

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION

extending the validity of the Decision (76/273/EEC)  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in  
respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating  
in - Iceland

Austria

Switzerland

Sweden

Finland

Norway

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(submitted by the Commission to the Council)

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(only the English text is authentic)



Explanatory memorandum

Maintenance of safeguard measures regarding imports of shoes into Ireland  
originating in the EFTA countries

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On 31 May 1976 Ireland applied to the Commission under Article 135 of the Act of Accession for authorization to take protective measures in respect of imports of footwear with uppers of leather (CCT heading 64.02 A). In the light of a deteriorating situation in the footwear sector Ireland specifically requested that "any ..... measures should not be contemplated which do not provide, as a bare minimum, for the maintenance for a further period of at least six months of the rates of duty authorized in Article 1 of the Commission's Decisions of 22 December 1975 and 24 February 1976 ..... " (Sec (76) 2154, paragraph 10). The rates in question, authorized until 30 June 1976, are :

United Kingdom	9.0 %
Other Member States	18.5 %
Full rate	23.5 %

Since the Agreements between the Community and Switzerland, Austria, Iceland and Sweden signed on 22 July 1972, Norway, signed on 16 May 1973, and Finland, signed on 5 October 1973, provide for a timetable of tariff reductions which is identical to the timetable of tariff reductions in the Act of Accession the Council by its Decisions of 24 February authorized Ireland to take protective measures in respect of this product originating in the EFTA countries with the exception of Portugal. The purpose of the six draft Decisions now proposed by the Commission to the Council is to extend the validity of the said safeguard measures until 31 December 1976 so as to avoid the application of a lower rate of duty on such imports originating in the EFTA countries concerned than on those originating in the Member States of the Community.



Proposal for a Council Decision extending  
the validity of the Decision (76/273/EEC) authorizing  
Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear  
with uppers of leather originating in Iceland

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2843/72 of 19 December 1972 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland (1), and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in the period since the adoption of the Council Decision (76/273/EEC) of 24 February 1976 authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Iceland (2) the Irish footwear industry has continued to encounter serious difficulties which are liable to persist; whereas statistics available for 1976 indicate a further increase in imports, a decline in exports and a continuing deterioration in the production and employment situation,

Whereas the validity of the Commission Decision (76/176/EEC) of 22 December 1975(3) authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather (Common Customs Tariff heading 64.02 A) under Article 135 of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties has been extended by Decision of the Commission of 25 June 1976 till 31 December 1976 (4),

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(1) OJ No L 301, 31.12.1972  
(2) OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976  
(3) OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976  
(4) OJ No

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Iceland in accordance with Article 27 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland of 22 July 1972,

Whereas consultations have been held with Iceland in accordance with Article 28 of the EEC-Iceland Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The Decision (76/273/EEC) of 24 February 1976 is modified as follows:

In Article 1 the date "31 December 1976 shall be substituted for the date of 30 June 1976."

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

1976

For the Council

The President

Proposal for a Council Decision \_\_\_\_\_ extending  
the validity of the Decision (76/273/EEC) authorizing  
Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear  
with uppers of leather originating in Austria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2837/72 of 19 December 1972 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria (1), and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in the period since the adoption of the Council Decision (76/273/EEC) of 24 February 1976 authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Austria (2) the Irish footwear industry has continued to encounter serious difficulties which are liable to persist; whereas statistics available for 1976 indicate a further increase in imports, a decline in exports and a continuing deterioration in the production and employment situation,

Whereas the validity of the Commission Decision (76/176/EEC) of 22 December 1975 (3) authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather (Common Customs Tariff heading 64.02 A) under Article 135 of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties has been extended by Decision of the Commission of 25 June 1976 till 31 December 1976 (4),

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(1) OJ No L 300, 31.12.1972  
(2) OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976  
(3) OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976  
(4) OJ No

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Austria in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Austria of 22 July 1972(1),

Whereas consultations have been held with Austria in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Austria Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Council Decision 76/273/EEC of 24 February 1976 is modified as follows:

In Article 1 the date of 31 December 1976 shall be substituted for the date of 30 June 1976.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

1976

For the Council

The President

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Proposal for a Council Decision extending  
the validity of the Decision (76/273/EEC) authorizing  
Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear  
with uppers of leather originating in Switzerland

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2841/72 of 19 December 1972 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation (1), and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in the period since the adoption of the Council Decision (76/273/EEC) of 24 February 1976 authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Switzerland (2) the Irish footwear industry has continued to encounter serious difficulties which are liable to persist; whereas statistics available for 1976 indicate a further increase in imports, a decline in exports and a continuing deterioration in the production and employment situation,

