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THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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INTRODUCTION

On 3 April 1978 the Trade agreement between the People's Republic of China and the European Community was signed, marking an important stage in the rapprochement between Europe and China.

During the meetings of the Joint Committee to supervise the implementation of the agreement, delegations on both sides found it was being satisfactorily implemented.

The textile agreement initialled on 18 July 1979 covers an important sector of the trade.

The programme for training Chinese executives in various Commission departments and the numerous visits by personalities in both directions have multiplied fruitful contacts.

The EEC-China Business Week, an event on an unusually large scale, is designed to examine new opportunities in relation both to Chinese exports to the Community in areas of real demand as well as EEC exports of machinery and equipment to China.

BACKGROUND

The interest China has shown in the development of the European Community goes back to the early 1970s.

Apart from strictly political aspects, matters connected with the common trade policy have also prompted a strengthening of contacts between the People's Republic of China and the Community. Bilateral trade agreements between Member States and China were due to expire at the end of 1974, in accordance with decisions taken by the Community institutions regarding introduction of a joint trade policy. Thus, in November 1974, the Community sent a memorandum to the People's Republic of China (as also to other State-trading countries) together with an outline agreement, indicating its readiness to conclude a trade agreement.

Sir Christopher Soames, then Vice-President of the Commission with responsibility for external relations, visited China in May 1975. During the talks that he had with the late Premier Zhou Enlai, the Chinese Government announced its decision to establish official relations with the Community as such and to appoint an ambassador to it. At the same time the Chinese authorities expressed their intention of studying sympathetically the Commission's proposal that a suitable trade agreement be negotiated between the two parties to replace the bilateral agreements that had expired.

On 15 September 1975, Ambassador Li Liandi presented his credentials to the President of the Council of Ministers and the President of the Commission of the European Community as Head of the mission of the Chinese People's Republic with the European Community. The exploratory talks with a view to negotiating the agreement started in July 1975.

A Commission delegation visited China from 4 to 13 July 1977 to continue these exploratory talks.

The Commission delegation was received by the Minister of Trade, Mr. Li Qiang.

Negotiations held in Brussels led to the initialling of a trade agreement on 3 February 1978.

THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The official signing ceremony took place on 3 April 1978 when Minister Li Qiang was visiting Brussels. The Agreement was signed on the Community's behalf by Mr. K.B. Andersen, President of the Council, and Mr. Wilhelm Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission. It came into force on 1 June 1978.

Concluded for a period of five years with tacit renewal every year, the Agreement is of a non-preferential nature and sets out a number of rules aimed at promoting development of trade.

The two parties will apply most-favoured-nation treatment as far as tariffs are concerned.

An equilibrium clause (Article 3) makes provision for both parties to contribute (each according to its means) towards achieving balance in their trade, and in the event of obvious imbalance, for the Joint Committee to study ways of remedying the situation.

China undertakes to consider Community imports in a favourable light and the Community will institute an increasing degree of liberalization for imports of Chinese origin. This is the first time such a clause has been agreed upon in a trade agreement (Article 4).

Whilst reaffirming the principle of recourse to amicable consultations in the event of difficulties concerning trade, both parties agreed that "each party may take unilateral measures in exceptional cases where the situation will not permit any delay".

Provisions are aimed at promoting visits by individuals, groups and delegations from the economic, commercial and industrial spheres, facilitating exchanges and contacts and encouraging the organization of fairs and exhibitions.

The Agreement contains a price clause specifying that trade in goods and services will be effected at market-related prices.

The Agreement is managed by a Joint Committee which normally meets once a year.

After the signature of the Agreement, the Council of Ministers of the Community, at a meeting on 19 September 1978, gave its approval to a special regulation on the common arrangements applicable from 1 January 1979 to imports from the People's Republic of China. These arrangements had previously been governed by the provisions of the regulation applicable to State-trading countries in general, as adopted on 19 December 1969, but under the new regulation trade liberalization is extended to a further twenty products.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Meeting of the first Joint Committee at Beijing from 17 to 19 July 1979.

The first aim of its work was to permit a general appreciation of the agreement and of the development of trade relations.

Generally speaking, the delegations considered that the agreement had been implemented in a harmonious manner.

