty;

Whereas in view of that Decision it is appropriate to remove from the scope of Regulation (EC) No 2604/97 all steel products subject to the EC Treaty, which originate in Turkey;

Whereas consultations have taken place within the EC-Turkey Customs Union Joint Committee; whereas Turkey has agreed to establish corresponding arrangements in respect of imports into Turkey from third countries of those products listed in Annex I to the Regulation which are subject to the EC Treaty;

Whereas Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2604/97 should be amended in order to distinguish those products which are subject to the EC Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 1(1) Regulation (EC) No 2604/97 is hereby amended as follows:

'1. From 1 January 1998, the release for free circulation in the Community of iron and steel products covered by the ECSC and EC Treaties listed in Annex I shall be subject to prior Community surveillance in accordance with Articles 11 and 12 of Regulation (EC) No 3285/94 and Articles 9 and 10 of Regulation (EC) No 519/94. This applies to imports originating in all non-member countries other than in respect of (a) products originating in countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) or in countries which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), and (b) EC Treaty products originating in Turkey, which are subject to the provisions of the EC-Turkey Customs Union. Products which are subject to a double-checking surveillance agreement established between a non-member country and the Community shall be subject to the conditions established by that agreement and not to the present Regulation.'

Article 2

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2604/97 is amended by the Annex hereto which identifies those products that are covered by the EC Treaty.

Article 3

Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2604/97 is amended in respect of the details for the Portuguese licensing office as follows:

— delete: 'Direcção-Geral do Comércio',

— insert: 'Ministério da Economia

Direcção-Geral das Relações Económicas Internacionais'.

Article 4

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

(1) OJ L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 53.
(2) OJ L 314, 4. 12. 1996, p. 1.
(3) OJ L 67, 10. 3. 1994, p. 89.
(4) OJ L 122, 14. 5. 1997, p. 1.
(5) OJ L 351, 23. 12. 1997, p. 28.
(6) OJ L 35, 13. 2. 1996, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 March 1998.

For the Commission

Leon BRITTAN

Vice-President

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

LIST OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO PRIOR SURVEILLANCE (1998)

7208 10 00	7210 12 19	7213 91 10	7225 11 00
7208 25 00	7210 20 10	7213 91 20	7225 19 10
7208 26 00	7210 30 10	7213 91 41	7225 19 90
7208 27 00	7210 41 10	7213 91 49	7225 20 20
7208 36 00	7210 49 10	7213 91 70	7225 30 00
7208 37 10	7210 50 10	7213 91 90	7225 40 80
7208 37 90	7210 61 10	7213 99 10	
7208 38 10	7210 69 10	7213 99 90	7226 11 10
7208 38 90	7210 70 31		7226 11 90 (1)
7208 39 10	7210 70 39	7214 20 00	7226 19 10
7208 39 90	7210 90 31	7214 30 00	7226 19 30
7208 40 10	7210 90 33	7214 91 10	7226 19 90 (1)
7208 40 90	7210 90 38	7214 91 90	
7208 51 10		7214 99 10	7228 10 10
7208 51 30	7211 13 00	7214 99 31	7228 10 30
7208 51 50	7211 14 10	7214 99 39	7228 20 11
7208 51 91	7211 14 90	7214 99 50	7228 20 19
7208 51 99	7211 19 20	7214 99 61	7228 20 30
7208 52 10	7211 19 90	7214 99 69	7228 30 20
7208 52 91	7211 23 10	7214 99 80	7228 30 41
7208 52 99	7211 23 51	7214 99 90	7228 30 49
7208 53 10	7211 23 91 (1)		7228 30 61
7208 53 90	7211 23 99 (1)	7215 90 10	7228 30 69
7208 54 10	7211 29 20		7228 30 70
7208 54 90	7211 29 50 (1)	7216 10 00	7228 30 89
7208 90 10	7211 29 90 (1)	7216 21 00	7228 60 10
	7211 90 11	7216 22 00	7228 70 10
7209 15 00	7211 90 90 (1)	7216 31 11	7228 70 31
7209 16 10		7216 31 19	7228 80 10
7209 16 90	7212 10 10	7216 31 91	7228 80 90
7209 17 10	7212 10 91	7216 31 99	
7209 17 90	7212 20 11	7216 32 11	7301 10 00
7209 18 10	7212 30 11	7216 32 19	
7209 18 91	7212 40 10	7216 32 91	Complete
7209 18 99	7212 40 91	7216 32 99	CN heading 7304 (1)
7209 25 00	7212 50 31	7216 33 10	
7209 26 10	7212 50 51	7216 33 90	Complete
7209 26 90	7212 60 11	7216 40 10	CN heading 7306 (1)
7209 27 10	7212 60 91	7216 40 90	
7209 27 90		7216 50 10	7307 93 11 (1)
7209 28 10	7213 10 00	7216 50 91	7307 93 19 (1)
7209 28 90	7213 20 00	7216 50 99	7307 99 30 (1)
7209 90 10		7216 99 10	7307 99 90 (1)
7210 11 10			
7210 12 11			

(1) Products covered by the EC Treaty.'