Amendment to the Financial Regulation of 21.12.1977 applicable to the EC budget. Joint orientation

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OBJECTIVE: to improve financial management within the institutions. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC, ECSC, EURATOM) no. 2548/98 amending the financial regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. CONTENTS: the amendments to the financial regulation by the Council are intended mainly to: - introduce general provisions governing the cancellation of appropriations; - improve the system of accounts; - make provision for disciplinary action against and, where appropriate, payment of compensation by staff who exercise powers which are not delegated to them or who exercise powers in excess of the limits of powers expressly conferred on them; - where management of Community programmes is sub-contracted, to provide a framework of provisions guaranteeing the transparency of operations and laying down the procedure for the entry in the accounts of the funds available for use in financing programmes; - make provision for the Financial Controller to be consulted on the setting up of inventory systems and systems of financial management used by authorising officers; - introduce provisions for the entry in the accounts of traditional own resources which have their own specific features as compared with the other own resources (VAT and GNP); - ensure that the legal commitments made by the institution and the accounting commitments submitted to financial control and recorded in the central accounts correspond exactly; - allow the Financial Controller to make distinctions in the method of control in such a way as to enable an allocation of means while taking account of the risks; - maintain or reinstate systematic control in the risk sectors; - set time limits for the procedure for overruling the withholding of approval by the Financial Controller; - strengthen discipline with regard to inventories by laying down the respective duties of the authorising officer and the accounting officer; - adjust the procedure for the authorisation of transfers between chapters in the EAGGF Guarantee Section. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 5 December 1998.