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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 57/2004

of 27 October 2003

amending Commission Decision 2002/602/ECSC on administering certain restrictions on imports of certain steel products from the Russian Federation

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part [1], entered into force on 1 December 1997.

(2) Article 21 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement provides that trade in European Coal and Steel Community (hereinafter referred to as 'the ECSC') products shall be governed by Title III, save for Article 15 thereof, and by the provisions of an agreement.

(3) On 9 July 2002 the ECSC and the Government of the Russian Federation concluded such an Agreement on trade in certain steel products [2], approved on behalf of the ECSC by Commission Decision 2002/603/ECSC [3].

(4) The ECSC Treaty expired on 23 July 2002. The Parties agreed pursuant to Article 10(2) of the Agreement on trade in certain steel products that it should be continued and that all rights and obligations should be maintained after such expiry.

(5) The Government of the Russian Federation has requested, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Agreement, to carry over certain amounts of the quantitative limits not used during the year 2002; the authorised carryover for each product group is as follows: 2 186 980 kg for SA1, 10 802 830 kg for SA1a, 4 200 000 kg for SA2, 2 505 046 kg for SA3, 0 for SA4, 272 850 kg for SB1, 4 200 000 for SB2 and 11 550 000 for SB3.

(6) In accordance with Article 3(4) of the Agreement, the Government of the Russian Federation has requested the transfer of 4 000 tonnes from product group SB2 and 6 000 tonnes from product group SB3 to product group SA1a.

(7) The Parties entered into consultations as provided for in Agreed Minute No 2 of the abovementioned Agreement and concluded that the product coverage of the Agreement has to be extended to include also product groups SA5 and SA6, such extension being the subject of a new agreement amending the previous Agreement.

(8) The Community approved the conclusion of the new Agreement, which entered into force on the day of its signature [4].

(9) It is necessary to amend accordingly Commission Decision 2002/602/ECSC on administering certain restrictions on imports of certain steel products from the Russian Federation [5] to take account of the request for carryover, the request for the transfer and the new Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Decision 2002/602/ECSC shall be amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the text of Annex I hereto.

2. Annex IV is replaced by the text of Annex II hereto.

Article 2

Imports into the Community of goods falling within product groups SA5 and SA6 accompanied by a surveillance document [6] issued before the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall not require an import authorisation as referred to in Commission Decision 2002/602/ECSC, notably in Article 2 thereof.

[1] OJ L 327, 28.11.1997, p. 3.
[2] OJ L 195, 24.7.2002, p. 55.
[3] OJ L 195, 24.7.2002, p. 54.
[4] See page 21 of this Official Journal.
[5] OJ L 195, 24.7.2002, p. 38.
[6] Issued in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 76/2002 (OJ L 16, 18.1.2002, p. 3). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2385/2002 (OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 125).

Article 3

The products listed in product groups SA5 and SA6 as defined in Annex I originating in the Russian Federation and imported into the Community as from 1 January 2003 shall be counted against the respective quantitative limits set out in Annex II for the year 2003.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 10th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 27 October 2003.

For the Council

The President

A. MATTEOLI

ANNEX I

'ANNEX I

SA — FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS

SA1 — Coils

7208 10 00
7208 25 00
7208 26 00
7208 27 00
7208 36 00
7208 37 90
7208 38 90
7208 39 90

7211 14 10
7211 19 20

7219 11 00
7219 12 10
7219 12 90
7219 13 10
7219 13 90
7219 14 10
7219 14 90

7225 20 20
7225 30 00

SA1a — Hot-rolled coils for re-rolling

7208 37 10
7208 38 10
7208 39 10

SA2 — Heavy plate

7208 40 10
7208 51 10
7208 51 30
7208 51 50
7208 51 91
7208 51 99
7208 52 10
7208 52 91
7208 52 99
7208 53 10

