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COM(72) 1537 final
Brussels, 6 December 1972

Proposal for a
Council Decision
authorizing the tacit extension of certain
trade agreements between the Member
States and third countries

(submitted by the Commission to the Council)

Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

authorizing the tacit extension of certain
trade agreements between the Member
States and third countries

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 Council Decision of 16 December 1969⁽¹⁾ on the progressive standardization of agreements concerning commercial relations between Member States and third countries and on the negotiation of Community agreements, and in particular Article 3 thereof;

Having regard to the Proposal from the Commission;

Whereas tacit extension beyond the end of the transitional period has already been authorized, in the case of the Agreements listed in the annex hereto, by the Council under its Decisions of 28 January 1969⁽²⁾, 26 June 1969⁽³⁾, 8 December 1969⁽⁴⁾, 20 December 1969⁽⁵⁾, 13 July 1970⁽⁶⁾, 29 September 1970⁽⁷⁾, 23 November 1970⁽⁸⁾, 25 October 1971⁽⁹⁾ and 28 February 1972⁽¹⁰⁾;

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- (1) OJ No L 326, 29 December 1969, p. 39.
(2) OJ No L 43, 20 February 1969, p. 15.
(3) OJ No L 159, 1 July 1969, p. 20.
(4) OJ No L 323, 24 December 1969, p. 10.
(5) OJ No L 6, 9 January 1970, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 157, 18 July 1970, p. 29.
(7) OJ No L 225, 12 October 1970, p. 24.
(8) OJ No L 262, 3 December 1970, p. 18.
(9) OJ No L 248, 9 November 1971, p. 7.
(10) OJ No L 56, 7 March 1972, p. 10.

Whereas the Member States concerned have requested that, with a view to avoiding interruption in their commercial relations with the third countries concerned based on agreement and pending finalization of the programme for Community negotiations currently being studied - which aims at the gradual replacement of Member States' agreements by Community agreements - they be authorized to extend the above-mentioned Agreements;

Whereas authorization has to be granted for the extension of trade agreements with third countries beyond the transitional period, but without affecting the other obligations incumbent upon the Member States concerned under Community law;

Whereas the Member States concerned have declared that extension of those Agreements would not constitute an obstacle to the opening of Community negotiations with the third countries concerned and that they are willing to have commercial matters covered by their current bilateral agreements covered instead by such Community agreements as may be negotiated;

Whereas, at the conclusion of the consultations provided for in Article 2 of the Council Decision of 16 December 1969, it was established, as the aforesaid declarations by the Member States confirm, that the provision of the instruments to be extended would not, during the period of extension envisaged, constitute an obstacle to implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas in these circumstances the Agreements concerned may be tacitly extended for a specified period;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The trade agreements between Member States and third countries listed in the Annex hereto may be extended up to the dates specified in each case in the said Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at

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Member State	Third Country	Type and Date of agreement	Extended until
BENELUX	Austria	Trade Agreement	29. 6.1957 31. 3.1974
	Bulgaria*	Extension for 1973 of the Protocol annexed to the Trade Agreement of	13. 5.1970 31.12.1973
	Czechoslovakia*	Extension for 1973 of the Protocol annexed to the Trade Agreement of	6. 4.1972 31.12.1973
	Hungary*	Extension for 1973 of the Protocol annexed to the Trade Agreement signed	23.11.1971 31.12.1973
	Norway	Trade Agreement	28. 5.1957 30. 4.1974
	Poland*	Extension for 1973 of the Protocol annexed to the Trade Agreement of	25.11.1971 31.12.1973
	Rumania*	Extension for 1973 of the Protocol annexed to the Trade Agreement of	8.12.1970 31.12.1973
	Spain	Trade Agreement	2. 6.1960 14. 4.1974
	Sweden	Trade Agreement	27. 4.1957 28. 2.1974
	Switzerland	Trade Agreement of	21. 6.1957 31. 3.1974
	Tunisia	and Exchange of Notes of	5.5.1961
	Albania*	Trade Agreement	1. 8.1958 31. 3.1974
	Bulgaria*	Extension for 1973 of the Protocol annexed to the Trade Agreement of	7. 4.1972 31.12.1973
	Ecuador	Trade Agreement	23. 1.1970 31.12.1973
	Hungary*	Extension for 1973 of the Protocol annexed to the Trade Agreement of	20. 3.1959 20. 3.1974
FRANCE	India ⁽¹⁾	Trade Agreement and Exchange of Letters	5. 1.1970 31.12.1973
	Iraq	Trade Agreement	19.10.1959 31.12.1973
	Lebanon	Trade Agreement	25. 9.1967 25. 3.1974
	Paraguay	Trade Agreement	25. 3.1955 10. 4.1974
	South Africa ⁽¹⁾	Trade Agreement	11. 9.1956 12. 4.1974
	South Korea	Exchange of Letters	18. 4.1964 31.12.1973
		Exchange of Letters	12. 3.1963 31. 3.1974
	Indonesia	Trade Agreement	22. 4.1953 31. 3.1974
	South Korea	Trade Agreement	8. 4.1965 7. 4.1974
	Spain	Trade Agreement	20. 6.1960 30. 4.1974

(1) Extended by Exchange of Notes.

(*) Authorization of extension will become void if a new protocol for 1973 is concluded before 31 December 1972.

Member State	Third Country	Type and Date of agreement	Extended until
ITALY	Dominican Republic	Trade Agreement	18. 2.1954
			11. 3.1974
	El Salvador	Trade Agreement	30. 3.1953
		Additional Protocol	21.12.1955
	Indonesia	Trade Agreement	23. 3.1951
			31. 3.1974
	Iran	Exchange of Notes	29. 1.1958
		and	23. 3.1961
	Israel		9. 2.1974
		Trade Agreement	5. 3.1954
		Exchange of Letters	5. 1.1956
		Procès-verbaux	21.10.1956
	Norway	and	11. 2.1964
			31. 3.1974
		Trade Agreement	20. 5.1953
		Protocol	31. 8.1959
South Korea	Exchange of Notes	10. 5.1962	
		31. 3.1974	
Yugoslavia	Trade Agreement	9. 3.1965	
		8. 3.1974	
	Trade Agreement	1. 7.1967	
	Protocol and subsequent		
	Exchange of Letters	30. 4.1969	
		31.12.1973	
THE NETHERLANDS	Finland	Trade Agreement	8.12.1956
			31. 3.1974
		Agreement on Trade and Payment and later Protocols	2. 7.1948
			31.12.1973
	USSR*		

*The authorization for extension become void if a new protocol for 1973 is concluded before 31 December 1972.