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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

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ACTIVITIES OF CARRIERS PARTICIPATING IN CARGO LINER TRAFFIC
IN A CERTAIN AREA OF OPERATION

(presented by the Commission)

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(Explanatory memorandum)

1. In accordance with Council Decisions 78/774/EEC¹⁾ and 79/4/EEC²⁾, as amended by Council Decision 89/242/EEC³⁾, the Member States have collected and forwarded to the Commission information on cargo liner traffic between, inter alia, the Community and East Africa.

The collection of information was introduced because of concern that certain carriers in the trade were not following the rules of fair competition in accordance with the principles of market economy and were adversely affecting the competitive position of Member State fleets. Surveillance of traffic between the Community and East Africa began on 1 January 1979. The system was extended on several occasions.

2. Recent developments in the trade in question, as outlined in the Seventh Commission Report⁴⁾, lead to the following conclusion:
 - to extend by two years, i.e. until the end of 1991 the collection of information concerning the activities of carriers in cargo liner traffic between the Community and East Africa.

1) OJ L 258, 21.09.1978, p. 35

2) OJ L 5, 09.01.1979, p. 31

3) OJ L 97, 11.04.1989, p. 47

4) SEC(90)500 (confidential)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

having regard to Council Decision 78/774/EEC of 19 September 1978 concerning the activities of certain third countries in the field of cargo shipping¹⁾, as amended by Decision 89/242/EEC²⁾,

having regard to the proposal submitted by the Commission,

whereas the collection of information about the competitive position of Member State liner companies in the trades referred to in Annex II to Council Decision 79/4/EEC³⁾ and Article 2 of Decision 80/1181/EEC⁴⁾ was extended by one year until 31 December 1989 by Council Decision 89/243/EEC⁵⁾,

whereas recent developments in the trade under consideration lead to the conclusion to extend the collection of information concerning the activities of carriers participating in cargo liner traffic between the Community and East Africa by two years, i.e. until the end of 1991.

1) OJ L 258, 21.09.1978, p. 35

2) OJ L 97, 11.04.1989, p. 47

3) OJ L 5, 09.01.1979, p. 31

4) OJ L 350, 23.12.1980, p. 44

5) OJ L 98, 11.04.1989, p. 48

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 89/243/EEC, "31 December 1989" is hereby replaced by "31 December 1991 as far as the trade in liner traffic between the Community and East Africa is concerned":

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1990.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

COMPETITIVENESS AND EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENT

The collection of information about the competitive position of Member State liner companies in the trades between the Community and Central America, East Africa and the Far East started in 1979 and was extended on several occasions until December 1989.

The proposal intends to extend until end of 1991 the collection of information but only for the trade with East Africa.

It is important to note the lack of significant impact of this proposal on businesses. Shipping companies and port authorities are requested by their authorities to submit regularly relevant data on sailings and tonnage carried by their ships in the trades.

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