


**Article VI: ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This Decision 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 Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same time frame.

**DONE AT NIAMEY,  
THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2006**



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**H.E. MAMADOU TANDJA  
CHAIRMAN  
FOR THE AUTHORITY**

**DECISION A/DEC.12/01/06 SETTING NEW MODALITIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF STATISTICS ON EXTERNAL TRADE IN THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES TO REPLACE DECISION C/DEC.3/6/86**

**THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,**

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC.7/11/79 of the Council of Ministers relating to the programme on trade liberalisation, co-operation and related problems;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC 3/11/82 of 17 November, 1982 relating to the coding of ECOWAS customs, statistical and tax regimes;

AWARE of the methodological disparities relating to the modalities on preparation of external trade statistics in Member States resulting from Decision C/DEC/3/6/86 relating to the regulations on the modalities for the preparation of foreign trade statistics of ECOWAS Member States;

CONSIDERING the conclusions of the consultative meeting between the UEMOA Commission and the ECOWAS Executive Secretariat on the harmonisation of statistical and customs procedures, held in Ouagadougou from 5 to 7 April 2005;

CONSIDERING that data collection and processing of external trade statistics is a responsibility of Member States on the one hand, whilst on the other hand, the Executive Secretariat has to integrate the harmonisation and consolidation of national data for disseminating Community statistics;

CONSIDERING the outcome of the study required by the Executive Secretariat for the update of the legal, customs and statistical framework for the compilation of external trade statistics within ECOWAS, and their conformity with international standards;

CONSIDERING the conclusions of the national external trade statistics experts and customs officials at their meeting on 11 September 2005 in Abuja;

MINDFUL of the necessity to ensure quality and reliability of external trade statistics produced by Member States, through a common methodological framework which conforms with the international standards;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Fifty fifth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Niamey from 7 to 8, and 11 January 2006:

**DECIDES****ARTICLE 1**

This Decision replaces Decision C/DEC.3/6/86 and sets new modalities for the preparation of external trade statistics of Member States taking into consideration the provisions in the text attached to this Decision.

**ARTICLE 2**

Member States shall take all necessary measures at national level to ensure the diligent implementation of this Decision and shall forward to the Executive Secretariat the instruments pertaining to its implementation.

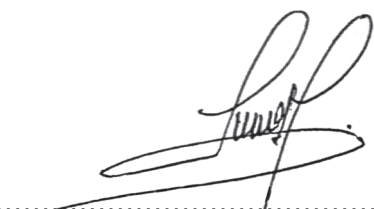
**ARTICLE 3**

The Executive Secretariat, in collaboration with the UEMOA Commission, shall ensure continuous evaluation of the implementation of this Decision, particularly through regular meetings of national experts involved in the preparation of external trade statistics of Member States.

**ARTICLE 4**

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**DECISION A/DEC.13/01/06 RELATING ECOWAS  
IMPROVED FRAMEWORK OF CONSUMER PRICE  
INDICES (CPI) IN MEMBER STATES**


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**THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND  
GOVERNMENT,**

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Article 51 on Money, Finance and Payments of the said Treaty aimed at promoting intra-community trade on goods and services relating to the establishment of the Community Economic and Monetary Union;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.2/7/87 on the adoption of an ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.7/12/99 relating to the adoption of macroeconomic convergence criteria within the framework of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Programme;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.17/12/01 relating to the establishment of a Multilateral Surveillance Mechanism of ECOWAS Member States' economic and financial policies;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.11/7/96 relating to the adoption of an ECOWAS Statistics Policy;

CONSCIOUS of the need for comparable economic data to guarantee the credibility of the ECOWAS Multilateral Surveillance Mechanism;

CONSIDERING paragraph 130 of the report of the 49th Session of the Council of Ministers held in Dakar from 26 to 28 January 2003 relating to the adoption of a plan of action for the harmonisation of consumer price indices in ECOWAS Member States and the conclusions of the meeting of the ECOWAS Directors of Statistics held in Freetown from 22 to 24 June 2005;

ON THE RECOMMENDATION of the Fifth-fifth Session of the Council of Ministers held in Niamey on 7 to 8, and 11 January 2006: