

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL DECISION

authorizing extension or tacit renewal of certain Trade Agreements concluded  
between Member States and third countries

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

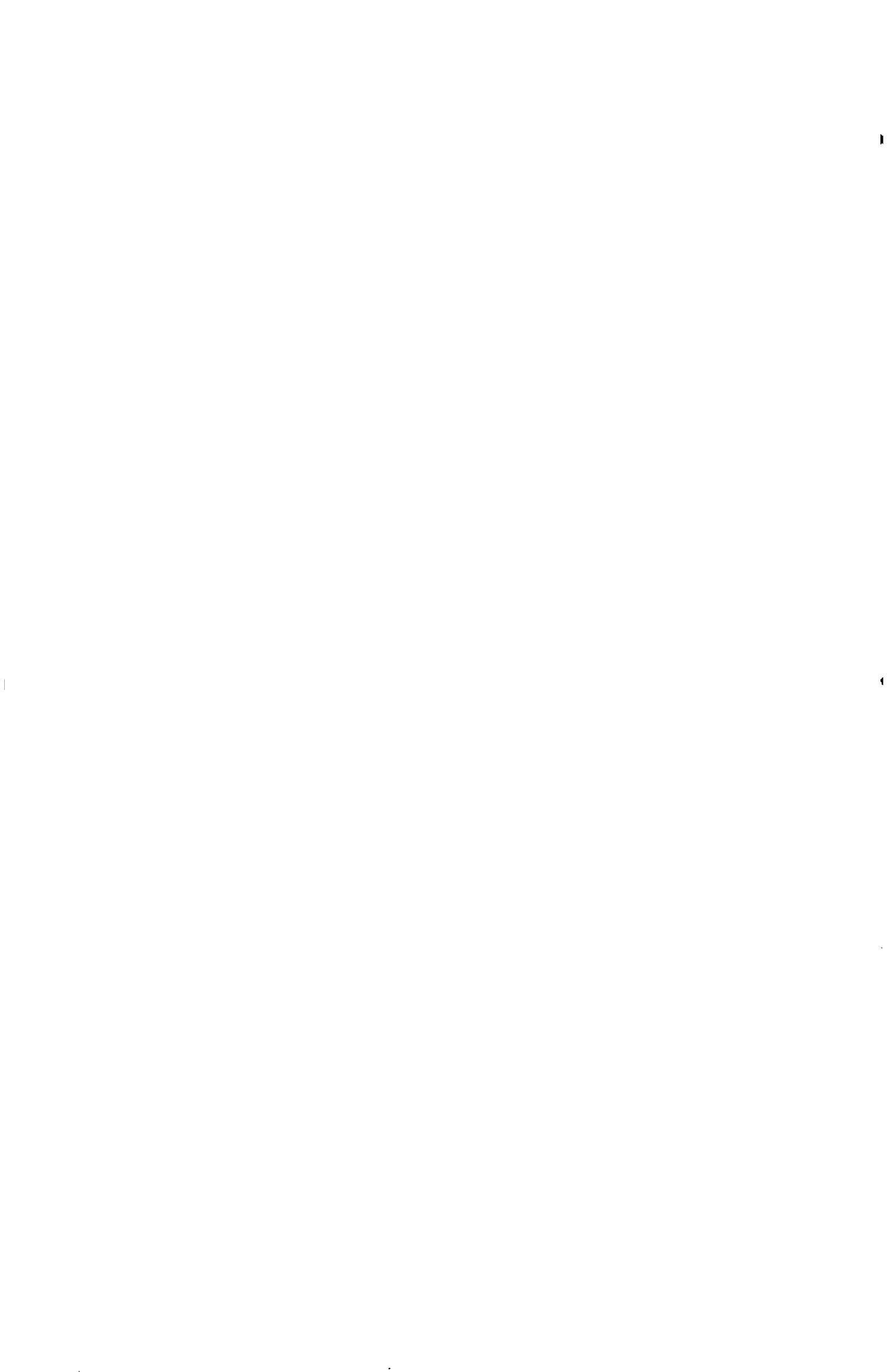
1. In implementation of Article 3 of the Council Decision of 16 December 1969 (1) on the progressive standardization of agreements concerning commercial relations between Member States and third countries and on negotiation of Community agreements, the Commission proposes to the Council that the Member 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 second batch for 1981 and expire or are due to be terminated between 1 May and 31 July 1981.