The Community delegation, led by Sir Roy Denman, in application of the provisions of article 4 of the agreement, put forward the new import possibilities it was prepared to grant for 1979 in the form of increased quotas and fresh liberalizations. On this occasion, a regulation of 23 November 1979 relating to the joint system applicable to imports from the People's Republic of China added sixteen extra products to those included in the joint liberalization list for China.

It also announced that the Community would grant China the benefit of the S.P.G. (1) with certain exceptions.

The Chinese delegation explained how it was implementing the principle of "considering in a favourable light" provided by the agreement for exporters from the Community, by seeing that they had the possibility of full participation in opportunities of trading with China.

Meeting of the second Joint Committee at Brussels on 3 and 4 November 1980

It outlined the progress achieved since its inaugural meeting in July 1979. This revealed that trade in both directions had increased by 41% during 1979. Total trade had reached 3,400 million ECU (2). During the first half of 1980, Chinese exports to the Community have continued to increase, whilst Community exports to China are decreasing.

According to the Chinese delegation, the slowing-down of Community exports to China results from policies of economic readjustment, the reduction of important investments and fewer imports of steel (which accounted for half the Community's exports to China in 1979). However, according to the Chinese delegation, a certain number of contracts with Community firms are being discussed, and imports from the Community should pick up in the near future.

(1) GSP : General System of Preferences.

(2) ECU: 1979 = \$ US 1.37054
1980 = \$ US 1.39233

The Community delegation mentioned the increase of quotas which would be proposed as part of the autonomous system for 1981. The Chinese stated that they were satisfied with these increased possibilities of access to the Community market in spite of the very difficult economic situation.

The problem of visits and training periods in the Community for Chinese officials was mentioned.

Promotion of personal visits, exchanges and contacts

During the official visits to the People's Republic of China by Vice-President Haferkamp in September-October 1978 and President Jenkins in February 1979, the Commission agreed to institute a training programme.

In March 1979 the Commission offered ten two-year university scholarships as part of the programme of scholarships for non-associated developing countries.

The People's Republic of China decided to use these scholarships for post-graduate students to allow them to continue to specialise in different sectors in Europe.

Information and study programme for officials

In answer to the Commission's offer, the Chinese Government proposed three candidates in April 1979.

Three officials, belonging respectively to the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of External Trade and the Institute for Research in International Affairs visited Institutions in Brussels, Luxembourg, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

Reception of teachers

The Community Directorate for Conference Interpretation received successively three teachers from the Beijing Institute of Foreign languages to make them aware of the problems of simultaneous interpretation.

Training visits for statisticians

At the conclusion of a visit by senior Chinese customs officials to the Statistical Office of the Community in July 1979, the SOEC (1) agreed to receive for three months three experts from the central customs administration of the People's Republic of China so that they might become familiar with the Community's customs problems.

These contacts will be renewed.

(1) SOEC = Statistical Office of the European Community.

THE TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,

fits into the general framework of trade relations between China and the Community for whom it constitutes an important and concrete application of the EEC-China trade agreement.

It was initialled on 18 July 1979 and transitionally implemented during 1979 by an increase of the textile quotas in the unilateral Community system governing textile imports from China. The agreement was fully implemented from 1 January 1980 and is valid till 31 December 1983.

The agreement defines a framework applicable for five years for imports into the Community of Chinese textiles and garments of cotton, wool or synthetic and artificial fibres. Although it guarantees significantly increased access for these products to the Community market, the agreement takes full account of the considerable difficulties faced at the present time by the clothing and textile industries of the "Ten", and of the interests of other suppliers who have concluded agreements with the Community.

Thus Chinese textile products enjoy considerably increased access to the European market. The Chinese negotiators accepted a strengthening of the safeguard clause for the products not subject to quota. This will allow the Community, should the case arise, to keep textile and clothing exports from China to a level not exceeding the highest thresholds guaranteed to the Community's suppliers by the "multifibres" agreement. Thus while establishing a protection which is fundamental for Community industries, the safeguard mechanism will at the same time guarantee Chinese exporters security of access to the Community market. (Note that a system of double administrative control - control of imports and of exports - applies to all products and not merely to those products subject to limitations).

