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## COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 22 June 1976.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

concluding the exchange of letters amending certain provisions  
of Protocol No 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic  
Community and the Republic of Iceland.

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Commission Communication to the Council

1. Article 1 (1) of Protocol No 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland signed on 22 July 1972 provides for a progressive reduction of the customs duty of 15 % applied to imports of fish fillets falling within subheading No. 03.01 B II b) of the CCT.
2. On 1 March 1972 the Committee on Common Customs Tariff Nomenclature put into effect a classification opinion of the Customs Cooperation Council under which deep frozen raw fish fillets coated with breadcrumbs, classified under subheading No 03.01 B II b), were henceforward to be classified under heading No 16.04 (prepared or preserved fish).
3. At the time of the conclusion of the EEC-Iceland Agreement, the Contracting Parties had not been informed of this classification opinion of the Customs Cooperation Council, and it was clearly the desire of the Parties to include all frozen fish fillets, including fish fillets coated with breadcrumbs, in the tariff reduction provided for in Article 1(1) of Protocol No. 6.
4. In order to avoid this amendment to the CCT resulting in the exclusion of fish fillets coated with breadcrumbs, now transferred to subheadings Nos 16.04 C and G, from the benefit of the provisions laid down in Article 1 (1) of Protocol No 6, the Commission is hereby submitting for the approval of the Council recommendation for a Council regulation concluding an exchange of letters amending certain provisions of Protocol No 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland.
5. The Commission recommends that the Council conclude and approve the exchange of letters annexed to this Communication and designate the person empowered to sign this exchange of letters in order to bind the Community. It is proposed that Mr. de Kergorlay should sign on behalf of the Community. In that case the Ambassador of Iceland could sign on behalf of his Government.

Recommendation for Council Regulation (EEC) No /76  
concluding the exchange of letters amending certain provisions of  
Protocol No 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic  
Community and the Republic of Iceland

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 Agreement between the European Economic Community and  
the Republic of Iceland,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas it is necessary to amend certain provisions of Protocol No 6 to the  
Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland  
and to conclude the exchange of letters for that purpose dated 1976,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending certain provisions  
of Protocol No 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and  
the Republic of Iceland is hereby concluded and approved on behalf of the  
Community.

The text of the Agreement is annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person  
empowered to sign the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters  
referred to in Article 1 with the effect of binding the Community.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1st July 1976.

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

Done at Brussels,

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For the Council,

The President

Letter No 1

Brussels,

Your Excellency,

Article 1 (1) of Protocol No 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland signed on 22 July 1972 provides for a progressive reduction of the customs duty of 15 % applied to imports of fish fillets falling within subheading No 03.01 B II b) of the Common Customs Tariff.

Following a decision adopted in 1972 by the Committee on Common Customs Tariff Nomenclature, frozen raw fish fillets coated with breadcrumbs now fall within subheadings Nos 16.04 C and G (prepared or preserved fish).

In order to avoid fish fillets coated with breadcrumbs of subheadings Nos 16.04 C and G being excluded, as a result of this amendment, from the benefit of the provisions of the said Article 1, amendments of form should be made to the text. These amendments are set out in the Annex to this letter.

I have the honour to inform you of the agreement of the Community to these amendments and I propose that they should enter into force on 1 July 1976. I should be grateful if you would kindly confirm the agreement of your Government to these amendments.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council of the  
European Communities

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ANNEX

Protocol No 6 is hereby amended as follows:

concerning the special provisions applicable to imports of certain fish products into the Community.

Article 1

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- (a) ..... (unchanged)
- (b) .....

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16.05	(unchanged)
23.01	(unchanged)

- .....
- 2..... (unchanged)
- 3.....

Common Customs Tariff heading No	Description
16.04	Prepared or preserved fish, including caviar and caviar substitutes : C. Herring : II. Other  ex G. Other : II. Other, excluding preserved smoked coalfish

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Letter No 2

Brussels,

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today worded as follows :

"Article 1(1) of Protocol No 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland signed on 22 July 1972 provides for a progressive reduction of the customs duty of 15 % applied to imports of fish fillets falling within subheading No 03.01 B II b) of the Common Customs Tariff.

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I have the honour to inform you of the agreement of the Community to these amendments and I propose that they should enter into force on 1 July 1976. I should be grateful if you would kindly confirm the agreement of your Government to these amendments.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration."

I have the honour to confirm the agreement of my Government with the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed) Ambassador

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