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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 93/15/EEC of 5 April 1993 on the harmonisation of the provisions relating to the placing on the market and supervision of explosives for civil uses<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular the second sentence of the second paragraph of Article 14 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 93/15/EEC lays down rules for ensuring the safe and secure circulation of explosives on the community market.
- (2) As provided for in that Directive, it is necessary to ensure that undertakings in the explosives sector possess a system for keeping track of explosives in order to be able to identify those holding the explosives at any time.
- (3) Unique identification of explosives is essential if accurate and complete records of explosives are to be kept at all stages of the supply chain. This should allow the identification and the traceability of an explosive from its production site and its first placing on the market until its final user and its use with a view to preventing misuse and theft and to assisting law enforcement authorities in the tracing of the origin of lost or stolen explosives.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee established pursuant to Article 13(1) of Directive 93/15/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

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- (1) [OJ L 121, 15.5.1993, p. 20](#). Directive as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1](#)).