In addition, the Chinese authorities undertook to maintain the present balance of trading in textiles between the two parties; to supply minimum guaranteed quantities of certain textile raw materials necessary for the European processing industry (pure silk, angora, cashmir) and to respect an effective price clause.

This agreement represents one of the cornerstones in the development of economic relations between China and the Community on the basis of mutual advantage.

THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (G.S.P.)

On the occasion of his trip to China in February 1979, President Jenkins had informed the Chinese authorities that the Commission was giving its favourable attention to including the People's Republic of China among those benefiting from the G.S.P. This system consists in total exemption from customs duties, within the limits of certain quantities, for all industrial products and, in general, partial exemption for certain processed agricultural products.

China was permitted to benefit from the G.S.P. from 1 January 1980 for most of its exports of industrial products, with the exception of certain sensitive products, and for agricultural products not subject to quota. Under the 1981 system, the list has been extended to cover other agricultural products.

From 20 to 30 January 1980, the Commission organised at Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai and Canton seminars to provide Chinese officials, merchants and traders with all the explanations they needed about the G.S.P.

EXCHANGE OF VISITS

Vice-Premier Gu Mu, and Mr. Li Qiang, Minister for External Trade, were received at the Commission in the Spring of 1978. Mr. Bu Ming at that time Vice-President of the Bank of China also visited the Commission in July of that year.

At the invitation of the Chinese Government, Mr. W. Haferkamp, Vice-president of the Commission in charge of external relations, headed a Community delegation to China from 24 September to 2 October 1978. This visit took place at an extremely important moment in China's political and economic development. Mr. Haferkamp held talks with Mr. Li Xian-nian and other Chinese leaders.

The original character of this mission was shown by the presence of representatives from the Economic and Social Committee, the Union of Industries of the European Community, the European Confederation of Trade Unions and eminent industrialists and businessmen from the different Member States.

At the beginning of 1979, President Jenkins paid an official visit to China and held talks with Premier Hua Guofeng, Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping and Vice-Premier Gu Mu. Mr. Colombo, then President of the European Parliament, also paid an official visit to China at this time.

Mr. Wang Renzhong, Deputy Prime Minister and President of the State Commission for Agriculture of the People's Republic of China, visited the Commission on 11 October 1979.

Mr. Wang Zìgāng, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, was also received at the Commission during the same period.

A mission of senior Commission officials led by the Director General for the internal market and industrial affairs, Mr. Fernand Braun, went to China from 31 March to 9 April 1980. There it had talks with senior Chinese officials about the development of industrial and economic relations between China and the Community.

It examined the development prospects for Chinese exports to the Community and, more particularly, the organisation of the EEC-China trade week in the Spring of 1981.

In response to an invitation from the President of the European Parliament at that time, Mr. Colombo, a delegation from the National People's Assembly, led by Mme Deng Yingchao, Vice-President of the Assembly, was received by Mme. S. Weil at Strasbourg where it also met President Jenkins. The Commission's contribution to European unity was stressed. The importance of the EEC-China Business Week was explained as a stimulus for Chinese exports to the Community.

At the end of June and beginning of July 1980, a delegation led by Mr. Zou Siyi, Director of the Export Department of the Chinese External Trade Ministry, came to Brussels to prepare the EEC-China Business Week with the responsible officials of the Commission.

CONCLUSION

Total trade in both directions has doubled between 1975 and 1979. The tempo of growth recently slowed down as a result of China's readjustment policy. Contacts made during the EEC-China Business Week will allow traders on both sides to take advantage of the possibilities offered under China's new policies for stimulating foreign trade.

As Mme. Deng Yingchao, Vice-President of the National People's Assembly, pointed out to the European Parliament on 16 June 1980, the "EEC-China Business Week" represents an important step in the development of our present relations".

This event (from 30 March to 10 April 1981) is the first of its kind organised by the Commission with a third country and represents a milestone in EEC-China relations. The idea was launched during the visit to China of Vice-President Haferkamp.

The Chinese delegation, led by Vice-Premier Gu Mu, is the most important economic delegation ever to come to Europe.

This Business Week constitutes the first manifestation by Community economic circles towards a trading partner as important as China.

