

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION

further amending Article 8 of Protocol 3 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation

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Proposal for a

## COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of Decision \_\_\_\_\_ of the EEC-(A) Joint Committee further amending Article 8 of Protocol 3 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation.

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

In Article 8 of Protocol No. 3 to each of the EEC-EFTA Agreements there are three limits expressed in ECU which relate to the form of documentation required to establish a right to obtain preference. These limits have no economic effects.

The same Article 8 provides for the value of ECU used to be frozen for two years at a time, based on the value of the ECU at a fixed date. Every two years the base date is automatically changed.

This automatic change of base date has the result that the currency equivalents to the limits expressed in ECU are reduced in those Member States or EFTA countries with stronger currencies. Even if this is compensated for, by altering the ECU value of the limits upwards so that the limits as expressed in the currency of any country involved is never decreased, this still means that over time the real value of the limits tends to decrease. This decrease in the real value of the limits means that the administrative savings involved in using simplified documentation of origin status becomes relatively less as time goes on.

The proposed draft Joint Committee Decision is intended to raise the limits of 2,750 ECU, 550 ECU and 190 ECU to 3,400 ECU, 680 ECU and 240 ECU respectively to take account of these factors.

For the sake of completeness and clarity a draft of a Council Regulation to apply the Joint Committee Decisions when adopted are included.



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THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and (A) signed in Brussels on (B),

Having regard to Protocol 3 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Whereas the equivalents of the amounts in ECU in some national currencies on 1 October 1982 were lower than their equivalents on 1 October 1980; whereas this fact, as a result of the automatic change of base date provided for in Decision No. 1/78 of the Joint Committee would lead, on the conversion into the national currencies concerned, to a diminution of the effective limits for simplified documentary requirements; whereas in order to avoid this, it is necessary to raise the limits expressed in ECU,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

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(A) The Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation

(B) Austria, Iceland Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland : 22 July 1972  
Norway : 14 May 1973  
Finland : 5 October 1973

Article 1

Article 8 of Protocol 3 as last amended is hereby further amended by replacing in :

- paragraph 1(b) "2750 ECU" by "3400 ECU",
- paragraph 2, "190 ECU" by "240 ECU" and "550 ECU" by "680 ECU".

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 May 1983.

Done at Brussels,

For the Joint Committee  
The President

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trative cooperation

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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 Agreement between the European Economic Community and  
(B) (1) was signed on                      (C) and entered into force on                      (D);

Whereas by virtue of Article 28 of Protocol 3 concerning the definition of  
the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative  
cooperation, which forms an integral part of the said Agreement, the  
Joint Committee has adopted Decision No.                      further amending Article 8  
of that Protocol;

Whereas it is necessary to apply that Decision in the Community;

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- (A) Austria, Finland, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Iceland.  
(B) The Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of  
Norway, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss  
Confederation, the Republic of Iceland.  
(C) Austria, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Iceland : 22 July 1972  
Norway : 14 May 1973  
Finland : 5 October 1973  
(D) Austria, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland : 1 January 1973  
Norway : 1 July 1973  
Finland : 1 January 1974  
Iceland : 1 April 1973  
(1) Austria, Sweden, Switzerland : OJ No. L 300 , 31.12.1972, pp. 2,  
97 and 189  
Finland : OJ No. L 328, 28.11.1973, p. 2  
Norway : OJ No. L 171, 27.6.1973, p. 2  
Portugal, Iceland : OJ No. L 301, 31.12.1972, pp. 165 and 2

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Decision No.        of the EEC-(A)        Joint Committee shall apply in the  
Community.

The text of the Decision is annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its  
publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

**The President**