Basic information

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Statistics on the trading of goods between Member States: nomenclature, SLIM, Intrastat (amend. regul. 3330/91/EEC) **Subject** 2.80 Cooperation between administrations 8.60 European statistical legislation	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	BEYSEN Ward (ELDR)	23/09/1999

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	LULLING Astrid (PPE)	03/09/1997

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
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Key events

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13/06/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
18/03/1998	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
18/03/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0102/1998	
27/04/1998	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0269	Summary
28/02/2000	Council position published	14100/1/1999	Summary
16/03/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
25/05/2000	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
25/05/2000	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0153/2000	

13/06/2000	Debate in Parliament		
14/06/2000	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0261/2000	Summary
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Technical information

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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0102/1998 OJ C 138 04.05.1998, p. 0005	18/03/1998	
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Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A5-0153/2000 OJ C 067 01.03.2001, p. 0011	25/05/2000	
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Legislative proposal	COM(1997)0275 OJ C 245 12.08.1997, p. 0012	06/06/1997	Summary
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Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(2000)0410	09/03/2000	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1185/1997	29/10/1997	Summary
EU	Implementing legislative act	32002R1385 OJ L 278 16.10.2002, p. 0009	15/10/2002	Summary

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2000/1624
OJ L 187 26.07.2000, p. 0001 Summary

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1997/0162(COD) - 09/03/2000 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission can in general support the common position that will allow simplifications to the benefit of SMEs, in particular, if the simplification threshold can be raised to 200 000 euro. The Commission considers that the amendments introduced by the common position of the Council do not water down its proposal, and include the accepted amendments of the European Parliament's first reading. Notably, the Council and Parliament's acceptance of the principle of a uniform nomenclature for intra and extra trade statistics should be taken into account.

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1997/0162(COD) - 28/02/2000 - Council position

The Council's Common Position has adopted most of the European Parliament's amendments. In particular, the principle of preserving one single nomenclature for intra-Community and external trade statistics is accepted. The Council also accepts the principles which seek to reduce the statistical burden on small and medium-sized enterprises. The Council feels, however, that a different way of reducing the burden ought to be used: it considers that SMEs need only report a maximum of ten of the subheadings that are the most important in terms of value and regroup the other products in residual subheadings. The Council invites the Commission to examine the possibility of raising the simplification threshold from the present level of 100 000 euro to 200 000 euro.

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

1997/0162(COD) - 29/10/1997 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The present Intrastat system is a major source of cost, complication and frustration, particularly for SMEs. The Committee therefore endorses the Commission's objective of reducing the items in the Intrastat nomenclature to around 7,000. However, it feels that more can still be done in this area and that the present proposals should be regarded as a first stage in an on-going process of simplification aimed at culminating in a dramatically-streamlined common system for Intrastat and Extrastat to be introduced concurrently in the year 2002. Decisions on IN, CN and HS nomenclatures should not be taken in isolation but as a coherent package.

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

1997/0162(COD) - 14/06/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

In its second reading on amending the Regulation on statistics for trade between Member States, and having regard to the report by Eduard BEYSEN (ELDR, Belgium), the European Parliament approved the Council's common position.

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

1997/0162(COD) - 01/04/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Astrid LULLING (EPP, L) Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation on the statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States. However it called for the administrative burden of the provisions contained in this directive to be limited for small and medium-sized enterprises. In order to improve the quality of the statistics it also called for the collection of information on trade flows not only at national but also at regional level.

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

1997/0162(COD) - 10/07/2000 - Final act

PURPOSE: to simplify statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States, referring specifically to the simplified application of the nomenclature of products. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Regulation 1624/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation 3330/91/EEC on the statistics relating to the trading of goods between the Member States, with specific reference to a simplified application of the nomenclature of procducts. CONTENT: Under Council Regulation 3330/91/EEC, the Community and its Member States compile statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States (Intrastat') during the transitional period which began on 01.01.1993 and will end on the date of changeover to a unified system of taxation in the Member State of origin. The simplificaiton of legislation for the internal market, as formulated in the SLIM (Simpler Legislation for the Internal Market) initiative, is intended to improve enterprises' competitiveness and job creation potential. The simplification of the Intrastat system has been chosen as a SLIM pilot project, and specific proposals drawn up by the SLIM-Intrastat Working Party for reducing the burden on providers of statistical information have been the subject of a communication to the European Parliament, and the Council. Thus, the simplified application of the product nomenclature is one such proposal, since information providers generally regard the classification of products as difficult. In conclusion, the use of simplification thresholds is an efficient tool to redcue the burdens of declaration on businesses, in particular the SMEs. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.01.2001.

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

1997/0162(COD) - 15/10/2002 - Implementing legislative act

COMMUNITY MEASURE : Commission Regulation 1385/2002/EC amending Regulation 1901 :2000 laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation 3330/91/EEC on the statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States. CONTENT : the amendment provides that those Member States wishing to have more detailed information than that resulting from the application of Article 21 of the basis Regulation may, by way of derogation from that Article, organise the collection of that information. The introduction of that degree of flexibility is aimed at meeting specific national requirements, without having to reflect them systematically in the Combined Nomenclature. This measure will enable an overall reduction in the burden on intra-Community operators.

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1997/0162(COD) - 06/06/1997 - Legislative proposal

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.

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1997/0162(COD) - 27/04/1998 - Modified legislative proposal

The amended proposal accepts Parliament's opinion that the simplification benefits of a specific INTRASAT nomenclature, including a substantial reduced number of subheadings could, in the present collection system, be counterbalanced by additional costs for maintaining two nomenclature versions for intra- and extra-Community trade. The amendments taken over: - emphasise the idea of a single nomenclature - the Combined Nomenclature (CN) - for intra and extra-Community trade statistics and refers to the second phase of the SLIM initiative in which the CN is the subject of simplification; - stress that the simplifications should be designed in particular for the SMEs by introducing thresholds or other measures, e.g. tools facilitating the classification of the products, to simplify the declaration of the product code.