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ANNEX I

Trade Agreement
between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of
China

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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 946/78

of 2 May 1978

concerning the conclusion of the Trade Agreement between the European
Economic Community and the People's Republic of China

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 recommendation from the
Commission,

Whereas the Trade Agreement between the European
Economic Community and the People's Republic of
China, signed in Brussels on 3 April 1978 should be
concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The Trade Agreement between the European
Economic Community and the People's Republic of
China is hereby approved on behalf of the Commu-
nity.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 May 1978.

The text of the Agreement is annexed to this Regula-
tion.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notifica-
tion provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement¹.

Article 3

The Community shall be represented on the Joint
Committee provided for in Article 9 of the Agree-
ment, by the Commission, assisted by representatives
of the Member States.

Article 4

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

Für the Council

The President

K. B. ANDERSEN

¹ The Agreement came into force on 1 June 1978.

TRADE AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,

DESIRING to develop economic relations and trade between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China on the basis of equality and the mutual advantage of the two Contracting Parties and to give a new impetus to their relations,

HAVE DECIDED TO CONCLUDE THIS AGREEMENT THE TERMS OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The two Contracting Parties will endeavour, within the framework of their respective existing laws and regulations, to promote and intensify trade between them.

To this end they confirm their determination:

- (a) to take all appropriate measures to create favourable conditions for trade between them;
- (b) to do all they can to improve the structure of their trade in order to diversify it further; and
- (c) to examine, each for its own part and in a spirit of goodwill, any suggestions made by the other Party, in particular in the Joint Committee, for the purpose of facilitating trade between them.

Article 2

1. In their trade relations the two Contracting Parties shall accord each other most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters regarding:

- (a) customs duties and charges of all kinds applied to the import, export, re-export or transit of products, including the procedures for the collection of such duties or charges;
- (b) regulations, procedures and formalities concerning customs clearance, transit, warehousing and transshipment of products imported or exported;
- (c) taxes and other internal charges levied directly or indirectly on products or services imported or exported;
- (d) administrative formalities for the issue of import or export licences.

2. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply in the case of:

- (a) advantages accorded by either Contracting Party to States which together with it are members of a customs union or free trade area;
- (b) advantages accorded by either Contracting Party to neighbouring countries for the purpose of facilitating border trade;
- (c) measures which either Contracting Party may take in order to meet its obligations under international commodity agreements.

Article 3

The two Contracting Parties will make every effort to foster the harmonious expansion of their reciprocal trade and to help, each by its own means, to attain a balance in such trade.

Should an obvious imbalance arise, the matter must be examined within the Joint Committee so that measures can be recommended in order to improve the situation.

Article 4

1. The People's Republic of China will give favourable consideration to imports from the European Economic Community. To this end the competent Chinese authorities will ensure that Community exporters have the possibility of participating fully in opportunities for trade with China.

2. The European Economic Community will strive for an increasing liberalization of imports from the People's Republic of China. To this end it will endeavour progressively to introduce measures extending

the list of products for which imports from China have been liberalized and to increase the amounts of quotas. The procedure for implementation will be examined within the framework of the Joint Committee.

Article 5

1. The two Contracting Parties shall exchange information on any problems that may arise with regard to their trade and shall open friendly consultations, with the intention of promoting trade, for the purpose of seeking mutually satisfactory solutions to those problems. Each of the two Contracting Parties will ensure that no action is taken before consultations are held.

2. In an exceptional case, however, where the situation does not admit any delay, either Contracting Party may take measures, but must endeavour as far as possible to hold friendly consultations before doing so.

3. Each Contracting Party will ensure that, when taking the measures referred to in paragraph 2, the general objectives of this Agreement are not prejudiced.

Article 6

The two Contracting Parties undertake to promote visits by persons, groups and delegations from economic, trade and industrial circles, to facilitate industrial and technical exchanges and contacts connected with trade and to foster the organization of fairs and exhibitions by both sides and the relevant provision of services. As far as possible they must grant each other the facilities concerning the above activities.

Article 7

Trade in goods and the provision of services between the two Contracting Parties shall be effected at market-related prices and rates.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties agree that payments for transactions shall be made, in accordance with their respective existing laws and regulations, in currencies of the Member States of the Community, Renminbi or any convertible currency accepted by the two parties concerned in the transactions.

