

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## DECISION OF THE ACP-EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

replacing the European Unit of Account by the ECU in  
Protocol No 1 concerning the definition of the  
concept of "originating products" and methods of  
administrative cooperation to the second  
ACP-EEC Convention

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### Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

regarding the application of Decision No /81 of the  
ACP-EEC Council of Ministers replacing the European  
Unit of Account by the ECU in Protocol No 1 concerning  
the definition of the concept of "originating products"  
and methods of administrative cooperation to the  
second ACP-EEC Convention

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

At present the European Unit of Account (EUA) is used in Articles 6 and 16 of Protocol No. 1 to the second Lomé Convention as the common value basis for determining when forms EUR.2 may be used instead of movement certificates EUR.1 and when no documentary evidence of origin is required.

In Regulation (EEC) No. 3180/78<sup>(1)</sup> a new unit of account known as the ECU is defined and as from 1st January 1981 the Community, by Regulation (EEC) No. 3308/80<sup>(2)</sup>, has replaced the EUA in all Community legal instruments by the ECU.

The definition of the EUA and the ECU are identical.

As the consequences of Regulation (EEC) No. 3308/80 are limited only to Community legislation it is necessary to have a decision of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers to replace the EUA by the ECU in Protocol No. 1 to the said Convention.

For reasons of clarity of presentation and to prevent duplication of procedures a draft Council Regulation for the application of this decision is also annexed.

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(1) OJ No. L 379 of 30.12.1978, p.1

(2) OJ No. L 345 of 20.12.1980, p.1

replacing the European Unit of Account by the ECU in Protocol No. 1 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation to the second ACP-EEC Convention

THE ACP-EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

Having regard to the second ACP-EEC Convention signed in Lomé on 31 October 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention")<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 11(2) thereof;

Whereas in Protocol No. 1 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation to the Convention the European Unit of Account is used as the common value basis for determining when forms EUR.2 may be used instead of movement certificates EUR.1 and when no documentary evidence of origin is required;

Whereas from 1st January 1981 the Community has replaced the European Unit of Account (EUA) by the ECU;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to substitute the expression "European Unit of Account" by the ECU in Protocol No. 1;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The term "European Unit of Account" in Article 6(1) and Article 16(2) of Protocol No 1 shall be replaced by the term "ECU" in all cases.

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(1) OJ No. L 347 of 22.12.1980,p.1

Article 2

The ACP States, the Member States and the Community shall be required, each for its own part, to take the necessary steps to implement this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on

Done at Brussels,

For the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers

The President

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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 proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers set up under the second ACP-EEC Convention, signed in Lomé on 31 October 1979<sup>(1)</sup>, adopted pursuant to Article 11(2) of the Convention, Decision No. /81 replacing the Unit of Account by the ECU in Protocol No. 1 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation to the second ACP-EEC Convention;

Whereas it is necessary, in accordance with Article 168(3) of the said Convention, to take the measures required to implement that Decision;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Decision No. /81 of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers annexed to this Regulation shall apply in the Community.

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(1) OJ No L 347 of 22.12.1980, p.1

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President

