

**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

Notification Under Articles 1.4(a) and 8.2(b)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Addendum

The following communication, dated 6 January 2003, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities.

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Please find attached, for communication to the Committee on Import Licensing, Commission Regulation (EC) 2385/02<sup>1</sup> of 30 December 2002 extending and amending until 31 March 2005 prior Community surveillance of imports of certain iron and steel products covered by the ECSC and EC treaties originating in certain third countries (Official Journal L 358 of 31 December 2002).

The amendment introduces a "de minimis rule", thereby excluding from the scope of application imports whose net weight does not exceed 500 kilogrammes. The Committee is respectfully reminded that this administrative procedure, according to which importers of the products in question are required to present to the customs authorities surveillance documents, has as its sole purpose the collection of statistical information permitting rapid analysis of imports from countries outside the European Communities. These surveillance documents will continue to be issued automatically, without charge and for any quantities requested.

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<sup>1</sup>Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).