Article 9

1. An EEC-China Joint Committee for Trade shall be set up, comprising representatives of the European Economic Community on the one hand and representatives of the People's Republic of China on the other.

2. The tasks of the Joint Committee shall be as follows:

- to monitor and examine the functioning of this Agreement,
 - to examine any questions that may arise in the implementation of this Agreement,
 - to examine problems that could hinder the development of trade between the Contracting Parties,
 - to examine means and new opportunities of developing trade between the Contracting Parties and other problems relating to their trade,
- and
- to make recommendations that may help to attain the objectives of this Agreement.

3. The Joint Committee shall meet once a year, in Brussels and Peking alternately. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by mutual agreement, at the request of either Contracting Party. The office of chairman of the Joint Committee shall be held by each of the two Contracting Parties in turn. Where both Parties consider it necessary, the Joint Committee may set up working parties to assist it in its work.

Article 10

As far as the European Economic Community is concerned, this Agreement shall apply to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied, and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty.

Article 11

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other of the completion of the legal procedures necessary for this purpose. It is concluded for a period of five years. The Agreement shall be tacitly renewed from year to year provided that neither Contracting Party notifies the other Party in writing of its denunciation of the Agreement six months before the date of expiry.

However, the Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the two Contracting Parties in order to take account of new situations.

(signatures follow)

Trade between the Community of Nine and China

(million EUA)

	1958	1960	1963	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Imports	163	235	165	357	315	318	370	348	362	418	544	722	667	860	863	940	1324
Exports	384	331	153	417	521	444	432	461	397	369	607	807	1153	1186	796	1489	2101
Balance	+221	+96	-12	+60	+206	+126	+62	+113	+35	-49	+63	+85	+486	+326	-67	+549	+777 (1)

Sources: SOEC special issue 1958-1976 and SOEC monthly bulletin 4/78

(1) Trade results	1979	1980
for :	I-IX	I-IX
Imports	884	1340
Exports	1623	1242
Balance	+739	-98

ANNEX III

Categories of goods traded between
the European Community and China

(in 000 EUA)

CCT Heading	I M P O R T S		
	1976	1978	1979
<i>Section I</i>			
Live animals; animal products			
1 Live animals	62	-	-
2 Meat and edible meat offals	49.320	47.349	39.626
3 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	9.002	10.087	10.219
4 Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	6.088	6.087	12.811
5 Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	79.351	76.552	78.112
<i>Section II</i>			
Vegetable products			
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage ..	14	-	-
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers ...	14.130	5.191	25.826
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of melons or citrus fruit	7.464	10.723	9.554
9 Coffee, tea, maté and spices	23.683	26.624	31.109
10 Cereals	1.530	7.592	2.832
11 Products of the milling industry; malt and starches; gluten; inulin	652	-	306
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial and medical plants; straw and fodder	14.104	15.993	28.589
13 Lacs, gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	2.980	2.449	3.818
14 Vegetable plaiting materials, vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	2.395	4.680	5.560
<i>Section III</i>			
Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes			
15 Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes	8.274	6.959	9.868

(in '000 EUA)

CCT Heading	I M P O R T S		
	1976	1978	1979
<i>Section IV</i>			
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco			
16 Preparations of meat, of fish, of crustaceans or molluscs	1.515	1.523	1.816
17 Sugars and sugar confectionery	39	143	186
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	1.440	2.991	8.385
19 Preparations of cereals, flour or starch; pastry-cooks' products	1.533	1.235	1.744
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit or other parts of plants	33.448	38.104	51.123
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	719	1.433	2.083
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar	549	514	971
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder	6.940	2.207	2.991
24 Tobacco	3.562	2.949	2.127
<i>Section V</i>			
Mineral products			
25 Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	7.726	12.679	17.683
26 Metallic ores, slag and ash	19.704	17.782	37.906
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	1.740	5.490	55.110
<i>Section VI</i>			
Products of the chemical and allied industries			
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements and of isotopes ...	5.605	4.469	10.567
29 Organic chemicals	19.028	18.142	32.072
30 Pharmaceutical products	2.720	2.826	4.164
31 Fertilizers	56	155	-
32 Tanning and dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, colours, paints and varnishes; putty, fillers and stoppings; inks	1.824	1.420	1.959
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations	16.045	12.882	18.622
34 Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, artificial waxes, prepared waxes, polishing and scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes and 'dental waxes'	372	517	958
35 Albuminoidal substances; glues; enzymes	827	1.133	1.605
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations .	5.777	6.560	9.632

