

Procedure file

Basic information		
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EC/Czech Republic Europe agreement: public aid for restructuring the steel products sector, additional protocol		
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21/07/2002	Initial legislative proposal published	10825/2002	Summary
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25/11/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0413/2002	
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Procedure subtype	International agreement
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
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Documentation gateway					
Initial legislative proposal		10825/2002	22/07/2002	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		10752/2002	22/07/2002	CSL	Summary
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Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

EC/Czech Republic Europe agreement: public aid for restructuring the steel products sector, additional protocol

PURPOSE : to present an Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Czech Republic with regard to an extension of the period laid down in Article 8(4) of Protocol 2 for an additional 8 years. **CONTENT** : to recall, a Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, was signed on 4 October 1993. Article 8(4) of Protocol 2 to the above Europe Agreement lays down that during the first five years after the entry into force of the Agreement, and by way of derogation from paragraph 1 (iii) of that Article, the Czech Republic may exceptionally, as regards ECSC steel products grant public aid for restructuring purposes, provided that this leads to the viability of the benefiting firms under normal market conditions at the end of the restructuring period. Moreover, the amount and intensity of such aid are strictly limited to what is absolutely necessary in order to restore such viability and are progressively reduced. There shall be a restructuring programme which is linked to a global rationalisation and reduction of capacity in the Czech Republic. The initial period of five years expired on 31 December 1996. The Czech Republic requested the extension of the above-mentioned period in February 1998. It is appropriate to grant an extension of this period for an additional period of 8 years starting on 1 January 1997 or until the date of the Czech Republic's accession to the European Union, whichever comes first. The Czech Republic shall submit to the Commission of the European Communities a restructuring programme and business plans that meet the requirements listed in Article 8(4) of Protocol 2, and that have been assessed and agreed by its National State Aid Monitoring Authority (the Competition Council). The Commission shall provide a final assessment of whether the restructuring programme and business plans meet these requirements. The Council of the European Union shall decide whether the programme and the plans are in compliance with the requirements of the abovementioned Article.?

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This proposal for a Council Decision concerns the signature and the provisional application of an Additional Protocol to the European Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Czech Republic with regard to an extension of Article 8(4) of Protocol 2 for an additional 8 years. Please refer to the previous summary for the contents of the initial proposal. It should be noted that the protocol shall provisionally apply from the time of its signature.?

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This proposal for a Council Decision concerns the formal conclusion of the Additional Protocol to the European Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Czech Republic. This draft decision is in accordance with the draft of 22 July 2002 (please refer to the former initial proposal). It is stated that Council shall decide, with a qualified majority, on the Commission's proposal, with a view to deciding the conformity of the restructuring programme and the business plans listed in the Protocol. ?

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The committee adopted the report by its chairman, Carlos WESTENDORP Y CABEZA (PES, E), approving the conclusion of the agreement under the consultation procedure.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Carlos WESTENDORP Y CABEZA (PES, Spain) and approved the conclusion of the Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement.?

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?Following the screening exercise of proposals pending undertaken as part of its effort for better regulation in the framework of the Partnership for Growth and Jobs in the European Union, the Commission has decided to withdraw certain proposals on which the Legislator has not yet reached a decision and which were found not to be consistent with the Lisbon and Better Regulation criteria, unlikely to make further progress in the legislative process or found to be no longer topical for objective reasons?. (OJ C64 of 17.03.2006, pages 3-10).