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

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The Council's Common Position has adopted most of the European Parliament's amendments. In particular, the principle of preserving one single nomenclature for intra-Community and external trade statistics is accepted. The Council also accepts the principles which seek to reduce the statistical burden on small and medium-sized enterprises. The Council feels, however, that a different way of reducing the burden ought to be used: it considers that SMEs need only report a maximum of ten of the subheadings that are the most important in terms of value and regroup the other products in residual subheadings. The Council invites the Commission to examine the possibility of raising the simplification threshold from the present level of 100 000 euro to 200 000 euro.