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1115th meeting of the Council

- Transport -

Brussels, 10/11 November 1986

President :

Mr John MOORE
Minister for Transport
of the United Kingdom

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Herman de CROO
Minister for Transport
and Foreign Trade

Denmark:

Mr F. Noer CHRISTENSEN
Minister for Public Works
Mr Joergen HALCK
State Secretary,
Ministry of Public Works

Germany:

Mr Werner DOLLINGER
Federal Minister for Transport

Greece:

Mr Costas BADOUVAS
Minister for Transport and
Communications

Spain:

Mr Abel CABALLERO
Minister for Transport
and Communications

France:

Mr Jacques DOUFFIAGUES
Minister attached to the Minister
for Infrastructure, Housing,
Town and Country Planning and
Transport with responsibility
for Transport

Ireland:

Mr Jim MITCHELL
Minister for Communications

Italy:

Mr Claudio SIGNORILE
Minister for Transport

Luxembourg:

Mr Marcel SCHLECHTER

Minister for Transport, Public
Works and Energy

Netherlands:

Mrs N. SMIT-KROES

Minister for Transport and
Public Works

Portugal:

Mr Oliveira MARTINS

Minister for Public Works,
Transport and Communications

United Kingdom:

Mr John MOORE

Minister for Transport

Mr Michael SPICER

Parliamentary Under-Secretary
of State, Department of Transport

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For the Commission :

Mr Stanley CLINTON DAVIS

Member

Mr Peter SUTHERLAND

Member

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AIR TRANSPORT

The Council examined the various elements of the package of measures to promote increased competition in intra-Community air services following the conclusions agreed at its meeting in June 1986.

Considerable progress was made on three of the four elements of the package, namely capacity, market access and the application of competition rules to the air transport sector. As regards the fourth element of the package, fares, although some progress was made, the Council was unable at this stage to agree on the specific conditions to be attached to low-price fares.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MARKET IN ROAD HAULAGE

The Council took note of the Commission's intention to submit in the near future a draft proposal concerning the organization of the market in road haulage.

It accordingly agreed to consult the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee on the Commission's proposal on access to the road haulage market and request them to deliver their opinions, and in particular on the increase in the Community quota for 1987, in time for the Council meeting on 15/16 December 1986.

MEDIUM-TERM TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

The Council examined the draft Regulation on financial support in the framework of a medium-term programme for transport infrastructure.

At the end of the debate, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examination of the draft Regulation, in the light of the opinions of the European Parliament and of the Economic and Social Committee, and in particular of the method of Community support for projects meeting certain criteria in order to enable the Council to adopt on this basis a Regulation before the first half of 1987.

It also noted the intention of the Commission to present a proposal for a Council Regulation to commit the appropriations still remaining from the 1985 budget before the end of 1986. It decided to consult the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee on the above proposal announced by the Commission and to request them to deliver their opinions in time to enable the Council to decide on this Regulation at its meeting on 15/16 December 1986, taking into account any relevant decisions on the budgetary aspects.

POLLUTION OF THE RHINE

The Council heard an intervention by Commissioner CLINTON DAVIS on the serious accident which has caused pollution of the Rhine by various chemicals.

The Council expressed grave concern over the impact of this accident and stressed the importance of improving emergency warning systems and co-operation between governments in combating the resulting pollution.

The Council took note that this question would be raised at the Environment Council on 24 November 1986.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other transport decision: Combined transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Directive amending Directive 75/130/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States.

This Directive is intended to extend to lorries, trailers, semi-trailers (with or without tractor) and to swap bodies the application of the rules governing combined waterway/road transport currently limited to containers of 20 feet or more.

Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations:

- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of agricultural products (piked dogfish - rate of duty 6%; red snapper - rate of duty 0% for the period of 1 January to 30 June 1987, and
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for
 - = table cherries, excluding Morello cherries, falling within subheading ex 08.07 C of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Switzerland (1 000 tonnes - 0% rate of duty for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1987)
 - = concentrated pear juice, falling within subheading ex 20.07 A II of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Austria (1987) (2 000 hl - rate of duty 30% for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1987)
 - = certain oils and fats of marine animals, falling within subheading ex 15.12 B of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Norway (1 000 tonnes - 8,5% rate of duty for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1987)
 - = sardines, tunny and mackerels, prepared or preserved, falling within heading No ex 16.04 of the Common Customs Tariff from Portugal (Sardines: 5 000 tonnes - rate of duty free; Tunny: 1 000 tonnes - rate of duty free; Mackerel: 1 000 tonnes - rate of duty free for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1987. Allocation of first instalment as follows:

(in tonnes)

Member States	Prepared or preserved		
	Sardines	Tunny	Mackerel
Benelux	284	8	80
Denmark	76	8	8
Germany	1 244	24	8
Greece	8	8	8
France	600	80	8
Ireland	12	8	8
Italy	192	624	672
United Kingdom	1 584	8	8
Total	4 000	768	800
Reserve	1 000	232	200

- . certain hand-made products (total suspension of tariff duties to a value of 10 540 000 ECU subject to a maximum of 1 200 000 ECU for each tariff heading in the list for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1987)
- . raw silk (not thrown) falling within heading 50.02 of the Common Customs Tariff (7 700 tonnes - 0% rate of duty for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1987. Allocation of first instalment in tonnes: Benelux - 1; Denmark - 1; Germany - 200; Greece - 3; Spain - 5; France - 900; Ireland - 2; Italy 6 000; Portugal - 2; United Kingdom - 200; reserve - 386).

- . yarn, entirely of silk, not put up for retail sale, falling within heading No ex 50.04 of the Common Customs Tariff (200 tonnes - 2,5% rate of duty for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1987. Allocation of first instalment in tonnes: Benelux - 1; Denmark - 1; Germany - 5; Greece - 2; Spain - 1; France - 15; Ireland - 2; Italy - 100; Portugal - 1; United Kingdom - 5; reserve - 67).
- . yarn, spun entirely from waste silk, not put up for retail sale, falling within subheading No ex 50.05 A of the Common Customs Tariff. (900 tonnes - 0% rate of duty for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1987. Allocation of first instalment in tonnes: Benelux 1; Denmark - 1; Germany - 100; Greece - 1; Spain - 1; France - 30; Ireland - 2; Italy - 600; Portugal - 4; United Kingdom - 40; reserve - 120).

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending, for the 1985/1986 wine year, one of the periods relating to compulsory distillation of table wine as provided for in Article 41 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79.

Appointments

The Council appointed:

- on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, Mr J.H.J. CRIJNS, member of the Committee of the European Social Fund to replace Mr S.J.H. HUIJBEN, member who has died, for the remainder of the latter's term of office; i.e. until 11 December 1987;
- on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, Mr N.J. STENSTRA, alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work to replace Mrs A.M. VAN WAGENBURG, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, i.e. until 16 December 1988.