(in '000 EUA)

CCT Heading	I M P O R T S		
	1976	1978	1979
37 Photographic and cinematographic goods	44	194	--
38 Miscellaneous chemical products	18.450	11.189	23.990
<i>Section VII</i>			
Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers, and articles thereof; rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof			
39 Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers; articles thereof	295	262	754
40 Rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof	170	203	275
<i>Section VIII</i>			
Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut (other than silk-worm gut)			
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	25.174	19.488	30.140
42 Articles of leather, saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	14.361	24.225	36.464
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof ..	44.533	54.525	66.269
<i>Section IX</i>			
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, or esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork			
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	2.713	4.213	5.668
45 Cork and articles of cork	71	-	158
46 Manufactures of straw, of esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	37.136	63.923	67.499
<i>Section X</i>			
Paper-making material; paper and paperboard and articles thereof			
47 Paper-making material	-	-	-
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp of paper or of paperboard	2.593	2.525	3.477
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans	424	349	506

(in '000 EUA)

CCT Heading	I M P O R T S		
	1976	1978	1979
<i>Section XI</i>			
Textile and textile articles			
50 Silk and waste silk	73.612	85.886	133.696
51 Man-made fibres (continuous)	508	400	517
52 Metallized textiles	-	-	-
53 Wood and other animal hair	35.496	49.355	61.173
54 Flax and ramie	3.116	2.889	3.593
55 Cotton	47.443	45.854	66.466
56 Man-made fibres (discontinuous)	11.712	9.511	14.898
57 Other vegetable textile materials; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	2.261	2.606	5.230
58 Carpets, mats, matting and tapestries; pile and chenille fabrics; narrow fabrics; trimmings; tulle and other net fabrics; lace; embroidery	25.960	33.748	42.856
59 Wadding and felt; twine, cordage, ropes and cables; special fabrics; impregnated and coated fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use	1.501	1.783	1.595
60 Knitted and crocheted goods	3.595	5.890	12.032
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of textile fabric, other than knitted or crocheted goods	16.097	19.008	30.084
62 Other made up textile articles	12.305	19.555	30.150
63 Old clothing and other textile articles; rags	-	-	-
<i>Section XII</i>			
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sunshades, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair			
64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	7.418	11.503	16.770
65 Headgear and parts thereof	3.820	5.126	3.972
66 Umbrellas, sunshades, walking-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof	365	184	296
67 Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	2.795	4.775	5.138
<i>Section XIII</i>			
Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and of similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware			
68 Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and similar materials
69 Ceramic products	472	634	872
70 Glass and glassware	5.614	6.339	7.304
	1.408	1.319	1.605

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CCT Heading	I M P O R T S		
	1976	1978	1979
<i>Section XIV</i>			
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin			
71 Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery	337.357	3.254	5.161
72 Coin	-	-	907
<i>Section XV</i>			
Base metals and articles of base metal			
73 Iron and steel and articles thereof	4.974	2.963	5.788
74 Copper and articles thereof	207	562	196
75 Nickel and articles thereof	2	-	-
76 Aluminium and articles thereof	99	127	2.400
77 Magnesium and beryllium and articles thereof	-	-	-
78 Lead and articles thereof	45	-	-
79 Zinc and articles thereof	1.190	-	136
80 Tin and articles thereof	19.407	14.887	16.534
81 Other base metals employed in metallurgy and articles thereof	1.168	2.429	5.683
82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof	1.344	5.422	8.317
83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal	1.799	1.796	1.965
<i>Section XVI</i>			
Machinery and mechanical appliances electrical equipment; parts thereof			
84 Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1.380	6.878	8.506
85 Electrical machinery and equipment; parts thereof	1.651	1.681	1.897
<i>Section XVII</i>			
Vehicles, aircraft, and parts thereof; vessels and certain associated transport equipment			
86 Railway and tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway and tramway track fixtures and fittings; traffic signalling equipment of all kinds (not electrically powered)	1	-	-
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts thereof	331	119	302

