

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION
AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OR AUTOMATIC RENEWAL
OF CERTAIN TRADE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED
BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND THIRD COUNTRIES

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In implementation of Article 3 of the Council Decision of 16 December 1969 (1) on the progressive standardization of agreements concerning commercial relations between Member States and third countries and on negotiation of Community agreements, the Commission proposes to the Council that the Member States should be authorized to extend, expressly or tacitly, the trade agreements annexed to the attached proposal for a Council decision. The agreements in question constitute the fourth batch for 1979 and expire or are due to be terminated between 1 November 1979 and 31 January 1980.

The prior consultation specified in Article 2 of this Decision was executed by written procedure. The outcome was the recognition on 12 July 1979 that the conditions under which the agreements could be extended for a further year had been fulfilled.

2. The Commission considers it appropriate to point out, moreover, that the proposals for authorizing the Member States to renew or extend, expressly or tacitly, certain agreements in this batch for a further one-year period are by no means indicative of any position it might adopt next time these agreements come up for renewal.

(1) OJ No L 326 of 29.12.1969, p. 39.

Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

authorizing the extension or automatic renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between Member States and third countries

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 Council Decision 69/494/EEC of 16 December 1969 on the progressive standardization of agreements concerning commercial relations between Member States and third countries and on the negotiation of Community agreements¹, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas extension or automatic renewal beyond the end of the transitional period has already been authorized in the case of the agreements and protocols listed in the Annex, in the last instance by Council Decision 78/785/EEC².

Whereas the Member States concerned have requested authorization to extend or renew such agreements with a view to avoiding interruption of their commercial relations, based on agreements, with the third countries concerned;

Whereas authorization has to be granted only for the maintenance of trade relations, based on agreements, between the Member States and the third countries concerned pending their replacement by Community agreements to be negotiated, and whereas such authorization should not, therefore, in any way affect the obligation of the Member States to avoid and, where appropriate, to eliminate any incompatibility between such agreements and the provisions of Community law;

(1) OJ No L 326, 29.12.1969, p. 39.

(2) OJ No L 260, 23.9.1978, P. 11.

Whereas, furthermore, the provisions of the agreements to be extended or renewed should not, during the extension period under consideration, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas the Member States concerned have declared that the extension or automatic renewal of such agreements would prevent neither the opening of Community negotiations with the third countries concerned nor the transfer of the commercial fields covered therein to Community agreements, nor would it, during the extension period envisaged, hinder the adoption of the measures necessary to complete the standardization of the import systems of the Member States;

Whereas, at the conclusion of the consultations provided for in Article 2 of Decision 69/494/EEC, it was established, as the aforesaid declarations by the Member States confirm, that the provisions of the agreements to be extended or renewed would not, during the extension period envisaged, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas, in these circumstances, the agreements may be extended or renewed automatically for a limited period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The trade agreements and protocols listed in the Annex hereto between Member States and third countries may be extended or renewed automatically up to the dates specified in each case in the said Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at,

For the Council
The President

BILAG - ANHANG - ANNEX - ANNEXE - ALLEGATO - BIJLAGE

Medlemsstat	Tredjeland	Aftalens art og datering		Udløb efter forlængelse	
Mitgliedstaat	Drittland	Art und Datum des Abkommens		Ablauf nach Verlängerung	
Member State	Third country	Type and date of Agreement		Extended until	
Etat membre	Pays tiers	Nature et date de l'accord		Echéance après reconduction	
Stato membro	Paese terzo	Natura e data dell'accordo		Scadenza dopo il rinnovo	
Lid-Staat	Derde land	Aard en datum van het akkoord		Vervaldatum na verlenging	
BENELUX	Autriche	Accord commercial	29.6.1957	31.3.1981	
	Espagne	Accord commercial	2.6.1960	14.4.1981	
	Norvège	Accord commercial	28.5.1957	30.4.1981	
	Suède	Accord commercial	27.4.1957	28.2.1981	
	Suisse	Accord commercial et échange de notes	21.6.1957) 5.5.1961(31.3.1981	
	Tunisie	Accord commercial	1.8.1958	31.3.1981	
DANMARK	Island	Vareudvekslingsaftale	4.6.1948	31.12.1980	
	Norge	Vareudvekslingsoverenskomst og tillægsprotokol hertil	30.3.1946) 2.8.1966(31.12.1980	
	Schweiz	Vareudvekslingsaftale	15.9.1951	31.12.1980	
	Sverige	Vareudvekslingsoverenskomst	11.3.1948	31.1.1981	
DEUTSCHLAND	Indonesien	Handelsabkommen vom	22.4.1953	31.3.1981	
	Spanien	Handelsabkommen vom	20.6.1960	30.4.1981	
	Südkorea	Handelsabkommen vom	8.4.1965	7.4.1981	
FRANCE	Afrique du Sud (1)	Echange de lettres	18.4.1964	31.12.1980	
	Corée du Sud	Echange de lettres.	12.3.1963	31.3.1981	
	Inde (1)	Accord commercial et échange de lettres	19.10.1959	31.12.1980	
	Irak	Accord commercial	25.9.1967	25.3.1981	
IRELAND	Liban	Accord commercial	25.3.1955	10.4.1981	
	Austria	Trade Agreement concluded by exchange of notes	6.10.1950	31.12.1980	
	Finland	Trade Agreement	1.6.1951	31.12.1980	
	Iceland	Trade Agreement	2.12.1950	31.12.1980	
	Sveden	Trade Agreement	25.6.1949	31.12.1980	
ITALIA	Corea del Sud	Accordo commerciale	9.3.1965	8.3.1981	
	El Salvador	Accordo commerciale protocollo audizionale	30.3.1953) 21.12.1955(31.3.1981	
	Indonesia	Accordo commerciale	23.3.1951	31.3.1981	
	Iran	Scambio di note) 29.1.1958 () (23.3.1961)	9.2.1981	
	Israele	Accordo commerciale scambio di lettere processi verbali	5.3.1954) 5.1.1956 () (21.10.1956)	31.3.1981	
	Jugoslavia	Accordo commerciale protocollo e scambio di note successivo) 11.2.1964 () 1.7.1967) (30.4.1969)	31.12.1980	
	(1) Prorogation par échange de notes				
	(suite)				
	NEDERLAND	Norvegia	Accordo commerciale protocollo scambio di note	20.5.1953 () 31.8.1959) 10.5.1962 ()	31.3.1981
		Repubblica dominicana	Accordo commerciale	18.2.1954	11.3.1981
Finland		Handelsakkoord	8.12.1956	31.3.1981	

