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PROBLEMS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)

Proposal for a Council Decision on
intra-Community trade in crude oil
and petroleum products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 103(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,

CONSIDERING the difficulties at present affecting oil supplies to the
Community,

WHEREAS it is essential to maintain the flow of trade in the products concerned
among Member States,

WHEREAS, in these conditions, continuous information on such trade is necessary
for the purpose of keeping a watch on the development of the situation,

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the oil supply balance within the Community and to
prevent serious endangering of the supply to one or more Member States, fuel-
saving measures may prove necessary,

WHEREAS such regulatory arrangements must be subject to a time limit

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Trade among Member States in products falling under Heading No. 27.09 and sub-
Headings 27.10 A,B,C I and C II of the Common Customs Tariff shall be subject
to the presentation of an automatic authorisation.

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The authorizations provided for in the first paragraph shall be issued by the Member State of exportation without delay and cost-free for any quantity requested and their period of validity shall be one month at most.

Article 2

1. The Member States shall inform the Commission every other Wednesday and for the first time on January 1974:
 - (a) of authorizations issued during the period of two weeks expiring at midnight on the Sunday preceding the date of communication by ten days;
 - (b) of deliveries actually effected during the same period.
2. The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall relate to the volume and value of the products, per country of destination, in respect of each of the headings and sub-headings.

Article 3

The Commission shall forward to the Member States, within eight days of its communication, the information transmitted under Article 2 of the present Regulation and shall organize, on its own initiative or at the request of a Member State, the necessary consultations.

Article 4

If, at the end of these consultations, the Commission finds that the oil supply to certain Member States is seriously imperilled it may, in order to ensure a balanced supply throughout the Community, authorize the provisional suspension, in accordance with the terms and within the quantitative limits laid down by it for the purpose of securing supplies to the Community, of the issuing of the authorizations provided for in Article 1.

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Article 5

This decision shall apply to shipments carried out fromJanuary 1974.
Nevertheless, the provisions of Article 1 shall not affect products in the course
of shipment at that date.

Article 6

The Commission shall determine the modalities of the communications provided for
in Article 2.

Article 7

This decision shall expire on 30 June 1974.

Article 8

This decision is addressed to all the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION CONCERNING
EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES

THE COUNCIL

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 2603/69 setting up a common system applicable to exports, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

CONSIDERING the difficulties at present affecting the Community's oil supply arrangements;

WHEREAS abnormal movements of crude oil and petroleum products exports to third countries may, in the present circumstances, increase these difficulties within the Community or in certain Member States,

WHEREAS several Governments have pointed out the existence of difficulties of this kind and have requested that Community measures be taken,

WHEREAS, in these conditions, it is important to introduce at Community level an appropriate control machinery for exports to third countries; whereas it is advisable, to this end, to subject, in all the Member States, these exports to the presentation of a title automatically issued, and to keep the Commission informed, at short intervals, of the volume, value and destination of these exports,

WHEREAS these measures do not prejudice the quantitative restrictions on exports which the Member States may at present apply with regard to the products concerned in accordance with the Treaty,

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WHEREAS such regulatory arrangements must be subject to a time limit,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The exports to third countries of products falling under heading No. 27.09 and sub-headings 27.10 A, B, CI and C II shall be subject to the presentation of an export licence, the period of validity of which may not exceed one month.
2. The licences provided for in paragraph 1 shall be automatically issued by the Member States, without prejudice to other measures which the Member States may take with regard to these exports.

Article 2

1. The Member States shall inform the Commission every other Wednesday and for the first time on January 1974:
 - (a) of authorisations delivered during the period of two weeks expiring at midnight on the Sunday preceding the date of communication by ten days;
 - (b) of exports actually carried out during the same period.
2. The information referred to in sub-paragraph 1 shall relate to the volume and value of the products, per country exported to, for each one of the headings and sub-headings.

Article 3

The Commission shall forward to the Member States, within eight days of its communication, the information transmitted under Article 2.

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Article 4

The Commission shall determine the modalities of the communications provided for in Article 2.

