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## DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION

extending the period of validity of Decision 76/ 274/EEC  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Austria

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extending the period of validity of Decision 76/272 /EEC  
~~authorizing~~ authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Finland

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## DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION

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

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## DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION

extending the period of validity of Decision 76/ 275/EEC  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Norway

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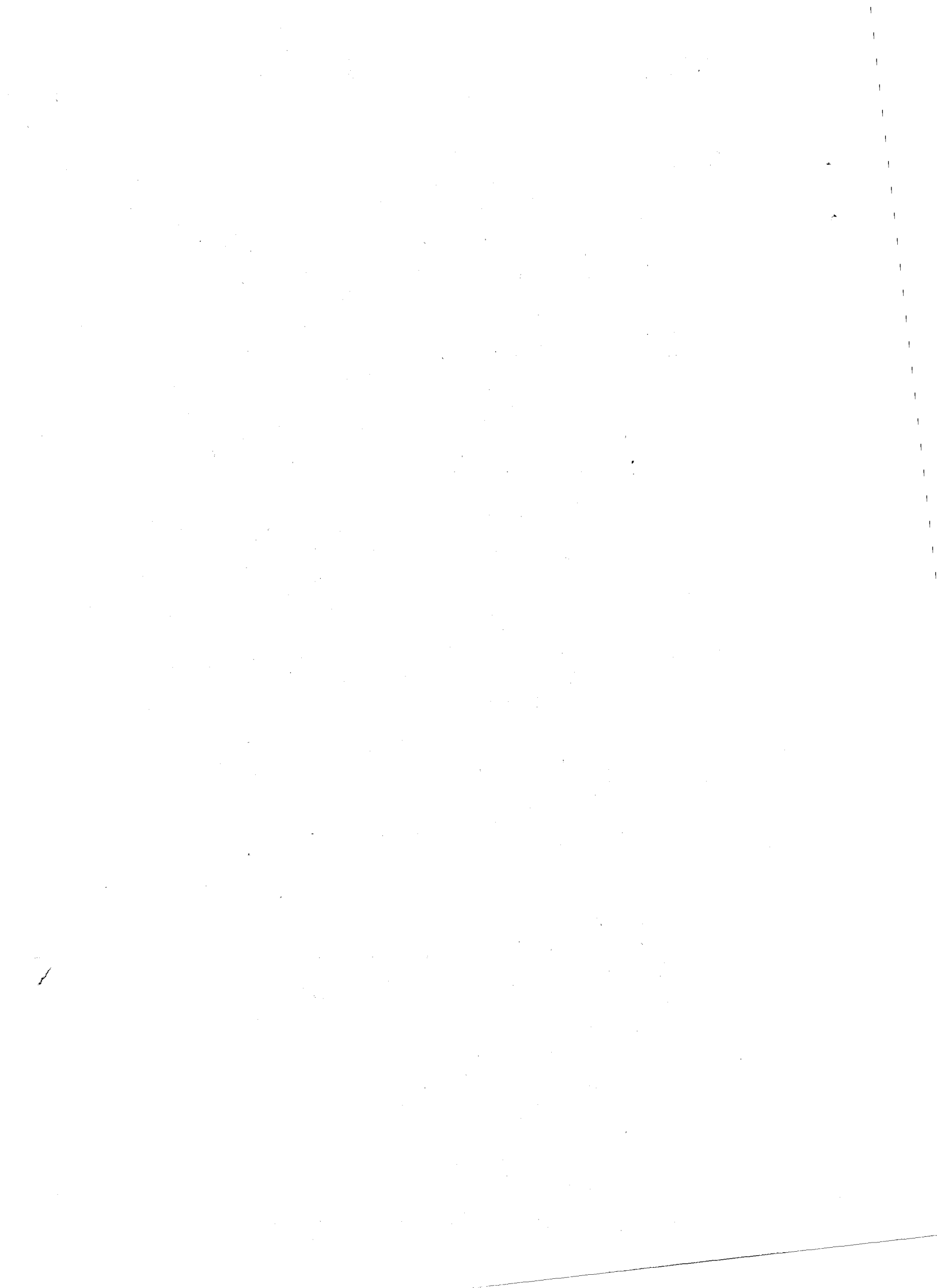
extending the period of validity of Decision 76/277 /EEC  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Sweden

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## DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION

extending the period of validity of Decision 76/ 276 /EEC  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Switzerland

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Explanatory memorandum

Maintenance of safeguard measures in respect of  
imports into Ireland of footwear originating in  
the EFTA countries

