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Subject : statistical regions in Bulgaria

Dear Mr Hadjiiski,


Thank you for your letter dated 15 June informing us about Bulgaria's intention to create six planning regions in the country, and its proposal to use these regions for the level 2 of our classification of the statistical regions.

After examination of this proposal, I am pleased to inform you that Eurostat can accept it and I ask you kindly in future to use this breakdown for all the regional statistical data which you send to us.

I draw, however, your attention to the fact that this decision does not prejudice in any way the subsequent decision concerning the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) that will be taken at the time of accession should Bulgaria accede to the European Union. It must be remembered that the NUTS is a Community classification, established by Eurostat to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics for the EU. It is defined only for the Member States of the EU. In this context, it appears premature to make reference to this classification in the draft Decree concerning the establishment of the planning regions, a copy of which was also forwarded to us.

My services are at your disposal for any additional information (Mr Gilles Decand; tel. 00352 4301-33411, fax 00352 4301-34029, e-mail: gilles.decand@cec.eu.int).

Sincerely yours,



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