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## COMMON MARKET ANNOUNCES

### ANTI-CARTEL PROCEDURES

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 14 -- The first procedures to carry out the "cartel regulation" adopted by the European Economic Community last December are expected to go into effect by the end of April, it was reported from Brussels today.

Under the Treaty of Rome, the procedures are "binding in every respect and directly applicable" in each member state of the Community -- Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. As in the case of the recent agricultural policy decision, the Commission, the Common Market's executive body, will play the central role in carrying out the provisions of the antitrust regulation.

Subject only to the possibility of review by the Court of Justice, the Commission alone grants exceptions and applies regulations if firms fail to comply with the regulations.

(The EEC Commission, at its session of April 11, approved the German- and French-language versions of these directives, officially called "implementing regulations pursuant to Article 24 of Council Regulation No. 17 of 6 February 1962". They will become effective the day after their publication in the Official Gazette of the European Communities -- probably at the end of April.)

The directives concern the way in which a firm or group of firms applies to the Commission for clearance under the antitrust regulation. They also regulate the form to be used by firms in registering new agreements (i.e., notifying the Commission of their agreements). The following points are to be followed by firms submitting applications or notifications to the Commission:

1. Applications or notifications may be made by any one of the parties to an agreement, decision or concerted practice or by a representative or representatives who are appointed, whenever possible, by common agreement.

2. When the application or notification is not submitted by the entire group of firms concerned, the other parties to the agreement must be informed so that they may make their comments on the applications submitted.

3. Seven copies of applications and notifications and any other material enclosed must be submitted to the Commission in one of the official languages of the Community. They must contain, on printed forms submitted as an appendix, information concerning parties to the agreement, decision or concerted practice; exact content of the agreement; and the facts and reasons advanced to justify the clearance which the firm or group of firms is seeking from the Commission.

In drawing up the forms to be used, many valuable suggestions from the member states and from business circles were taken into account. Where and when the forms may be obtained will be announced later.

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Copies of English-language translation, Council Regulation No. 17, are available from the European Community Information Service, 235 Southern Building, Washington, D. C.