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On 8 October 1976 Ireland applied to the Commission for authorization under Article 135 of the Act of Accession to continue the safeguard measures for the footwear industry in Ireland. In view of the progressive deterioration of the situation in the footwear industry, and in order to permit the preparation and implementation of a plan for reorganizing the industry in question, Ireland was authorized by a Commission Decision of 17 November 1976 to maintain until 31 December 1977 the following customs duties on imports of footwear with uppers of leather, falling within subheading 64.02 A of the CCT :

United Kingdom	9.0 %
other Member States	18.5 %
full duty	23.5 %

In view of the fact that the Agreements concluded between the Community and Austria, Iceland, Sweden, Switzerland (signed on 22 July 1972), Norway (signed on 14 May 1973) and Finland (signed on 5 October 1973) stipulate a timetable for duty reductions identical to that provided for in the Act of Accession, the Council, by its Decisions of 24 February and 22 July 1976, authorized Ireland to take safeguard measures in respect of the product in question originating in the EFTA countries (with the exception of Portugal). The purpose of the six draft decisions proposed by the Commission to the Council is to extend until 31 December 1977 the period of validity of the safeguard measures referred to above in order to ensure that the rate of duty applied to imports of the products in question originating in the EFTA countries is not lower than that applied to the same products originating in the Member States of the Community.



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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,  
on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European  
Economic Community and the Republic of Austria <sup>1</sup>, and in particular  
Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas following the adoption of Council Decision 76/274 /EEC of 24 February 1976,  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with  
uppers of leather originating in Austria <sup>2</sup>, as extended by Decision  
76/ 635/EEC of 22 July 1976 <sup>3</sup>, 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 fall in production;

Whereas the period of validity of Commission Decision 76/ 176/EEC of  
22 December 1975, authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather, falling within Common Customs Tariff  
subheading 64.02 A, under Article 135 of the Act of Accession <sup>4</sup>, as extended  
by Decision 76/ 571/EEC of 25 June 1976<sup>5</sup>, has been extended by Decision  
76/ /EEC of 17 November 1976<sup>6</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 300, 31.12.1972, p. 94  
<sup>2</sup>OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976, p. 10  
<sup>3</sup>OJ No L 223, 16.8.1976, p. 19  
<sup>4</sup>OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976, p. 22  
<sup>5</sup>OJ No L 182, 8.7.1976, p. 24  
<sup>6</sup>OJ No

Whereas, therefore, similar measures should be taken in respect of imports of this product originating in Austria, in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 76/635/EEC '31 December 1976' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1977'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

Draft  
COUNCIL DECISION

of

extending the period of validity of Decision 76/272 /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,  
on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European  
Economic Community and the Republic of Finland <sup>1</sup>, and in particular  
Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas following the adoption of Council Decision 76/272 /EEC of 24 February 1976,  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with  
uppers of leather originating in Finland <sup>2</sup>, as extended by Decision  
76/636/EEC of 22 July 1976 <sup>3</sup>, 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 fall in production;

Whereas the period of validity of Commission Decision 76/176/EEC of  
22 December 1975, authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather, falling within Common Customs Tariff  
subheading 64.02 A, under Article 135 of the Act of Accession <sup>4</sup>, as extended  
by Decision 76/571/EEC of 25 June 1976<sup>5</sup>, has been extended by Decision  
76/ /EEC of 17 November 1976<sup>6</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 338, 7.12.1973, p. 2  
<sup>2</sup>OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976, p. 7  
<sup>3</sup>OJ No L 223, 16.8.1976, p. 20  
<sup>4</sup>OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976, p. 22  
<sup>5</sup>OJ No L 182, 8.7.1976, p. 24  
<sup>6</sup>OJ No

Whereas, therefore, similar measures should be taken in respect of imports of this product originating in Finland, in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 76/272/EEC '31 December 1976' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1977'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President



COUNCIL DECISION

of

extending the period of validity of 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,  
on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European  
Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland <sup>1</sup>, and in particular  
Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas following the adoption of 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 <sup>2</sup>, as extended by Decision  
76/ 637/EEC of 22 July 1976 <sup>3</sup>, 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 fall in production;

Whereas the period of validity of Commission Decision 76/ 176/EEC of  
22 December 1975, authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather, falling within Common Customs Tariff  
subheading 64.02 A, under Article 135 of the Act of Accession <sup>4</sup>, as extended  
by Decision 76/ 571/EEC of 25 June 1976<sup>5</sup>, has been extended by Decision  
76/ /EEC of 17 November 1976<sup>6</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 301, 31.12.1972, p. 162

