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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION
ON TRADE ARRANGMENTS BETWEEN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND
THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

(Communication from the Commission to the Council)

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Explanatory memorandum

Following Southern Rhodesia's return to legality as a territory having a special relationship with the United Kingdom and due to become independent, it would appear advisable to take immediate steps to re-establish economic relations between the Community and that territory in order to assist the return to normal of its external economic relations and thus help facilitate the institutional developments scheduled to come about in 1980.

To this end, on the basis of Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty, the Commission proposes that Southern Rhodesia be granted access to the Community market, on an autonomous and provisional basis in generally the same way as access is accorded to the OCT. These arrangements would apply to the territory under its present status and also under that resulting from the scheduled institutional developments.

Accordingly the Commission proposes that the Council adopt, after obtaining the opinion of Parliament, the regulation of which the draft is annexed hereto.

Proposal for

Council Regulation...

on trade arrangements between Southern Rhodesia and the European Economic Community

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas Southern Rhodesia's return to legality will contribute greatly towards political and economic stability in that region of Africa and whereas it is the Community's duty to help achieve that objective ;

Whereas trade arrangements should therefore be established on an autonomous and provisional basis, like those applied in trade with the overseas countries and territories (OCT), which is at present governed by Council Decision 76/568/EEC of 29 June 1976 on the association of the OCT (1) and by Council Regulation (EEC) n° 706/76 of 30 March 1976 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 (2).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. Products originating in the territory of Southern Rhodesia shall be admitted for importation into the Community in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Decision 76/568/EEC or any corresponding provisions that may replace them.

2. Imports of the products referred to in Article 2 (2) of the said Decision shall be effected in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) N° 706/76 or with any Regulation that may replace it.

3. For the purposes of applying this Article, the concept of originating products and the methods of administrative cooperation related thereto shall be those defined in Annex II to Decision 76/568/EEC of 29 June 1976. For the purpose of determining the originating status of products from Southern Rhodesia, however, products wholly obtained or processed in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories shall not be taken into account.

(1) OJ N° L 176, 1.7.1976, p. 8

(2) OJ N° L 85, 31.3.1976, p. 2

Article 2

Articles 3 to 7 and Article 12 of Decision 76/568/EEC or any corresponding provisions that may replace them shall be applicable.

Article 3

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

It shall apply until 31 December 1980.

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