Whereas the validity of the Commission Decision (76/176/EEC) of 22 December 1975(3) authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather (Common Customs Tariff heading 64.02 A) under Article 135 of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties has been extended by Decision of the Commission of 25 June 1976 till 31 December 1976 (4),

(1) OJ No L 300, 31.12.1972  
(2) OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976  
(3) OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976  
(4) OJ No

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Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Switzerland in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Switzerland of 22 July 1972(1),

Whereas consultations have been held with Switzerland in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Switzerland Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Council Decision 76/273/EEC of 24 February 1976 is modified as follows:

In Article 1 the date of 31 December 1976 shall be substituted for the date of 30 June 1976.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

1976

For the Council

The President

Proposal for a Council Decision \_\_\_\_\_ extending  
the validity of the Decision (76/273/EEC) authorizing  
Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear  
with uppers of leather originating in Sweden

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2839/72 of 19 December 1972 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden (1), and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in the period since the adoption of the Council Decision (76/273/EEC) of 24 February 1976 authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Sweden (2) the Irish footwear industry has continued to encounter serious difficulties which are liable to persist; whereas statistics available for 1976 indicate a further increase in imports, a decline in exports and a continuing deterioration in the production and employment situation,

Whereas the validity of the Commission Decision (76/176/EEC) of 22 December 1975(3) authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather (Common Customs Tariff heading 64.02 A) under Article 135 of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties has been extended by Decision of the Commission of 25 June 1976 till 31 December 1976 (4),

(1) OJ No L 300, 31.12.1972  
(2) OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976  
(3) OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976  
(4) OJ No

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Sweden in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Sweden of 22 July 1972(1),

Whereas consultations have been held with Sweden in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Sweden Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Council Decision 76/273/EEC of 24 February 1976 is modified as follows:

In Article 1 the date of 31 December 1976 shall be substituted for the date of 30 June 1976.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

1976

For the Council

The President

Proposal for a Council Decision extending  
the validity of the Decision (76/273/EEC) authorizing  
Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear  
with uppers of leather originating in Finland

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3288/73 of 3 December 1973 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland (1), and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in the period since the adoption of the Council Decision (76/273/EEC) of 24 February 1976 authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Finland (2) the Irish footwear industry has continued to encounter serious difficulties which are liable to persist; whereas statistics available for 1976 indicate a further increase in imports, a decline in exports and a continuing deterioration in the production and employment situation,

Whereas the validity of the Commission Decision (76/176/EEC) of 22 December 1975(3) authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather (Common Customs Tariff heading 64.02 A) under Article 135 of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties has been extended by Decision of the Commission of 25 June 1976 till 31 December 1976 (4),

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(1) OJ No L 338, 7.12.1973  
(2) OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976  
(3) OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976  
(4) OJ No

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Finland in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Finland of 5 October 1973(1),

Whereas consultations have been held with Finland in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Finland Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Council Decision 76/273/EEC of 24 February 1976 is modified as follows:

In Article 1 the date of 31 December 1976 shall be substituted for the date of 30 June 1976.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

1976

For the Council

The President

Proposal for a Council Decision ... extending  
the validity of the Decision (76/273/EEC) authorizing  
Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear  
with uppers of leather originating in Norway

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1692/73 of 25 June 1973  
concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the  
European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway (1), and in particular  
Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas in the period since the adoption of the Council Decision (76/273/EEC)  
of 24 February 1976 authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Norway (2) the Irish footwear  
industry has continued to encounter serious difficulties which are liable to  
persist; whereas statistics available for 1976 indicate a further increase in  
imports, a decline in exports and a continuing deterioration in the production  
and employment situation,

Whereas the validity of the Commission Decision (76/176/EEC) of 22 December 1975(3)  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with  
uppers of leather (Common Customs Tariff heading 64.02 A) under Article 135 of  
the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the  
Treaties has been extended by Decision of the Commission of 25 June 1976  
till 31 December 1976 (4),

(1) OJ No L 171, 27.6.1973

(2) OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976

(3) OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976

(4) OJ No

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Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Norway in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Norway of 25 June 1973 (1),

Whereas consultations have been held with Norway in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Norway Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Council Decision 76/273/EEC of 24 February 1976 is modified as follows:

In Article 1 the date of 31 December 1976 shall be substituted for the date of 30 June 1976.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

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(1) OJ No L 171, 27.6.1973