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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The European Economic Community has extended from August 1 to November 1 the final date for submission of antitrust questionnaires by business firms under Regulation 17 ("Cartel Regulation") of the Treaty of Rome.

The EEC Council of Ministers accepted the extension Tuesday, as proposed by the EEC Commission and recommended by the European Parliament.

The Parliament added the proviso, approved by the Council, that for old cartels, consisting of only two enterprises, the final filing date be further extended to February 1, 1963.

Regulation 17 requires that "The Commission must be notified...of any agreements, decisions and concerted practices referred to in Article 85, Paragraph 1 of the Treaty which are already in existence at the date of entry in force of the present regulation..."

Article 85 bans all agreements between firms or groups of firms which are likely to prevent, restrict or distort competition within the Common Market. The questionnaires ask for details on any agreements or practices which might be in question.

The questionnaires also concern United States firms whose European operations may fall under terms of Regulation 17.

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