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COMMON MARKET COMMISSION REMINDS COMPANIES OF OCTOBER 3 DEADLINE FOR ADVISING OF CHANGES TO QUALIFY FOR "BLOC EXEMPTION"

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 12, 1967 -- The European Economic Community's Commission has reminded companies of the October 3 deadline for advising it of changes to qualify their exclusive bilateral distributorship agreements for "bloc exemption" from the Community's competition rules.

The "bloc exemption" Regulation 67/67 was published in the Community's Official Gazette on March 25, 1967 (page 849). It described the conditions bilateral exclusive distributorship agreements that had been notified to the Commission would have to fulfill for a "bloc exemption" from the Community's bans on restrictive practices under Regulation 67/67. If the notified agreement did not correspond to these requirements, the contracting parties had two alternatives:

- To file for an individual exemption, or
- To amend the agreement in accordance with Regulation 67/67.

By October 3, 1967, parties choosing the second alternative must advise the Commission of the modifications made to qualify the agreement for the "bloc exemption." Provided that they meet this deadline, the bans on restrictive practices will not apply for agreements in existence on March 13, 1962, notified before February 1, 1963, and modified before August 2, 1967.

The Commission holds the enterprises concerned responsible for deciding whether express or tacit clauses of their agreements should be modified under Regulation 67/67 for "bloc exemption."

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EUROGYPSUM JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE NEGATIVE CLEARANCE

The EEC Commission gave notice in the Official Gazette of June 3 that it intends to grant a negative clearance for the joint research agreement of EUROGYPSUM.

EUROGYPSUM (Association Européenne des Fabricants de Plâtre et de Produits en Plâtre) is a non-profit concern. Membership in the organization is open to any national or European manufacturer's association, individual manufacturers whose countries have no national organizations, and manufacturers producing outside of Europe. It is also open to individual associations of scientists, technicians or economic experts. Members of EUROGYPSUM remain free to do research on their own.

The purpose of the agreement is to promote the development of the industry and certain types of construction on a "European" scale by means of joint scientific, technical, economic, and legal research and by joint advertising. EUROGYPSUM's activities, besides study and research, include visits to factories, lectures on the manufacture and the utilization of plaster and plaster products, technical film showings, publishing studies in technical magazines.

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