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

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OBJECTIVE: the objective of the proposal for a regulation is to simplify the statistical declaration relating to trade between the Member States for the providers of statistical information. SUBSTANCE: in the framework of the Intrastat system goods are currently identified by the combined nomenclature provided for under Regulation 3330/91/EEC; it is the key element in all the statistical information collected and a uniform application at Community level is essential to allow a comparison of results. The Commission proposes modifying the current basic regulation by simplifying this nomenclature while preserving the link with the nomenclature used for the exchange of goods with third countries and its consistency with other statistical nomenclatures. This simplification forms part of the group of actions intended to simplify the Intrastat system which will be taken as part of the SLIM initiative (simpler legislation for the internal market). It will be of benefit to all the undertakings involved in trade between the Member States and which are required to submit periodic Intrastat declarations. The aim is to reduce the number of codes used and thus to facilitate the classification and coding of goods by undertakings.