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AGREEMENT REACHED BY A MEMBER WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES ON ISSUES RELATED TO TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, STANDARDS OR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Notification

Revision

Under Article 10.7 of the Agreement "Whenever a Member has reached an agreement with any other country or countries on issues related to technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures which may have a significant effect on trade, at least one Member party to the agreement shall notify other Members through the Secretariat of the products to be covered by the agreement and include a brief description of the agreement". The following notification under Article 10.7 has been received.


1.	Member notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC</u>
2.	Title of the bilateral or plurilateral Agreement: Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, on Conformity assessment and acceptance of industrial products.
3.	Parties to the Agreement: European Communities and the Czech Republic
4.	Date of entry into force of the Agreement: 1 July 2001
5.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): This Protocol to the Europe Agreement applies to products traded between the European Communities and the Czech Republic as well as to procedures which are subject to specified legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions pertaining to conformity assessment and technical regulations, as detailed in the 10 sectoral annexes to the Protocol, in the areas of: electromagnetic compatibility (EMC), electrical safety, equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (ch. 85, except 85.17), machinery (ch 84, except 84.02 to 84.06, 84.10 to 84.14, 84.16.10, 84.16.20, 84.19.11 and 84.19.19), lifts (ch 84.28.10), personal protective equipment, hot water boilers (ch 84.02 to 84.06.), gas appliances (ch 84.16.10, 84.16.20, 84.19.11 and 84.19.19), pressure equipment (ch 73.11, 76.13, 84.10 to 84.14) and good manufacturing practices for medicinal products (ch. 30).
6.	Subject matter covered by the Agreement (technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment): Alignment of technical regulations; harmonisation of standards; conformity assessment procedures

- 7. Brief description of the Agreement:** This Protocol to the European Agreements on Conformity Assessment (PECA) provides for the recognition of conformity assessment of industrial products when the legislation of the applicant country is harmonised with that of the EC. They also provide for mutual acceptance of industrial products that are legally placed on their markets, along the lines of the free movement of goods within the EC. The well-known “CE” mark will attest compliance in the Czech Republic in the same way as in the EC, and on the basis of the same rules. Products covered by PECA to which no third-party certification requirements apply have direct access to both markets.

Its duration is limited to the period preceding the accession of the Czech Republic to the EC.

8. Further information available from:

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