



September 29, 1998

International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.
600 Fifth Avenue - 27th Floor
Rockefeller Center
New York, NY 10020-2302

Re: EMU Protocol - Adherence

Dear Sirs:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our adherence to the ISDA EMU Protocol as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. on May 6, 1998 (the "Protocol"). This letter constitutes an Adherence Letter as referred to in the Protocol.

The definitions and provisions contained in the Protocol are incorporated into this Adherence Letter, which supplements and forms part of each ISDA Master Agreement between us and each other Adhering Party.

1. Specified Terms

Annex 1	ISDA EMU Continuity Provision	[Applicable]
Annex 2	Price Sources	[Applicable]
Annex 3	Payment Netting	[Applicable]
Annex 4	EMU Definitions	[Applicable]
Annex 5	Bond Options	[Applicable]

2. Appointment as Agent and Release

We hereby appoint ISDA as our agent for the limited purposes of the Protocol and, accordingly, we waive and hereby release ISDA from any rights, claims, actions or causes of action whatsoever (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or in any way relating to this Adherence Letter or our adherence to the Protocol or any actions contemplated as being required by ISDA.

3. Payment

We enclose payment of U.S. \$500.00, or represent that we have previously made payment of that amount to you, in respect of our adherence to the EMU Protocol.

4. Contact Details

Our contact details for purposes of this Adherence Letter are:

Name:	Merck & Company, Incorporated
Address:	One Merck Drive (WS 3B-35) Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889-0100
Telephone:	(908) 423-1000
Facsimile:	(908) 423-1501
Contact:	George A. Dunston, Esq.

We consent to the publication of the confirmed copy of this letter by ISDA and to the disclosure by ISDA of the contents of this letter.

Very truly yours,

MERCK & COMPANY, INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Douglas R. Rees
Douglas R. Rees
Senior Director - Merck & Co., Inc.