The prior consultation specified in Article 2 of this Decision was executed by written procedure. The outcome was the recognition on 25 MARCH 1981 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.

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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 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  
Agreements (1), and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission:

Whereas extension or tacit renewal beyond the end of the transitional period  
has already been authorized in the case of the Agreements and Protocols  
listed in the Annex by Council Decision 80/379/CEE (2).

Whereas the Member States concerned have requested authorization to extend or  
renew these Agreements with a view to avoiding interruption in their commercial  
relations with the third countries concerned based on agreement;

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

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(2) OJ NO L 93, 10. 4.1980, p. 26.

Whereas furthermore, the provisions of the instruments to be either extended or renewed should not, during the 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 tacit renewal of these Agreements would prevent neither the opening of Community negotiations with the third countries concerned nor the transfer of the commercial fabric thereof to Community Agreements, nor would it, during the 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 provides for in Article 2 of the 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 period envisaged, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas, in these circumstances, the Agreements may be either extended or tacitly renewed 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 tacitly renewed 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

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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 Agreements	Extended until
Κράτος Μέλος	Τρίτη Χώρα	Είδος και ημερομηνία της συμφωνίας	Ημερομηνία λήξης κατόπιν της παράτασης της σύμβασης
Etat membre	Pays tiers	Nature et date de l'accord	Echéance après reconduction
Stato membro	Paesi terzi	Natura e data dell'accordo	Scadenza dopo il rinnovo
Lid-Staat	Derde land	Aard en datum van het akkoord	Vervaldatum na verlenging
BENELUX	Israël	Accord commercial 29. 8.1958	31. 8.1982
	Portugal	Accord commercial 24. 5.1961	30. 9.1982
	Philippines	Accord commercial 14. 3.1967	11.10.1982
IRELAND	Portugal	Trade Agreement 6. 2.1952	31.12.1982
	Spain	Trade Agreement 19.12.1951	31.12.1982
	Switzerland	Trade Agreement 26.12.1951	31.12.1982
ITALIA	Cuba	Scambio di note 9. 9.1950	8. 9.1982
	India	Accordo commerciale e scambio di lettere 6.10.1959	30. 6.1982
		7. 7.1964	
	Libano	Accordo commerciale 4.11.1955	10. 9.1982
	Svezia	Accordo commerciale 18.12.1961	31.10.1982
	Svizzera	Accordo commerciale 21.10.1950	31.10.1982
Yemen	Protocollo addizionale (al trattato d'amicizia e di relazioni economiche del 4.9.1937) 5.10.1959	31.12.1982	
DANMARK	Cameroun	Handelsaftale 8.10.1962	7.10.1982
DEUTSCHLAND	Ekuador	Handelsabkommen 1. 8.1953	15.10.1982
	Kolumbien	Handelsabkommen 9.11.1957	10.11.1982
UEBL	Mexique	Accord commercial 11. 9.1950	11. 9.1982

UNITED KINGDOM	Haiti	Exchange of letters for the establishment of a commercial "Modus vivendi"	25. 2.1928	31.12.1982
	Iceland	Agreement relating to trade and commerce (with Protocol)	19. 5.1933	31.12.1982
	Norway	Trade Agreement	15.12.1950	31.12.1982
GRECE (ΕΛΛΑΣ)	Brésil	Accord commercial	2. 7.1976	2. 7.1982
	Espagne	Accord commercial	23. 6.1966	23. 6.1982
	Ethiopie	Accord commercial	22. 6.1959	22. 6.1982
	Finlande	Accord commercial	24. 5.1971	24. 5.1982
	Libanon	Accord commercial	2. 5.1961	2. 5.1982
	Liberia	Accord commercial	29. 6.1973	29. 6.1982
	Libye	Accord commercial	23. 5.1960	23. 5.1982
	Mexique	Accord commercial	20. 6.1964	20. 6.1982
	Iraq	Accord commercial	1. 5.1964	1. 5.1982
Suède	Accord commercial	25.6.1948	25. 6. 1982	