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The Council of Ministers;

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 37 of the Treaty relating to the common external tariff and to the common customs and statistical nomenclature;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.3/7/93 adopting the common customs and statistical nomenclature based on the Harmonised System of Designation and Codification of Goods (HS.)

CONSIDERING that it is important to update the Harmonised System in relation to the International Convention on the Harmonised System of Designation and Codification of Goods, and also taking into account the new amendments to the nomenclature of Harmonised System approved on the recommendation of the Customs Cooperation Council made on 25 June, 1999 and which entered into force on 1 January, 2002.

RECALLING the meeting held by ECOWAS and UEMOA with a view to integrating these amendments contained in Version 2002 into their nomenclature and the validation of the meeting report by the World Customs Organisation;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the 46th meeting of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments held in Accra from 4 to 6 December, 2003;

ENACTS

Article 1

The Version 2002 of the Harmonised System (HS) are hereby adopted and shall be integrated into the ECOWAS Customs and Statistical Nomenclature;

Article 2

The Common Customs and Statistical Nomenclature adopted by Decision C/DEC.3/93 of 20 July, 1993 is, therefore, hereby amended.

Article 3

Member States shall take necessary measures to implement Version 2002 of the ECOWAS Common Customs and Statistical Nomenclature based on the HS;

Article 4

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Economic Community of West African States by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published within the same time frame in the National *Gazette* of each Member State.

Done at Accra, this 18th day of December, 2003

Hon. (Dr) Kofi Konadu Apraku

Chairman for the Council