

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL DECISION  
authorizing extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements  
concluded between the Member States and third countries

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In implementation of Article 3 of the Council Decision of 16 December 1969 (1) on the progressive standardization of agreements concerning commercial relations between Member States and third countries and on negotiation of Community agreements, the Commission proposes to the Council that the Member States should be authorized to extend, expressly or tacitly, the trade agreements annexed to the attached proposal for a Council decision. The agreements in question constitute the second batch for 1983 and expire or are due to be terminated between 1 May and 31 July 1983.

The prior consultation specified in Article 2 of this Decision was executed by written procedure. The outcome was the recognition on 8 April 1983 that the conditions under which the agreements could be extended for a further year had been fulfilled.

2. The Commission considers it appropriate to point out, moreover, that the proposals for authorizing the Member States to renew or extend, expressly or tacitly, certain agreements in this batch for a further one-year period are by no means indicative of any position it might adopt next time these agreements come up for renewal.

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(1) OJ N° L 326 of 29.12.1969, p. 39.

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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 Council Decision 69/494/EEC of 16 December 1969 on the progressive standardization of agreements concerning commercial relations between Member States and third countries and on the negotiation of Community agreements (1), and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas extension of tacit renewal beyond the end of the transitional period was last authorized in the case of the Agreements and Protocols listed in the Annex by Decision 82/503/EEC (2);

Whereas the Member States concerned have, with a view to avoiding any disruption of their commercial relations with the third countries concerned based on agreement, requested authorization to extend or renew the abovementioned Agreements;

Whereas, however, most of the areas covered by these national agreements are henceforth the subject of Community agreements; whereas in this situation there should be authorization for the maintenance of national agreements only for those areas not covered by Community agreements; whereas, in addition, such authorization should not, therefore, adversely affect the obligation incumbent upon the Member States to avoid and, where appropriate, to eliminate any incompatibility between such agreements and the provisions of Community law;

Whereas the provisions of the agreements to be either prolonged or renewed should not furthermore, during the period under consideration, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas the Member States concerned have declared that the extension or tacit renewal of these agreements would neither constitute an obstacle to the opening of Community negotiations with the third countries concerned and the transfer of the commercial substance of those agreements to Community agreements nor, during the period under consideration, hinder the adoption of the measures necessary to complete the standardization of the import arrangements of the Member States;

Whereas at the conclusion of the consultations provided for in Article 2 of Decision 69/494/EEC it was established, as the aforesaid declarations by the Member States concerned confirm, that the provisions of the agreements to be extended or renewed would not, during the period under consideration, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas, in these circumstances, the agreements concerned may be either extended or tacitly renewed for a limited period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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(1) OJ No. L 326, 29.12.1969, p. 39.

(2) OJ No. L 230, 05.08.1982, p. 33.

Article 1

The Trade Agreements and Protocols between Member States and third countries listed in the Annex hereto may be extended or tacitly renewed up to the dates indicated for each of them for those areas not covered by agreements between the Community and the third countries concerned and in so far as their provisions are not contrary to existing common policies.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

## BILAO — ANHANG — ΠΑΡΑΤΗΜΑ — ANNEX — ANNEXE — ALLEGATO — BIJLAGE

Medlemsstat	Tredjeland	Aftalens art og datering	Udløb efter forlængelse eller stillende videreførelse
Mitgliedstaat	Drittland	Art und Datum des Abkommens	Ablauf nach Verlängerung oder stillschweigender Verlängerung
Κράτος μέλος	Τρίτη χώρα	Φύση και ημερομηνία της συμφωνίας	Ήμερομηνία λήξεως κατόπιν της παρατάσεως ή της σιωπής άδαντωσεως
Member State	Third country	Type and date of Agreement	Prolonged or tacitly renewed until
État membre	Pays tiers	Nature et date de l'accord	Echéance après prorogation ou tacite reconduction
Stato membro	Paese terzo	Natura e data dell'accordo	Scadenza dopo la proroga o il tacito rinnovo
Lid-Staat	Derde land	Aard en datum van het akkoord	Vervaldatum na al dan niet stilzwijgende verlenging
BENELUX	Israel	Accord commercial/Handelsakkoord 29. 8. 1958	31. 8. 1984
	Portugal	Accord commercial/Handelsakkoord 24. 5. 1961	30. 9. 1984
	Philippines/ Filippinen	Accord commercial/Handelsakkoord 14. 3. 1967	11. 10. 1984
IRELAND	Portugal	Trade Agreement 6. 2. 1952	31. 12. 1984
	Spain	Trade Agreement 19. 12. 1951	31. 12. 1984
	Switzerland	Trade Agreement 26. 12. 1951	31. 12. 1984
ITALIA	Cuba	Scambio di note 9. 9. 1950	8. 9. 1984
	India	Accordo commerciale e scambio di lettere 6. 10. 1959 7. 7. 1964	30. 6. 1984
	Libano	Accordo commerciale 4. 11. 1955	10. 9. 1984
	Svezia	Accordo commerciale 18. 12. 1961	31. 10. 1984
	Svizzera	Accordo commerciale 21. 10. 1950	31. 10. 1984
	Yemen	Protocollo addizionale (al trattato d'amicizia e di relazioni economiche del 4. 9. 1937) 5. 10. 1959	31. 12. 1984
DANMARK	Cameroun	Handelsaftale 8. 10. 1962	7. 10. 1984
DEUTSCHLAND	Ekvador	Handelsabkommen 1. 8. 1953	15. 10. 1984
	Kolumbien	Handelsabkommen 9. 11. 1957	10. 11. 1984
ΕΛΛΑΔΑ	Βραζιλία	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 9. 6. 1975	2. 7. 1984
	Ίσπανία	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 23. 6. 1966	23. 6. 1984
	Αιθιοπία	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 22. 6. 1959	22. 6. 1984
	Φινλανδία	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 23. 6. 1966	24. 5. 1984
	Λίβανος	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 3. 7. 1958	2. 5. 1984
	Λιβερία	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 29. 6. 1973	29. 6. 1984
	Λιβύη	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 16. 3. 1957	23. 5. 1984
	Μεξικό	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 12. 4. 1960	20. 6. 1984
	Ίρακ	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 26. 4. 1956	1. 5. 1984
	Τουηδία	Έμπορικη συμφωνία 25. 6. 1948	25. 6. 1984
UEBL/BLEU	Mexique/Mexico	Accord commercial/Handelsakkoord 16. 9. 1950	11. 9. 1984
UNITED KINGDOM	Haiti	Exchange of letters for the establishment of a commercial 'Modus vivendi' 25. 2. 1928	31. 12. 1984
	Iceland	Agreement relating to trade and commerce (with Protocol) 19. 5. 1933	31. 12. 1984
	Norway	Trade Agreement 15. 12. 1950	31. 12. 1984