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DECISION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY
MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL

opening tariff preferences in Greece for products covered by that
Community and originating in Austria, Finland, Norway,
Sweden and Switzerland

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Explanatory memorandum

The additional protocols to the Free Trade Agreements signed between the Member States of the ECSC and the ECSC of the one part and the EFTA States of the other in order to take account of Greek accession, provide for reductions of tariffs and charges on imports of ECSC products by Greece in several steps. These protocols have to be ratified by all contracting parties before formally entering into force.

When at the end of 1980 the ratification procedures were not completed, the representatives of the Member States of the ECSC, meeting within the Council, decided on 22 December 1980 to apply autonomously the reductions provided for on 1 January 1981 (Decision Nr. 80/1363/ECSC).

The ratification procedures had still not been completed in 1981. Therefore it was decided to extend the autonomous application for 1982 (Decision Nr. 82/42/ECSC).

By 1982 several Member States had still not completed these procedures.

Therefore, and with a view to assuring that the reductions of tariffs and charges on imports foreseen for the year of 1983 will be realized, the obligations for 1983 provided for in the additional protocols have to be applied autonomously. In the ECSC sector such autonomous Community measures have to be taken by the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the ECSC meeting within the Council.

The EFTA States will have to assure reciprocity by adopting analogous autonomous measures.

The present proposition does not include Iceland, as that Agreement does not provide for the abolition of tariffs by the Community because Iceland is not a producer.

The present decision must be taken before 1 January 1983. Greece would apply it as from that date on the basis of Article 1, paragraph 1 of the Treaty of Accession.

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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

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THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF
THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COAL
AND STEEL COMMUNITY, MEETING WITHIN THE
COUNCIL,

Whereas the Member States have concluded among
themselves the Treaty establishing the European Coal
and Steel Community;

Whereas the Hellenic Republic acceded to that
Community on 1 January 1981;

Whereas the Additional Protocols to the Agreements
concluded between the European Economic Commu-
nity and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of
Finland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of
Sweden and the Swiss Confederation entered into
force on 1 January 1981;

Whereas the Additional Protocols to the Agreements
concluded between the Member States of the Euro-
pean Coal and Steel Community and the European
Coal and Steel Community of the one part and the
Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the
Kingdom of Norway and the Kingdom of Sweden of
the other part, as well as the Additional Protocol to the
Agreement concluded between the Member States of
the European Coal and Steel Community and the
Swiss Confederation are subject to approval of each
Contracting Party in accordance with its own proce-
dure;

Whereas the representatives of the Governments of the
Member States of the European Coal and Steel
Community, meeting within the Council, had de-
cided by

Decisions 80/1363/EEC and 82/47/EEC (1) to autonomously
apply the obligations for 1981 and 1982 respectively
deriving from these Additional Protocols; whereas even
in 1982 the ratification procedures for these Additional
Protocols have not yet been completed by all Member States

Anxious to prolong the autonomous and concomitant
application of the tariff reductions on imports and the
reductions of other import charges laid down in these
Additional Protocols;

In agreement with the Commission,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. From 1 January until 31 December 1983 the
duties applicable in Greece on imports of products
covered by the European Coal and Steel Community
and originating in Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden
and Switzerland shall be reduced to 60 % of the basic
duty, or levied at the rate of 60 % of the basic duty.
The basic duties referred to shall be those duties actu-
ally applied by Greece on 1 July 1980.

The charges having equivalent effect to customs duties
on imports applied by Greece to imports from the
countries mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall

(1) C.J. No L 385, 31. 12. 1980, p. 19, and OJ No L 20, 28.1.1982,
p. 33.

be reduced to 60 % of the basic rate or levied at the rate of 60 % of the basic rate. The basic rates referred to shall be those rates actually applied by Greece on 31 December 1980.

2. If, in the course of 1983 Greece suspends or reduces duties or charges having equivalent effect on products imported from the rest of the Community more quickly than under the timetable fixed by the 1979 Act of Accession, Greece shall also suspend or reduce, to the same level, the duties or charges having equivalent effect on products originating in the countries enumerated in paragraph 1.

Article 2

1. The import deposits and cash payments in force in Greece on 31 December 1980 with regard to imports of products originating in the countries enumerated in Article 1 (1) shall be reduced by 25% as from 1 January 1983.

2. If, in respect of the rest of the Community, Greece reduces, in the course of 1983 the import deposits and cash payments by a higher rate than that set out in paragraph 1, Greece shall make the same reduction with regard to imports originating in the countries enumerated in Article 1 (1).

Article 3

The modifications to the origin rules made necessary by the accession of Greece to the European Communities and introduced by the Joint Committees provided for in the Agreements between the European

Economic Community and the countries enumerated in Article 1 (1), which come into force on 1 January 1981, shall be applicable to the products to which this Decision refers.

Article 4

The Member States shall decide by mutual agreement on any contingent protective measures suggested by one or more Member States or the Commission.

Article 5

This Decision shall expire on the entry into force of the Additional Protocols to the Agreements between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community of the one part and the countries enumerated in Article 1 (1) of the other part, and at the latest on 31 December 1983

Article 6

Member States shall adopt all the measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President