7211 13 00

SA3 — Other flat-rolled products

7208 40 90
7208 53 90
7208 54 10
7208 54 90
7208 90 10

7209 15 00
7209 16 10
7209 16 90
7209 17 10
7209 17 90
7209 18 10
7209 18 91
7209 18 99
7209 25 00
7209 26 10
7209 26 90
7209 27 10
7209 27 90
7209 28 10
7209 28 90
7209 90 10

7210 11 10
7210 12 11
7210 12 19
7210 20 10
7210 30 10
7210 41 10
7210 49 10
7210 50 10
7210 61 10
7210 69 10
7210 70 31
7210 70 39
7210 90 31
7210 90 33
7210 90 38

7211 14 90
7211 19 90
7211 23 51
7211 29 20
7211 90 11

7212 10 10
7212 10 91
7212 20 11
7212 30 11
7212 40 10
7212 40 91
7212 50 31
7212 50 51
7212 60 11
7212 60 91

7219 21 10
7219 21 90
7219 22 10
7219 22 90
7219 23 00
7219 24 00
7219 31 00
7219 32 10
7219 32 90
7219 33 10
7219 33 90
7219 34 10
7219 34 90
7219 35 10
7219 35 90

7225 40 80

SA4 — Alloyed products

7226 20 20
7226 91 10
7226 91 90
7226 99 20

SA5 — Alloyed quarto plates

7225 40 20
7225 40 50
7225 99 10

SA6 — Alloyed cold-rolled and coated sheets

7225 50 00
7225 91 10
7225 92 10

7226 92 10

SB — LONG PRODUCTS

SB1 — Beams

7207 19 31
7207 20 71

7216 31 11
7216 31 19
7216 31 91
7216 31 99
7216 32 11
7216 32 19
7216 32 91
7216 32 99
7216 33 10
7216 33 90

SB2 — Wire rod

7213 10 00
7213 20 00
7213 91 10
7213 91 20
7213 91 41
7213 91 49
7213 91 70
7213 91 90
7213 99 10
7213 99 90

7221 00 10
7221 00 90

7227 10 00
7227 20 00
7227 90 10
7227 90 50
7227 90 95

SB3 — Other long products

7207 19 11
7207 19 14
7207 19 16
7207 20 51
7207 20 55
7207 20 57

7214 20 00
7214 30 00
7214 91 10
7214 91 90
7214 99 10
7214 99 31
7214 99 39
7214 99 50
7214 99 61
7214 99 69
7214 99 80
7214 99 90

7215 90 10

7216 10 00
7216 21 00
7216 22 00
7216 40 10
7216 40 90
7216 50 10
7216 50 91
7216 50 99
7216 99 10

7218 99 20

7222 11 11
7222 11 19
7222 11 21
7222 11 29
7222 11 91
7222 11 99
7222 19 10
7222 19 90
7222 30 10
7222 40 10
7222 40 30

7224 90 31
7224 90 39

7228 10 10
7228 10 30
7228 20 11
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7228 30 49
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7228 60 10
7228 70 10
7228 70 31
7228 80 10
7228 80 90

7301 10 00'

ANNEX II

'ANNEX IV

QUANTITATIVE LIMITS

(kg)

Products	2002	2003	2004
SA — Flat products			
SA1 — Coils	259 000 000	258 436 980	262 660 000
SA1.a — Hot-rolled coils for re-rolling	485 000 000	517 932 830	509 550 000
SA2 — Heavy plate	60 000 000	65 700 000	63 040 000
SA3 — Other flat products	80 000 000	84 505 046	84 050 000
SA4 — Alloyed products	90 000 000	92 250 000	94 560 000
SA5 — Alloyed quarto plates	—	20 000 000	20 500 000
SA6 — Alloyed cold rolled and coated sheets	—	95 000 000	97 375 000
SB — Long products			
SB1 — Beams	15 000 000	15 652 850	15 760 000
SB2 — Wire rod	60 000 000	61 700 000	63 040 000
SB3 — Other long products	165 000 000	174 680 000	173 350 000

Note:
SA and SB are product categories
SA1 to SA6 and SB1 to SB3 are product groups.'