

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

accepting the Customs Cooperation Council's
recommendation of 1 January 1975 (SITC/BTN Rev. 2)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The United Nations and other national and international bodies publish their external trade statistics in terms of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).

In order to collect the data necessary for compiling these statistics a correlation must be established between the SITC and the subheadings of the statistical and tariff nomenclatures which are in fact the means of obtaining these data.

The Common Customs Tariff of the Community, like many other customs tariffs, is based on the Brussels Nomenclature (BTN), the administration of which is the responsibility of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC).

The CCC has made a recommendation to its member countries, as well as to the customs and economic unions which certain of them have set up, to incorporate in their customs tariffs or in their statistical nomenclatures subheadings which will allow a correlation between the BTN and the SITC, of which a second revision was recently produced.

This Draft Council Decision is designed to enable the Member States and the Community, to which the above-mentioned recommendation was addressed, to notify their acceptance and the date of implementation to the Secretary General of the CCC.



Council Decision accepting the Customs Cooperation Council's recommendation of 1 January 1975 designed to enable international trade statistics collected on the basis of the Brussels Nomenclature to be expressed in terms of the second revision of the Standard International Trade Classification

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 Member States are Contracting Parties to the Brussels Convention of 15 December 1950 on the nomenclature for the tariff classification of goods (the Brussels Nomenclature);

Whereas they have also accepted the Customs Cooperation Council's recommendation of 8 December 1960 on the equivalence between the Brussels Nomenclature and the revised Standard International Trade Classification, which was adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Committee in 1960; and whereas the statistics on the external trade of the Community and on the trade between its Member States must therefore conform to the present or future version of the Brussels Nomenclature in order that the statistics on the external trade of the Community and on the trade between Member States may be provided in terms of the two world nomenclatures mentioned above;

Whereas a second version of the said Classification was also adopted by the Statistical Commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council at its October 1974 sessions;

Whereas on 1 January 1975 the Customs Cooperation Council addressed a Recommendation to States which are Contracting Parties to the Convention, as well as to the customs and economic unions set up by certain of them, to incorporate in their Customs tariffs or in their statistical nomenclatures the subheadings listed in the annex to the said Recommendation

or at least to take appropriate steps to enable statistical data to be reported to the United Nations agencies concerned on the basis of these subheadings;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole article

The Customs Cooperation Council's Recommendation of 1 January 1975, designed to enable international trade statistics collected on the basis of the Brussels Nomenclature to be expressed in terms of the second revision of the Standard International Trade Classification shall be accepted in the name of the Community with a view to its being implemented with effect from 1 January 1976.

The Commission shall inform the Secretary General of the CCC of this acceptance.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President