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CCT Heading	I M P O R T S		
	1976	1978	1979
88 Aircraft and parts thereof; parachutes; catapults and similar aircraft launching gear, ground flying trainers	119	1.609	1.283
89 Ships, boats and floating structures	98	-	120
<i>Section XVIII</i>			
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts thereof			
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; parts thereof	1.218	1.666	1.987
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof	3.356	3.878	3.677
92 Musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts and accessories of such articles	2.618	2.584	3.421
<i>Section XIX</i>			
Arms and ammunition; parts thereof			
93 Arms and ammunition; parts thereof	235	301	317
<i>Section XX</i>			
Miscellaneous manufactured articles			
94 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	6.008	10.271	12.523
95 Articles and manufactures of carving or moulding material	1.106	1.590	1.894
96 Brooms, brushes, powder-puffs and sieves	1.118	1.888	2.684
97 Toys, games and sports requisites; parts thereof ..	9.646	8.977	11.879
98 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.959	1.153	1.520
<i>Section XXI</i>			
Works of art, collectors' pieces, and antiques			
99 Works of art, collectors' pieces, and antiques	19.956	4.092	6.009
TOTAL	1.183.060	933.719	1.311.252

Categories of goods traded between
the European Community and China

(in '000 EUA)

CCT Heading	E x p o r t s		
	1976	1978	1979
<i>Section I</i>			
Live animals; animal products			
1 Live animals	-	-	-
2 Meat and edible meat offals	-	-	-
3 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	-	-	-
4 Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	47	4.090	1.358
5 Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	2	189	892
<i>Section II</i>			
Vegetable products			
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage ..	-	-	-
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers ...	-	-	-
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of melons or citrus fruit	-	-	-
9 Coffee, tea, maté and spices	-	-	-
10 Cereals	-	-	-
11 Products of the milling industry; malt and starches; gluten; inulin	-	-	7.936
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial and medical plants; straw and fodder	-	-	-
13 Lacs, gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	23	155	-
14 Vegetable plaiting materials, vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	423	-	240
	32	-	-
<i>Section III</i>			
Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes			
15 Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes			
	3.108	2.525	3.842

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CCT Heading	E x p o r t s		
	1976	1978	1979
<i>Section IV</i>			
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco			
16 Preparations of meat, of fish, of crustaceans or molluscs	15	-	-
17 Sugars and sugar confectionery	42	21.365	14.100
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	-	-	-
19 Preparations of cereals, flour or starch; pastry-cooks' products	34	-	-
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit or other parts of plants	11	-	-
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	6	-	1.264
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar	141	-	661
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder	7	398	-
24 Tobacco	1	-	273
<i>Section V</i>			
Mineral products			
25 Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	363	-	116
26 Metallic ores, slag and ash	-	-	-
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	3.663	2.506	1.047
<i>Section VI</i>			
Products of the chemical and allied industries			
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements and of isotopes ...	4.539	15.452	22.212
29 Organic chemicals	65.986	61.831	66.314
30 Pharmaceutical products	983	1.519	1.480
31 Fertilizers	23.096	72.633	83.483
32 Tanning and dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, colours, paints and varnishes; putty, fillers and stoppings; inks	7.284	19.667	29.593
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations	413	355	512
34 Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, artificial waxes, prepared waxes, polishing and scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes and 'dental waxes'	416	1.572	1.191
35 Albuminoidal substances; glues; enzymes	754	319	237
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations ..	1	-	-

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CCT Heading	EXPORTS		
	1976	1978	1979
37 Photographic and cinematographic goods	257	489	1.501
38 Miscellaneous chemical products	8.536	16.590	23.896
<i>Section VII</i>			
Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers, and articles thereof; rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof			
39 Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers; articles thereof	35.957	34.211	30.204
40 Rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof	414	1.470	4.096
<i>Section VIII</i>			
Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut (other than silk-worm gut)			
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	16	825	794
42 Articles of leather, saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	90	166	122
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof ..	429	-	440
<i>Section IX</i>			
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, or esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork			
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	34	-	215
45 Cork and articles of cork	-	-	-
46 Manufactures of straw, of esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	-	-	-
<i>Section X</i>			
Paper-making material; paper and paperboard and articles thereof			
47 Paper-making material			
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp of paper or of paperboard	2	-	-
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans	180	1.011	3.855
	2.370	4.036	3.075

