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COMMON MARKET ISSUES ANTI-TRUST MANUAL FOR BUSINESS FIRMS

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 16 -- A "Manual for Firms" (Guide Pratique) on Articles 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty and the "cartel" regulations has been issued by the European Community's Information Service to assist firms in complying with the rules governing competition in the Common Market.

Filing date for firms to submit data in accordance with Articles 85 and 86 and their implementing regulations is November 1, 1962. For "old cartels" -- existing before March 13, 1962 -- consisting of only two enterprises, the deadline was extended to February 1, 1963.

The first part of the 48-page manual explains the scope of Article 85, which covers agreements, and of Article 86, on the improper use of dominant positions.

The second part of the manual gives in detail the rights and obligations of firms and provides information about the "notification" of agreements.

A third section deals with the formalities to be complied with, investigation and checking, publicity and appeals. The primary enactments on the subject are given in an appendix.

The manual was issued in the four official languages of the Community and may be obtained at a cost of 80 cents, in French only, at the European Community Information Service, 235 Southern Building, Washington 5, D. C.