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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)  
on the advance application of certain trade provisions of the  
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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Since 22 January 1980 Zimbabwe (formerly Southern Rhodesia) has been benefiting from the special trade arrangements provided under Council Decision (76/568/EEC) of 29 June 1976 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community. As soon as it became independent Zimbabwe applied for accession to the second ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and the negotiations on the accession resulted in the signing of an agreement on 4 November 1980.

Pending the entry into force of that agreement, the Interim Agreement signed on ~~11.11.1980~~ governs the trade arrangements and will call for, in particular, certain adaptations to Council regulations that have been adopted autonomously in connection with arrangements for imports of agricultural products originating in the ACP States, the possible application of protective measures and imports of rum, since the treatment accorded to Zimbabwe has been aligned on that which the ACP States enjoy at present.

The following draft regulation contains the adjunctions that will have to be made to the regulations governing the three fields referred to above.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Community and Zimbabwe signed an Interim Agreement on 1980 governing trade arrangements pending the entry into force of the Agreement signed on 4 November 1980 on the accession of Zimbabwe to the second ACP-EEC Convention, signed in Lomé on 31 October 1979;

Whereas, consequently, the current provisions on trade between the Community and the ACP States should be extended to apply to Zimbabwe; whereas the said provisions should replace those applicable by virtue of the treatment accorded autonomously by the Community under Council Regulation (EEC) N° 120/80 of 21 January 1980 on trade arrangements between Southern Rhodesia and the European Economic Community<sup>1</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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<sup>1</sup>OJ N° L 16, 22.1.1980, p. 12.

Article 1

1. Zimbabwe shall be added, after Zambia, in Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 435/80 of 18 February 1980 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories<sup>2</sup>.
2. Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1470/80 of 9 June 1980 on the safeguard measures provided for in the second ACP-EEC Convention<sup>3</sup> shall also apply to Zimbabwe.
3. Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1711/80 of 27 June 1980 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in the ACP States (1980/81)<sup>4</sup>, and the Regulation that will replace it, shall also apply to Zimbabwe.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply until the Agreement whereby Zimbabwe accedes to the second ACP-EEC Convention enters into force.

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

Done at

For the Council  
The President

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<sup>2</sup> OJ N° L 55, 28.2.1980, p.4

<sup>3</sup> OJ N° L 147, 13.6.1980, p.4

<sup>4</sup> OJ N° L 167, 1.7.1980, p. 45

Financial Statement

The reduction in returns entailed by the membership of Zimbabwe to the Lomé Convention cannot be evaluated a priori because they will depend on the volume and value of the European Economic Community imports which arise. Taking into account the long period of embargo of importation into the Community which this country has experienced since 1965, it is not possible to give a run down of the data at this stage. Anyway, the agricultural products which are the subject of the present regulation were already included in the EEC regulation 120/80 which has expired and the final results of the present regulation are then negligible.