<sup>2</sup>OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976, p. 9

<sup>3</sup>OJ No L 223, 16.8.1976, p. 21

<sup>4</sup>OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976, p. 22

<sup>5</sup>OJ No L 182, 8.7.1976, p. 24

<sup>6</sup>OJ No

Whereas, therefore, similar measures should be taken in respect of imports of this product originating in Iceland, in accordance with Article 27 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 76/273/EEC '31 December 1976' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1977'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

Draft  
COUNCIL DECISION

of

extending the period of validity of Decision 76/ 275/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,  
on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European  
Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway<sup>1</sup>, and in particular  
Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas following the adoption of Council Decision 76/ 275/EEC of 24 February 1976,  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with  
uppers of leather originating in Norway<sup>2</sup>, as extended by Decision  
76/ 638/EEC of 22 July 1976<sup>3</sup>, 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 fall in production;

Whereas the period of validity of Commission Decision 76/ 176/EEC of  
22 December 1975, authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather, falling within Common Customs Tariff  
subheading 64.02 A, under Article 135 of the Act of Accession<sup>4</sup>, as extended  
by Decision 76/ 571/EEC of 25 June 1976<sup>5</sup>, has been extended by Decision  
76/ /EEC of 17 November 1976<sup>6</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 171, 27.6.1973, p. 103

<sup>2</sup>OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976, p. 11

<sup>3</sup>OJ No L 223, 16.8.1976, p. 22

<sup>4</sup>OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976, p. 22

<sup>5</sup>OJ No L 182, 8.7.1976, p. 24

<sup>6</sup>OJ No

Whereas, therefore, similar measures should be taken in respect of imports of this product originating in Norway , in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 76/275 /EEC '31 December 1976' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1977'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

Draft  
COUNCIL DECISION

of

extending the period of validity of Decision 76/277/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,  
on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European  
Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden <sup>1</sup>, and in particular  
Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas following the adoption of Council Decision 76/277/EEC of 24 February 1976,  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with  
uppers of leather originating in Sweden <sup>2</sup>, as extended by Decision  
76/639/EEC of 22 July 1976 <sup>3</sup>, 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 fall in production;

Whereas the period of validity of Commission Decision 76/176/EEC of  
22 December 1975, authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather, falling within Common Customs Tariff  
subheading 64.02 A, under Article 135 of the Act of Accession <sup>4</sup>, as extended  
by Decision 76/571/EEC of 25 June 1976 <sup>5</sup>, has been extended by Decision  
76/ /EEC of 17 November 1976 <sup>6</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 300, 31.12.1972, p. 186

<sup>2</sup>OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976, p. 13

<sup>3</sup>OJ No L 223, 16.8.1976, p. 23

<sup>4</sup>OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976, p. 22

<sup>5</sup>OJ No L 182, 8.7.1976, p. 24

<sup>6</sup>OJ No

Whereas, therefore, similar measures should be taken in respect of imports of this product originating in Sweden , in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 76/277 /EEC '31 December 1976' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1977'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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COUNCIL DECISION

of

extending the period of validity of Decision 76/276/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,  
on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European  
Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation <sup>1</sup>, and in particular  
Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas following the adoption of Council Decision 76/276/EEC of 24 February 1976,  
authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with  
uppers of leather originating in Switzerland <sup>2</sup>, as extended by Decision  
76/640/EEC of 22 July 1976 <sup>3</sup>, 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 fall in production;

Whereas the period of validity of Commission Decision 76/176/EEC of  
22 December 1975, authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect  
of footwear with uppers of leather, falling within Common Customs Tariff  
subheading 64.02 A, under Article 135 of the Act of Accession <sup>4</sup>, as extended  
by Decision 76/571/EEC of 25 June 1976 <sup>5</sup>, has been extended by Decision  
76/ /EEC of 17 November 1976 <sup>6</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 300, 31.12.1972, p. 284

<sup>2</sup> OJ No L 58, 5.3.1976, p. 12

<sup>3</sup> OJ No L 223, 16.8.1976, p. 24

<sup>4</sup> OJ No L 32, 6.2.1976, p. 22

<sup>5</sup> OJ No L 182, 8.7.1976, p. 24

<sup>6</sup> OJ No

Whereas, therefore, similar measures should be taken in respect of imports of this product originating in Switzerland, in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 76/276 /EEC '31 December 1976' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1977'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President