Cultural goods: exportation (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 3911/92)

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PURPOSE : to amend Council Regulation 3911/92/EEC on the export of cultural goods to take into account the introduction of the euro. CONTENT : this proposal aims to introduce the two technical amendments to the Annex of Regulation 3911/92/EEC announced in the report on the application of Regulation 3911/92/EEC and Directive 93/7/EEC. It should be noted that as from 1 January 2002, the Member States participating in the EMU applied directly the euro thresholds laid down in Community legislation. For those Member States not participating in the EMU, a date for the conversion into national currencies of the values expressed in euro and a periodic adaptation of the amounts in national currencies every two years. The reference date chosen is 31 December 2001, the last day of the period of transition to the euro. For the periodic adaptation every two years, the system chosen follows the model for periodic adaptation laid down by the "public procurement" Directives. Secondly, it is aimed to replace the figure 0 applicable to certain categories of cultural goods in the Annex in order to avoid differences of interpretation. The figure 0 is one of the values set out in heading B and it should be replaced with the text "whatever the value".