

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

accepting on behalf of the Community a Recommendation

of the Customs Cooperation Council

(Technical co-operation in customs matters)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In the light of its purpose, which is to facilitate international trade and to ensure the highest possible degree of harmonisation and uniformity in customs matters, this recommendation, which deals with a subject of special interest for the functioning of customs services given recent developments in training techniques, directly concerns the operation of the customs union and, consequently, the implementation of the Community's commercial policy.

The recommendation was adopted by the CCC in June 1981. The Community should now adopt its position on it. This recommendation has been examined in detail by the relevant Commission departments and by representatives of the Member States.

Following this examination, it seems possible to accept the recommendation with the following special method for its implementation :

"The European Economic Community intends to carry out the technical cooperation provided for in the recommendation within the framework of action by the Community or by certain Member States, bearing in mind that the institutions of the European Community do not have a customs school".

In light of the wish of the Community and the Member States to announce this acceptance at the next session of the Customs Cooperation Council, the decision accepting the recommendation should be adopted as soon as possible. For this reason the Commission, in its concern for operational effectiveness and guided by the previous practice of the Council when accepting annexes to the Kyoto Convention, recommends it to adopt the decision concerning the recommendation of the Customs Cooperation Council on the basis of the Treaty as a whole.

CONCLUSION

The Commission recommends that the Council
accept with immediate effect, the
Recommendation of the Customs Cooperation Council concerning technical
cooperation in customs matters, with the above-mentioned special
method for its implementation.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the Recommendation of the Customs Cooperation Council concerning technical cooperation in customs matters can be accepted by the Community with immediate effect;

Whereas it is advisable, however, to indicate the special method by which it will be implemented taking into account the requirements of the customs union,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The Recommendation of 18 June 1981 of the Customs Cooperation Council concerning technical cooperation in customs matters is hereby accepted on behalf of the Community with immediate effect; but with the following special method of implementation : the European Economic Community intends to carry out the technical cooperation provided for in the Recommendation within the framework of action by the Community, or by certain Member States, bearing in mind that the institutions of the European Economic Community do not have a customs school.

The text of the said Recommendation is reproduced in the annex to this decision.

Article 2

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The President of the Council shall designate the person empowered to inform the Secretariat-General of the Customs Cooperation Council of the acceptance by the Community with immediate effect of the recommendation, and the special method by which it will be implemented, referred to in Article 1.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

President

ANNEX

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL
CONCERNING TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN CUSTOMS MATTERS
(18 June 1981)

THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

HAVING regard to the general aims of the Convention establishing a Customs Co-operation Council, in particular the provisions of Article III concerning measures for attaining the highest possible degree of harmony and uniformity in Customs matters,

RECALLING the discussions at the Council's 49th/50th Sessions in Nairobi (1977) where it was confirmed that the Council should play a more active role in order to foster technical co-operation between all developed and developing countries and that it should expand its general policy on technical co-operation,

NOTING that a steady growth of world trade implies constant adaptation of Customs methods of work,

NOTING that while under its auspices a substantial number of international Customs Conventions have been concluded, further steps besides promoting accession to or ratification of these instruments are necessary to facilitate international trade,

CONSIDERING the satisfactory results obtained by its expanding co-operation in Customs matters with other governmental and non-governmental international organizations,

CONVINCED that it is also in the interest of international trade to promote technical co-operation,

CONVINCED that adequate training of Customs officials is one of the prerequisites for the smooth functioning of international trade and tourism,

DESIRING THAT ITS SECRETARIAT SHOULD CONTINUE

1. to collaborate with Member and non-Member States which so wish in organizing on a bilateral or multilateral basis seminars, training courses and symposia in Customs matters, in particular concerning the Conventions and other international instruments administered by the Council,
2. to co-operate with regional and international organizations in organizing regional and interregional seminars on Customs matters,

RECOMMENDS that States whether or not Members of the Council, and Customs or Economic Unions should :

1. provide for the possibility of receiving trainees, and receiving, supplying, or exchanging Customs experts and lecturers, utilizing the channels of the Council for these purposes so far as may be possible,
2. consider where appropriate and so far as may be possible admitting Customs officers of other administrations to their national Customs training schools,
3. organize seminars, courses or symposia open to or intended for foreign participants on national and international Customs laws and regulations, and on the application thereof,
4. consider the further promotion of activities aimed at achieving wider technical co-operation in Customs matters,

REQUESTS States, whether or not Members of the Council, and Customs or Economic Unions which accept this Recommendation to notify the Secretary General of their acceptance, of the date from which they will apply the Recommendation, and of the conditions of its application. The Secretary General will transmit this information to the Customs administrations of such States and to such Unions.
