

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

authorizing prolongation or tacit renewal  
of certain trade agreements concluded between  
the Member States and third countries

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

## 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 third batch for 1976 and expire or are due to be terminated between 1 August and 31 October 1976.

The prior consultation specified in Article 2 of this Decision was executed by written procedure. The outcome was the recognition on 16 May 1976 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 No L 326, 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 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 the negotiations of Community Agreements, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas tacit extension beyond the end of the transitional period has already been authorized in the case of the Agreements listed in the Annex hereto by the Council under its Decisions of 28 January 1969 (2), 26 June 1969 (3), 30 June 1969 (4), 1<sup>er</sup> Septembre 1969 (5), 17 October 1969 (6), 8 December 1969 (7), 20 December 1969 (8), 6 February 1970 (9), 8 June 1970 (10), 13 July 1970 (11), 29 September 1970 (12), 23 November 1970 (13), 25 October 1971 (14), 18 October 1972 (15), 22 October 1973 (16), 2 October 1974 (17) and 16 September 1975 (18);

Whereas the Member States concerned have, with a view to avoiding interruption in their commercial relations with the third countries concerned based on agreement, requested authorization to prolong or renew the above-mentioned Agreements;

Whereas authorization has to be granted only to maintain commercial relations between the Member States and the third countries concerned on the basis of Agreements, pending their replacement by Community agreements

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| (1) C J. No L 326, 29.12.1969, p. 39          | (10) O J No L 133, 18.6.1970, p. 14.  |
| (2) O J No L 43, 20.2.1969, p. 15.            | (11) O J. No L 157, 18.7.1970, p. 29. |
| (3) O J No L 159, 1.7.1969, p. 20.            | (12) O J No L 225, 12.10.1970, p. 24. |
| (4) C J No L <del>269</del> , 10.7.1969, p. 9 | (13) O J No L 262, 3.12.1970, p. 18.  |
| (5) C J No L 238, 23.9.1969, p. 9.            | (14) O J. No L 248, 9.11.1971, p. 7.  |
| (6) O J No L 266, 24.10.1969, p. 32           | (15) O J No L 250, 6.11.1972, p. 1.   |
| (7) C J No L 323, 24.12.1969, p. 10.          | (16) O J No L 301, 30.10.1973, p. 30. |
| (8) C J No L 6, 9.1.1970, p. 1.               | (17) C T No L 276, 11.10.1974, p. 37. |
| (9) C J No L 36, 14.2.1970, p. 29.            | (18) O J No L 247, 23.9.1975, p. 29.  |

to the opening of Community negotiations with the third countries concerned or to the transfer of the commercial fabric thereof to Community Agreements, nor would it, during the period under consideration, hinder the adoption of the measures necessary to complete the standardisation of the import arrangements applied by the various Member States;

Whereas at the conclusion of the consultations provided for in Article 2 of the Decision of 16 December 1969 it was established, as the aforesaid declarations by the Member States confirm, that the provisions of the agreements to be prolonged or renewed would not, during the period under consideration, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas, in the circumstances, the Agreements concerned may be either prolonged or tacitly renewed for a period not exceeding one year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The trade agreements between Member States and third countries listed in the Annex hereto may be prolonged or tacitly renewed up to the dates specified in each case in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,

