EC/Slovenia Europe agreement, June 1996: implementation of art. 65 and art. 7 of the protocol 2 for the ECSC products

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PURPOSE: to lay down the rules regarding the implementation of the competition provision of the EC /Slovenia Europe Agreement. CONTENT: The proposed decision concerns the rules for the implementation of the competition provisions applicable to undertakings. These provisions are one of the basic points of the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and Slovenia. Their actual implementation is a prerequisite for the smooth development of trade relations between the two parties. The proposed implementing rules are essentially procedural type rules. They determine the respective competences of the European Commission on the EC side and the Slovenian Competition Protection Office on the Slovenian side to deal with cases falling under the competition rules of the Europe Agreement. The rules contain procedures for notification of cases to the other Party, consultation and comity, and the exchange of information. There is provision for a consultation procedure within the Association Council whould disagreement arise between the two competition authorities. It is also confirmed that the principles embodied in the block exemption rules in force in the Community will apply. The time limit for these rules to be adopted is three years from the entry into force of the Interim Agreement - this time limit has been running since 1 January 1997.