

**ON THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Thirtieth meeting of the Administration and Finance Commission held in Accra, 8-15 December, 2003

### ENACTS

#### Article 1

The Organizational Structure of the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS is hereby revised to reflect the position of the office of the Financial Controller, the altered position of the office of the Internal Audit, the position of the Sectoral Database Coordination Division within the Community Computer Centre (CCC) as well as the ECOWAS Liaison Office in Brussels.

#### Article 2

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

DONE AT ACCRA, THIS 18TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER 2003



**HON. (DR) KOFI KONADU APRAKU**  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE COUNCIL

### FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Accra, 15-18 December, 2003

#### REGULATION C/REG.23/03 ADOPTING VERSION 2002 OF THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE HARMONISED SYSTEM OF DESIGNATION AND CODIFICATION OF GOODS (HS)

#### 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;

Accra, 15-18 December 2003

**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  
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**REGULATION C/REG.24/12/03 ON THE  
OPERATIONALISATION OF THE ECOWAS  
ENERGY OBSERVATORY**

**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 decision A/DEC. 3/5/82 on the ECOWAS energy policy;

**Mindful** of decision A/DEC.5/12/99 setting up a West African Power Pool (WAPP);

**Bearing in mind** the aims and objectives of ECOWAS which are the promotion of economic cooperation and integration for the purpose of establishing an economic union to improve the welfare of its peoples, maintaining and increasing economic stability, cementing relations between the Member States and contributing to the progress and development of the African continent;

**Aware** of the need to coordinate the efforts of the Member States to implement the ECOWAS priority plans of action for the interconnection of infrastructures;

**Convinced** of the need to render the energy observatory operational without loss of time in order to endow the sub-region with a functional information and communication system to warn Member States of possible short-falls in energy levels, and identify preventive measures against such eventualities;

**Considering** the resources provided by donors of the WAPP project for equipment, technical assistance and capacity building, as well as the human, material and financial resources contributed by the national electricity companies;

**On the recommendation** of the meeting of Ministers in charge of Energy held in Dakar on 7 November 2003;

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#### Article 1

1. The organogramme for the basic structure and the programme of action of the energy observatory attached hereto are hereby approved;
2. The Executive Secretariat is hereby authorised to launch the observatory with a skeleton staff comprising the Coordinator and two specialist engineers, an accountant and a secretary;
3. The accountant and secretary shall be recruited locally.

#### Article 2

During the initial 3-year transition period the Executive Secretariat shall earmark the sum of US\$ 31,000 (thirty one thousand dollars only) for the requirements of the observatory.

#### Article 3

The salaries of the staff seconded to the observatory shall be aligned with the salary scale of the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat. Staff salaries shall be paid by the electricity companies from which they are seconded.

#### Article 4

- 1 Contributions from the Member States shall be paid into a bank account opened in Cotonou in the name of the observatory.
- 2 Procedure governing expenditure shall be conformity with the ECOWAS Tender Code and the Financial Regulations and Manual of Accounting Procedures.

#### Article 5

1. The following arrangements are hereby adopted:

The Minister of Energy of Benin shall appoint the Managing Director of the Societe Beninoise d'Eau et d'Electricite (Beninese Water and Electricity Company) as the Chief Authorising Officer, and The Coordinator shall be the Deputy Authorising Officer.

2. Funds shall consequently be allocated for the adopted arrangements.

#### Article 6

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community by the Executive Secretariat within thirty (30) days after signature by the current Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

It shall also be published within the same time frame in the Official Gazette of each Member State.

Done at Accra this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2003.



HON. (DR) KOFI KONADU APRAKU  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE COUNCIL