The President,

BILAG - ANHANG - ANNEX - ANNEXE - ALLEGATO - BIJLAGE

Medlemsstat	Tredjeland	Aftalens art og datering	Udløb efter forlængelse eller videreførelse	
Mitgliedstaat	Drittland	Art und Datum des Abkommens	Ablauf nach Verlängerung	
Member State	Third country	Type and date of Agreement	Prolonged or renewed until	
Etat membre	Pays tiers	Nature et date de l'Accord	Echéance après prorogation ou reconduction	
Stato membro	Paese terzo	Natura e data dell'accordo	Scadenza dopo la proroga o il rinnovo	
Lid-Staat	Derde land	Aard en datum van het akkoord	Vervaldatum na verlenging	
BENELUX	Grèce	Accord commercial	9. 3.1960	31. 1.1978
	Japon	Accord commercial	8.10.1960	} 31.12.1977
		Protocoles et agréed minutes	13. 4.1963	
		Echange de lettres	30. 4.1963	)
DANMARK	Argentina	Handels- og betalingsaftale	25.11.1957	31.12.1977
	Elfenbenskysten	Handelsaftale	23.11.1966	9. 1.1978
	Irak	Handelsaftale	13. 1.1960	13. 1.1978
	Israel	Handelsaftale	13.11.1952	13.11.1977
	Østrig	Vareudvekslingsaftale	29.11.1948	28.11.1977
	Portugal	Vareudvekslingsaftale	2. 6.1950	31.12.1977
DEUTSCHLAND	Arabische Republik Ägypten	Abkommen über den Warenverkehr	18. 2.1956	31.12.1977
	Argentinien	Handels- und Zahlungsabkommen	25.11.1957	31.12.1977
	Äthiopien	Wirtschafts- und Handelsabkommen	21. 4.1964	31.12.1977
	Australien	Liste der Einfuhrkontingente		31.12.1977
	Brasilien	Handelsabkommen	1. 7.1955	31.12.1977

DEUTSCHLAND (Fortsetzung)	Chile	Protokoll über Handels- und Zahlungsverkehr	2.11.1956	31.12.1977
	Dahome	Wirtschaftsabkommen	19. 6.1961	31.12.1977
	Elfenbeinküste	Wirtschaftsabkommen	18.12.1961	31.12.1977
	Finnland	Notenwechsel	3.12.1969	2.12.1977
	Gabun	Wirtschaftsabkommen	11. 7.1962	31.12.1977
	Guinea	Wirtschaftsabkommen	19. 4.1962	31.12.1977
	Irak	Handelsabkommen	7.10.1951	13. 1.1978
	Japan	Handelsabkommen	1. 7.1960	31.12.1977
	Kamerun	Handelsabkommen	8. 3.1962	31.12.1977
	Kenia	Wirtschafts- und Handelsabkommen	4.12.1964	31.12.1977
	Kongo	Wirtschaftsabkommen	30.10.1962	31.12.1977
	Madagaskar	Wirtschaftsabkommen	6. 6.1962	31.12.1977
	Marokko	Handelsabkommen und Briefwechsel Protokoll	15. 4.1961 20. 1.1964	31.12.1977
	Neuseeland	Handelsabkommen	20. 4.1959	
	Niger	Wirtschaftsabkommen	14. 6.1961	31.12.1977
	Nigeria	Handelsabkommen	25. 3.1963	31.12.1977
	Norwegen	Handelsabkommen	20.12.1950	31. 5.1978
	Österreich	Handelsabkommen Briefwechsel und Protokoll	13. 5.1954 21. 1.1963	31.12.1977
	Obervolta	Wirtschaftsabkommen	8. 6.1961	
	Pakistan	Handelsabkommen und Protokoll	9. 3.1957	31.12.1977
	Paraguay	Handelsabkommen	25. 7.1955	31.12.1977
	Schweiz	Handelsabkommen und spätere Zusatzprotokolle	2.12.1954	31.12.1977
	Sambia	Wirtschaftsabkommen	10.12.1966	31.12.1977
	Sierra Leone	Wirtschaftsabkommen	13. 9.1963	31.12.1977
	Somalia	Handelsabkommen	19. 1.1962	31.12.1977
	Sri Lanka	Handelsabkommen	1. 4.1955	31.12.1977
	Südafrika	Liste der Einfuhrkontingente		31. 8.1977
	Tansania	Handels- und Wirtschafts- abkommen	6. 9.1962	31.12.1977

