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TITLE XV

**FINAL PROVISIONS**

CHAPTER 2

**Transitional measures applicable in the context of accession to the European Union**

*Article 405*

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) 'Community' means the territory of the Community as defined in point (1) of Article 5 before the accession of new Member States;
- (2) 'new Member States' means the territory of the Member States which acceded to the European Union after 1 January 1995, as defined for each of those Member States in point (2) of Article 5;
- (3) 'enlarged Community' means the territory of the Community as defined in point (1) of Article 5 after the accession of new Member States.

*Article 406*

The provisions in force at the time the goods were placed under temporary importation arrangements with total exemption from import duty or under one of the arrangements or situations referred to in Article 156, or under similar arrangements or situations in one of the new Member States, shall continue to apply until the goods cease to be covered by these arrangements or situations after the date of accession, where the following conditions are met:

- (a) the goods entered the Community or one of the new Member States before the date of accession;
- (b) the goods were placed, on entry into the Community or one of the new Member States, under these arrangements or situations;
- (c) the goods have not ceased to be covered by these arrangements or situations before the date of accession.

*Article 407*

The provisions in force at the time the goods were placed under customs transit arrangements shall continue to apply until the goods cease to be covered by these arrangements after the date of accession, where the following conditions are met:

- (a) the goods were placed, before the date of accession, under customs transit arrangements;
- (b) the goods have not ceased to be covered by these arrangements before the date of accession.

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### Article 408

1 The following shall be treated as an importation of goods where it is shown that the goods were in free circulation in one of the new Member States or in the Community:

- a the removal, including irregular removal, of goods from temporary importation arrangements under which they were placed before the date of accession under the conditions provided for in Article 406;
- b the removal, including irregular removal, of goods either from one of the arrangements or situations referred to in Article 156 or from similar arrangements or situations under which they were placed before the date of accession under the conditions provided for in Article 406;
- c the cessation of one of the arrangements referred to in Article 407, started before the date of accession in the territory of one of the new Member States, for the purposes of a supply of goods for consideration effected before that date in the territory of that Member State by a taxable person acting as such;
- d any irregularity or offence committed during customs transit arrangements started under the conditions referred to in point (c).

2 In addition to the case referred to in paragraph 1, the use after the date of accession within the territory of a Member State, by a taxable or non-taxable person, of goods supplied to him before the date of accession within the territory of the Community or one of the new Member States shall be treated as an importation of goods where the following conditions are met:

- a the supply of those goods has been exempted, or was likely to be exempted, either under points (a) and (b) of Article 146(1) or under a similar provision in the new Member States;
- b the goods were not imported into one of the new Member States or into the Community before the date of accession.

### Article 409

In the cases referred to in Article 408(1), the place of import within the meaning of Article 61 shall be the Member State within whose territory the goods cease to be covered by the arrangements or situations under which they were placed before the date of accession.

### Article 410

1 By way of derogation from Article 71, the importation of goods within the meaning of Article 408 shall terminate without the occurrence of a chargeable event if one of the following conditions is met:

- a the imported goods are dispatched or transported outside the enlarged Community;
- b the imported goods within the meaning of Article 408(1)(a) are other than means of transport and are redispached or transported to the Member State from which they were exported and to the person who exported them;
- c the imported goods within the meaning of Article 408(1)(a) are means of transport which were acquired or imported before the date of accession in accordance with the general conditions of taxation in force on the domestic market of one of the new Member States or of one of the Member States of the Community or which have not been subject, by reason of their exportation, to any exemption from, or refund of, VAT.

2 The condition referred to in paragraph 1(c) shall be deemed to be fulfilled in the following cases:

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- a when the date of first entry into service of the means of transport was more than eight years before the accession to the European Union.
- b when the amount of tax due by reason of the importation is insignificant.