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Proposal for a

**REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common  
classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of  
Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union**

(presented by the Commission)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council established a common classification of territorial units for statistics (referred to as the “NUTS”) for the Member States. The Regulation was amended due to the enlargement of EU with 10 new Member States in 2004 by amendment Regulation (EC) No 1888/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Because of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, this proposed Regulation establishes the classification of the territorial units for community statistics for these new Member States.

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 285 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions<sup>2</sup>,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty<sup>3</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003<sup>(4)</sup> constitutes the legal framework for the regional classification in order to enable the collection, compilation and dissemination of harmonised regional statistics in the Community.
- (2) All Member States' statistics transmitted to the Commission, which are broken down by territorial units, should use the NUTS classification, where applicable.
- (3) It is necessary to adapt the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 to take into account the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.
- (4) Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C , , p. .

<sup>2</sup> OJ C , , p. .

<sup>3</sup> OJ C , , p. .

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 154, 21.6.2003, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1888/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 309, 25.11.2005, p. 1).

*Article 1*

Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is amended in accordance with the text shown in Annex I to this Regulation.
2. Annex II is amended in accordance with the text shown in Annex II to this Regulation.
3. Annex III is amended in accordance with the text shown in Annex III to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*

## ANNEX I

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 is amended as follows:

1. The following table is inserted between BE – BELGIQUE/BELGIË and CZ – ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA:

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**БЪЛГАРИЯ**

CODE	NUTS 1	NUTS 2	NUTS 3
BG			
BG3	СЕВЕРНА И ЮГОИЗТОЧНА БЪЛГАРИЯ		
BG31		Северозападен	
BG311			<i>Видин</i>
BG312			<i>Монтана</i>
BG313			<i>Враца</i>
BG314			<i>Плевен</i>
BG315			<i>Ловеч</i>
BG32		Северен централен	
BG321			<i>Велико Търново</i>
BG322			<i>Габрово</i>
BG323			<i>Русе</i>
BG324			<i>Разград</i>
BG325			<i>Силистра</i>
BG33		Североизточен	
BG331			<i>Варна</i>
BG332			<i>Добрич</i>
BG333			<i>Шумен</i>
BG334			<i>Търговище</i>
BG34		Югоизточен	
BG341			<i>Бургас</i>
BG342			<i>Сливен</i>
BG343			<i>Ямбол</i>
BG344			<i>Стара Загора</i>
BG4	ЮГОЗАПАДНА И ЮЖНА ЦЕНТРАЛНА БЪЛГАРИЯ		

BG41		Югозападен	
BG411			<i>София (столица)</i>
BG412			<i>София</i>
BG413			<i>Благоевград</i>
BG414			<i>Перник</i>
BG415			<i>Кюстендил</i>
BG42		Южен централен	
BG421			<i>Пловдив</i>
BG422			<i>Хасково</i>
BG423			<i>Пазарджик</i>
BG424			<i>Смолян</i>
BG425			<i>Кърджали</i>
BGZ	EXTRA-REGIO		
BGZZ		Extra-Regio	
BGZZZ			<i>Extra-Regio</i>

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2. The following table is inserted between PT – PORTUGAL and SI – SLOVENIJA:

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**ROMÂNIA**

CODE	NUTS 1	NUTS 2	NUTS 3
RO			
RO1	MACROREGIUNEA UNU		
RO11		Nord-Vest	
RO111			<i>Bihor</i>
RO112			<i>Bistrița-Năsăud</i>
RO113			<i>Cluj</i>
RO114			<i>Maramureș</i>
RO115			<i>Satu Mare</i>
RO116			<i>Sălaj</i>
RO12		Centru	
RO121			<i>Alba</i>

RO122			<i>Braşov</i>
RO123			<i>Covasna</i>
RO124			<i>Harghita</i>
RO125			<i>Mureş</i>
RO126			<i>Sibiu</i>
RO2	MACROREGIUNEA DOI		
RO21		Nord-Est	
RO211			<i>Bacău</i>
RO212			<i>Botoşani</i>
RO213			<i>Iaşi</i>
RO214			<i>Neamţ</i>
RO215			<i>Suceava</i>
RO216			<i>Vaslui</i>
RO22		Sud-Est	
RO221			<i>Brăila</i>
RO222			<i>Buzău</i>
RO223			<i>Constanţa</i>
RO224			<i>Galaţi</i>
RO225			<i>Tulcea</i>
RO226			<i>Vrancea</i>
RO3	MACROREGIUNEA TREI		
RO31		Sud - Muntenia	
RO311			<i>Argeş</i>
RO312			<i>Călăraşi</i>
RO313			<i>Dâmboviţa</i>
RO314			<i>Giurgiu</i>
RO315			<i>Ialomiţa</i>
RO316			<i>Prahova</i>

RO317			<i>Teleorman</i>
RO32		București - Ilfov	
RO321			<i>București</i>
RO322			<i>Ilfov</i>
RO4	MACROREGIUNEA PATRU		
RO41		Sud-Vest Oltenia	
RO411			<i>Dolj</i>
RO412			<i>Gorj</i>
RO413			<i>Mehedinți</i>
RO414			<i>Olt</i>
RO415			<i>Vâlcea</i>
RO42		Vest	
RO421			<i>Arad</i>
RO422			<i>Caraș-Severin</i>
RO423			<i>Hunedoara</i>
RO424			<i>Timiș</i>
ROZ	EXTRA-REGIO		
ROZZ		Extra-Regio	
ROZZZ			<i>Extra-Regio</i>



## ANNEX II

Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 is amended as follows:

1. The following is inserted in the paragraph referring to NUTS level 3 between Belgium and the Czech Republic:

“for Bulgaria ‘Области (Oblasti)’, ”

2. The following is inserted in the paragraph referring to NUTS level 3 between Hungary and the Slovak Republic:

“for Romania ‘Județe’, ”

### ANNEX III

Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 is amended as follows:

1. The following is inserted between Belgium and the Czech Republic:

“for Bulgaria ‘Населени места (Naseleni mesta)’, ”

2. The following is inserted between Portugal and Slovenia:

“for Romania ‘Municipii, Orașe, Comune’, ”