DEUTSCHLAND (Fortsetzung)	Tschad	Wirtschaftsabkommen	31. 5.1963	31.12.1977
	Tunesien	Handelsabkommen und Zusatzprotokoll	29. 1.1960 } 22.12.1963 }	31.12.1977
	Uganda	Handelsabkommen	17. 3.1964	31.12.1977
	Zentralafri- kanische Republik	Wirtschaftsabkommen	29.12.1962	31.12.1977
	Zypern	Handelsabkommen	30.10.1961	31.12.1977
FRANCE	Argentine	Accord commercial et de paiement	25.11.1957	31.12.1977
	Autriche	Accord commercial et protocole	26. 7.1963	31.12.1977
	Espagne	Accord commercial	27.11.1963	31.10.1977
	Iran	Accord commercial et échange de lettres	4. 6.1959 } 28. 2.1969 }	31.12.1977
	Islande	Accord économique	6.12.1951	31.12.1977
	Israël	Accord commercial Protocole Echange de lettres	10. 7.1953 } 16. 1.1967 } 24.12.1968 }	31.12.1977
	Japon	Accord commercial et protocole Protocole	14. 5.1963 } 26. 7.1966 }	10. 1.1978
	Mexique	Accord commercial	11. 7.1950	28.11.1977
	Norvège	Accord commercial Protocole Echange de lettres	3. 7.1951 } 2. 4.1960 } 6. 2.1964 }	31.12.1977
	Portugal	Arrangement commercial	25.3.1961	31.12.1977
	Suède	Accord commercial	3. 3.1949	31.12.1977
	Suisse	Accord commercial	21.11.1967	31.12.1977
	Turquie	Accord commercial	31. 8.1946	31.12.1977
	Yugoslavie	Accord commercial Protocole	25. 1.1964 } 6. 5.1970 }	31.12.1977
IRELAND	Norway	Trade Agreement	2. 7.1951	31.12.1977
ITALIA	Afganistan	Accordo commerciale	10.12.1960	23.11.1977
	Argentina	Accordo commerciale e scambio di note	25.11.1957	31.12.1977
	Canada	Modus vivendi commer- ciale	28. 4.1948	31.12.1977

ITALIA	Costa Rica	Modus vivendi commerciale e scambio di note	20. 2.1953 23. 6.1953	}	12.11.1977
	Giappone	Agreed minutes	31.12.1969		
	Guatemala	Modus vivendi commerciale	6. 6.1936		31.12.1977
	Irak	Accordo commerciale	30. 9.1963		30.11.1977
	Malta	Accordo commerciale	28. 7.1967		31.12.1977
	Marocco	Accordo commerciale Protocollo	28. 1.1961	}	31.12.1977
			24. 2.1963		
	Messico	Accordo commerciale Protocollo Scambio di note	15. 9.1949	}	31.12.1977
			28.10.1963		
			20. 7.1963		
	Pakistan	Accordo commerciale	10. 1.1961		10. 1.1978
	Paraguay	Accordo commerciale	8. 7.1959		23. 1.1978
	Portogallo	Accordo commerciale e scambio di note Scambio di lettere	4. 3.1961	}	31.12.1977
			30.12.1961		
Repubblica araba d'Egitto	Protocollo commerciale	29. 4.1959		31.12.1977	
Siria	Accordo commerciale	10.11.1955		31.12.1977	
Tunisia	Accordo commerciale e protocollo addizionale	23.11.1961	}	31.12.1977	
		2. 8.1963			
NEDERLAND	Arabische Re- Publiek Egypte	Handelsovereenkomst	21. 3.1953		31.12.1977
	Argentinië	Handels- en betalingsovereenkomst	25.11.1957		31.12.1977
	Turkije	Handelsakkoord	6. 9.1949		31.12.1977
UEBL	Argentine	Accord commercial et de paiement	25.11.1957		31.12.1977
	Finlande	Accord commercial	8.11.1955		30. 9.1977
	Pakistan	Accord commercial	15. 3.1952		31.12.1977
UNITED KINGDOM	Cameroon	Agreement on commercial and economic cooperation with protocol and ex- change of letters	29. 7.1963		31.12.1977
	Spain	Trade and payments Agreement extended by exchanges of notes ending with that of	23. 6.1948 19./25.6.1952	}	31.12.1977