

**COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

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**PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)  
EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF APPLICATION OF REGULATION (EEC) No 435/80  
ON THE ARRANGEMENTS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND  
CERTAIN GOODS RESULTING FROM THE PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND  
PACIFIC STATES OR IN THE OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES**

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Under Council Regulation (EEC) N° 435/80, the Community agreed to apply, before the date of entry into force of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, signed on 31 October 1979, and of the new Decision on the Community's association with the overseas countries and territories (OCT), the arrangements laid down in the Convention and the Decision concerning agricultural products and foodstuffs originating in the ACP States or the OCT.

The Community, however, limited the initial application of the said Regulation to the anticipated date for the ratification of the Convention (31 Decembre 1980).

2. It is not certain that the Convention and Decision will enter into force on 31 December 1980. To avoid a discontinuity in trade, it is necessary therefore to extend the application of Regulation (EEC) N° 435/80 for a further interim period beyond 31 December 1980.

The attached proposal for a Regulation aims to ensure such an extension.

3. The financial implications are dealt with in the context of the financial implications of the Commission proposal concerning the introduction of these arrangements in 1980 (COM(79) 736 final).

ANNEX

Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

extending the period of applicaiton of Regulation (EEC) No 435/80  
on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products  
and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products  
originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in  
the overseas countries and territories

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 435/80, of 18 February 1980 on  
the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods  
resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the  
African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and  
territories (1), and in particular Article 27 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) N° 435/80 is applicable only until 31 December  
1980, the presumed date of entry into force of the ACP-EEC Convention of  
Lomé and of the new Council Decision on the association of the Community  
with the overseas countries and territories;

Whereas it is not certain that the Convention and the Decision will enter  
into force on that date; whereas, to avoid discontinuity in trade, it is  
therefore necessary to extend the period of application of Regulation (EEC)  
N° 435/80 beyond 31 December 1980,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In Article 27 of Regulation (EEC) N° 435/80, "31 December 1980"  
is replaced by "31 March 1981".

(1) O.J. N° L 55, 28.2.1980, p. 4

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1981.

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

Done at

For the Council

The President

