Statistics on the trading of goods between Member States: nomenclature, SLIM, Intrastat (amend. regul. 3330/91/EEC)

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PURPOSE: to simplify statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States, referring specifically to the simplified application of the nomenclature of products. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Regulation 1624/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation 3330/91/EEC on the statistics relating to the trading of goods between the Member States, with specific reference to a simplified application of the nomenclature of procducts. CONTENT: Under Council Regulation 3330/91/EEC, the Community and its Member States compile statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States (Intrastat') during the transitional period which began on 01.01.1993 and will end on the date of changeover to a unified system of taxation in the Member State of origin. The simplificaiton of legislation for the internal market, as formulated in the SLIM (Simpler Legislation for the Internal Market) initiative, is intended to improve enterprises' competitiveness and job creation potential. The simplification of the Intrastat system has been chosen as a SLIM pilot project, and specific proposals drawn up by the SLIM-Intrastat Working Party for reducing the burden on providers of statistical information have been the subject of a communication to the European Parliament, and the Council. Thus, the simplified application of the product nomenclature is one such proposal, since information providers generally regard the classification of products as difficult. In conclusion, the use of simplification thresholds is an efficient tool to redcue the burdens of declaration on businesses, in particular the SMEs. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.01.2001.