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The amended proposal takes into account all those amendments by Parliament which were intended to simplify the wording and improve the transparency and fairness of the procedure. The amendments incorporated serve in particular to: - clarify situations in which Member States bear financial liability; - introduce a distinction between amounts declared irrecoverable by decision of the administrative authority, stating reasons, and amounts declared irrecoverable after a period of five years; - stress the need for an explicit procedure for approval of requests for write-offs. However, for reasons of sound financial management and administrative efficiency, the amended proposal does not take account of the amendments concerning: - deletion of the threshold of ECU 2000 applicable to the procedure for independent determination by Member States; - the abandonment of the ECU 50 000 threshold for notification of write-offs; - the submission of a specific summary report on notifications from the Member States during the past five years; - taking account of any amounts recovered after they have been written off.