

# **Common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) following the 2004 enlargement**

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**PURPOSE** : to amend the Annexes to Regulation 1059/2003/EC on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the EU.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT** : Regulation 1888/2005/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation 1059/2003/EC on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union.

**CONTENT** : Regulation 1059/2003/EC constitutes the legal framework for the regional classification in order to enable the collection, compilation and dissemination of harmonised regional statistics in the Community. All Member States' statistics transmitted to the Commission, which are broken down by territorial units, should use the NUTS classification, where applicable. It is necessary to adapt the Annexes to Regulation 1059/2003/EC to take into account the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union. This is the aim of the present Regulation.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 26/11/2005.