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JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION

further amending Article 8 of Protocol No. 3 concerning
the definition of the concept of "originating products"
and methods of administrative cooperation

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of Decision No. of the EEC (⌘)
Joint Committee further amending Article 8 of Protocol No. 3
concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products"
and methods of administrative cooperation

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

(⌘) Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

By virtue of Council Regulation (EEC) No/ 3308 80 of 16 December 1980 the Community will henceforth be using the European currency unit instead of the European Unit of Account. This necessitates changes in Article 8 of Protocol No. 3 to each of the EEC-EFTA Agreements where there are references to European Units of Account.

Although the European Unit of Account of 1 October 1980 (the reference date provided for the period 1 May 1981 to 31 April 1983 by the EEC-EFTA Joint Committee Decision 1/78 which introduced the European Unit of Account into the Protocols No. 3 in replacement of the unit of account) is exactly the same as the European currency unit of the same date, the change of reference date from 1 July 1978 to 1 October 1980 necessitates an adjustment to the amounts expressed in ECU so as not to reduce the actual currency limits in force in any one country concerned.

The limits which are at present expressed in EUA concern only the kind of documentation required to establish a right to obtain preference and thus have no economic effects.

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JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION

further amending Article 8 of Protocol No. 3 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and [1] signed in Brussels on [2]

Having regard to Protocol No. 3 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation, hereinafter referred to as "Protocol No. 3", and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Whereas the Community has replaced the European Unit of Account by the European currency unit (ECU) as from 1 January 1981;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to substitute the term ECU for the term European Unit of Account in Protocol No. 3;

Whereas the equivalents of the ECU in some national currencies as of 1 October 1980 are reduced in comparison to their equivalents as of 30 June 1978; whereas this fact, as a result of the automatic change of base date provided for in Decision No. 1/78, would lead, in terms of the national currencies concerned, to a diminution of the effective limits laid down in that Decision for simplified documentary requirements; whereas in order to avoid this, it is necessary to raise the limits expressed in ECU provided for in that Decision;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

Article 8 of Protocol No. 3 as amended by Joint Committee Decision No. 1/78 is hereby amended by replacing in :

- paragraph 1(b) the expression "2 400 European Units of Account" by "2 750 ECU";
- paragraph 2 the expression "165 European Units of Account" by "190 ECU" as well as the expression "480 European Units of Account" by "550 ECU";
- paragraphs 3 and 4 the expression "European Unit of Account" by the word "ECU" in all cases.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 May 1981.

Done at Brussels,

For the Joint Committee
The Chairman

[1] The Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Portugal, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation.

[2] Austria - 22 July 1972, Finland - 5 October 1973, Iceland - 22 July 1972, Norway - 14 May 1973, Portugal - 22 July 1972, Sweden - 22 July 1972, Switzerland - 22 July 1972.

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of Decision No. of the EEC 3 Joint
Committee further amending Article 8 of Protocol No. 3 concerning the
definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of
administrative cooperation

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 4
(1) was signed on 5 and entered into force on 6;

Whereas by virtue of Article 28 of Protocol No. 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
EEC- 3 Joint Committee has adopted Decision No. further
amending Article 8 of that Protocol.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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- (1) Switzerland - OJ No L 300 of 31.12.1972, p. 189
Sweden - OJ No L 300 of 31.12.1972, p.97
Austria - OJ No L 300 of 31.12.1972, p. 2
Finland - OJ No L 328 of 28.11.1973, p.2
Iceland - OJ No L 301 of 31.12.1972, p.2
Portugal - OJ No L 301 of 31.12.1972, p.165
Norway - OJ No L 171 of 27.6.1973, p.2

Article 1

Decision No. of the EEC- [3] 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

- (3) Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland.
- (4) The Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Portugal, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation.
- (5) Austria - 22 July 1972, Finland - 5 October 1973, Iceland - 22 July 1972, Norway - 14 May 1973, Portugal - 22 July 1972, Sweden - 22 July 1972, Switzerland - 22 July 1972.
- (6) Austria - 1st January 1973, Finland - 1st January 1974, Iceland - 1st April 1973, Norway - 1st July 1973, Portugal - 1st January 1973, Sweden - 1st January 1973, Switzerland - 1st January 1973.