Article 5

This decision shall expire on 30 June 1974.

Article 6

This decision is addressed to all the Member States.

Done at Brussels,
For the Council
The President

PROPOSAL FOR A
COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

to Member States concerning maintenance and harmonization of voluntary measures for reducing energy consumption in the Community.

1. The decision by various producer countries to cut back or level off their deliveries of crude oil has gravely impaired the flow of energy supplies to the Community.

Most Member States have already taken steps to encourage consumers voluntarily to reduce their consumption both of petroleum products and of other energy sources. Given the uncertainty created by the present difficulties as to how matters are likely to develop in this regard in the future, there is good reason to keep up these efforts.

In addition, the cuts in consumption which are being or may be made in any one Member State are capable, according to their nature and scale, of affecting the economic and social situation in the other Member States, and also the operation of the Common Market. For this reason the Council feels it necessary to endeavour to ensure that these cuts are coordinated and applied in as balanced a manner as possible throughout the Community.

2. On these grounds, in pursuance of Article 145 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and having regard to Council Directive 73/238/EEC of 24 July 1973 on measures to lessen the impact of crude oil and petroleum products supply difficulties, the Council would recommend all Member States to continue promoting the reduction of energy consumption on a harmonized basis by encouraging consumers voluntarily to observe the following injunctions:

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Transport

Reduction and rationalization of use of private vehicles.

More use of public transport in preference to private vehicles.

Rationalization of carriage of goods, and where possible recourse to carriage by rail and inland waterway rather than by road.

Adjustment of work schedules to allow more rational use of public transport.

Industry, commerce and services

Reduction of temperature in factories, offices and workshops by approximately 3°C.

Concentration of work schedules and turning-off of heating during days not worked.

Substitution of other fuels for petroleum products where at all possible.

Households

Reduction of temperature in the home by approximately 3°C.

Space-heating to be for shorter hours and more efficiently employed, in rooms actually occupied only.

Stringent limitation of use of extra gas and electric heating facilities.

Limitation of lighting and more efficient use of household appliances.

Member States are to inform the Commission of the measures envisaged and of the savings achieved by action taken under this Recommendation. They are to hold the appropriate consultations in accordance with Directive 73/238/EEC of 24 July 1973.

This Recommendation covers the period up to 30 June 1974.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,
The President

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

on measures to be taken by
Member States with a view to the
concerted and harmonized reduction
of consumption of petroleum products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAVING REGARD to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 103(4) thereof,

HAVING REGARD to the proposal from the Commission,

CONSIDERING Council Directive 74/238/EEC of 24 July 1973 on measures
to lessen the impact of crude oil and petroleum products supply difficulties,

CONSIDERING the Council Decisions of setting up an
Energy Committee,

WHEREAS the Community's supplies at present fall short of its requirements,

WHEREAS it is necessary to apportion fairly among all the Member States the
burdens arising out of the energy supply difficulties,

WHEREAS it is therefore essential to set a target value for the reduction of
energy consumption in the Community and to introduce on a concerted basis
binding measures enabling Community energy consumption to be adjusted to
availabilities,

WHEREAS such measures must be determined on a harmonized basis in order to
avoid any distortions or discriminations which could arise from their being
differently applied in different Member States,

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WHEREAS certain sectors must be exempted from such restrictions as circumstances may require,

WHEREAS the institution of such measures must on no account give rise to discriminations on grounds of nationality contrary to Article 7 EEC,

WHEREAS these arrangements must be for a limited time only,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In pursuance of a Council Decision which, taken on a proposal from the Commission following the holding of the appropriate discussions by the latter, establishes a target value for the reduction of energy consumption in the Community and determines the measures to be taken to achieve that objective, the Member States shall institute on a concerted and harmonized basis measures to bring about that reduction. The Council shall take its decision not later than 10 working days from the date of receipt of the proposal from the Commission.

Article 2

The Commission's proposals to the Council shall specify the requisite total or partial exemptions.

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Article 3

This Decision shall expire on 30 June 1974.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,

The President