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CCT Heading	EXPORTS		
	1976	1978	1979
<i>Section XI</i>			
Textile and textile articles			
50 Silk and waste silk	57	-	-
51 Man-made fibres (continuous)	10.484	10.427	9.723
52 Metallized textiles	-	-	-
53 Wood and other animal hair	90	-	250
54 Flax and ramie	1.918	2.366	2.666
55 Cotton	312	787	1.249
56 Man-made fibres (discontinuous)	10.116	21.593	558
57 Other vegetable textile materials; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn	-	-	-
58 Carpets, mats, matting and tapestries; pile and chenille fabrics; narrow fabrics; trimmings; tulle and other net fabrics; lace; embroidery	56	-	-
59 Wadding and felt; twine, cordage, ropes and cables; special fabrics; impregnated and coated fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use	934	1.682	1.081
60 Knitted and crocheted goods	194	246	239
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of textile fabric, other than knitted or crocheted goods	113	110	184
62 Other made up textile articles	33	535	849
63 Old clothing and other textile articles; rags	1	-	-
<i>Section XII</i>			
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sunshades, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair			
64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	46	-	-
65 Headgear and parts thereof	34	-	-
66 Umbrellas, sunshades, walking-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof	-	-	-
67 Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	-	-	-
<i>Section XIII</i>			
Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and of similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware			
68 Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and similar materials	465	343	690
69 Ceramic products	775	335	250
70 Glass and glassware	169	-	157

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CCT Heading	E X P O R T S		
	1976	1978	1979
<i>Section XIV</i>			
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin			
71 Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery	11.049	9.775	19.470
72 Coin	4	-	-
<i>Section XV</i>			
Base metals and articles of base metal			
73 Iron and steel and articles thereof	329.162	694.172	745.001
74 Copper and articles thereof	677	14.999	6.709
75 Nickel and articles thereof	80	381	698
76 Aluminium and articles thereof	15.392	30.229	17.980
77 Magnesium and beryllium and articles thereof	80	-	-
78 Lead and articles thereof	-	-	-
79 Zinc and articles thereof	60	-	122
80 Tin and articles thereof	2	-	-
81 Other base metals employed in metallurgy and articles thereof	23	-	267
82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof	370	626	3.710
83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal	720	448	606
<i>Section XVI</i>			
Machinery and mechanical appliances electrical equipment; parts thereof			
84 Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	418.808	156.490	669.612
85 Electrical machinery and equipment; parts thereof	81.322	31.790	40.673
<i>Section XVII</i>			
Vehicles, aircraft, and parts thereof; vessels and certain associated transport equipment			
86 Railway and tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway and tramway track fixtures and fittings; traffic signalling equipment of all kinds (not electrically powered)	57	235	134
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts thereof	3.275	48.229	79.783

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CCT Heading	E X P O R T S		
	1976	1978	1979
88 Aircraft and parts thereof; parachutes; catapults and similar aircraft launching gear, ground flying trainers	18.479	4.305	7.497
89 Ships, boats and floating structures	5.227	54.905	26.097
<i>Section XVIII</i>			
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts thereof			
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; parts thereof	28.882	34.769	75.557
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof	930	2.287	3.090
92 Musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts and accessories of such articles	481	402	1.270
<i>Section XIX</i>			
Arms and ammunition; parts thereof			
93 Arms and ammunition; parts thereof	7	-	169
<i>Section XX</i>			
Miscellaneous manufactured articles			
94 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	83	-	110
95 Articles and manufactures of carving or moulding material	-	-	-
96 Brooms, brushes, powder-puffs and sieves	2	-	-
97 Toys, games and sports requisites; parts thereof ..	27	-	148
98 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	36	-	-
<i>Section XXI</i>			
Works of art, collectors' pieces, and antiques			
99 Works of art, collectors' pieces, and antiques	2.370	1.471	2.330
TOTAL	1.120.385	1.489.702	2.100.618

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