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EUROPEAN UNITS OF ACCOUNT

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of the EEC-Cyprus Association Council Decision replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation, to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus

ASSOCIATION COUNCIL DECISION

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of EEC-Malta Council of Association Decision replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol on the definition of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation, to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta

ASSOCIATION COUNCIL DECISION

replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of EEC-Israel Cooperation Council Decision replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel

COOPERATION COUNCIL DECISION

replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of the EEC-Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, The Lebanon, Jordan, Syria Cooperation Council Decision amending Protocol No 2 on the definition of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, to the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Tunisia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Lebanese Republic, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and the Syrian Arab Republic

COOPERATION COUNCIL DECISION

replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in Protocol No 2 on the definition of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Tunisia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Lebanese Republic, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. In Council Regulation (EEC) No 2779/78 of 23 November 1978 (1) the Unit of Account was replaced by the European Unit of Account as of 1 January 1979.

However, the references to units of account, in the context of rules of origin which concern value limits regarding the use of simplified documentation, are contained in the various preferential Agreements negotiated with the partner countries. For the sake of administrative simplicity the question of changes to be made to the Mediterranean Agreements are dealt with in this proposal which covers :

Algeria
Cyprus
Egypt
Israel
Jordan
The Lebanon
Malta
Morocco
Syria
Tunisia

As the origin Protocol in the present Agreement with Spain provides no power for the changes to be made by the Joint Committee, the question of Spain will have to be resolved separately.

2. The annexed proposals are presented separately for Israel, Malta and Cyprus and a model for the others containing :
- 1) a proposed draft Council of Association /Cooperation Council Decision to be adopted as the common negotiating position of the Community;
 - 2) a proposed draft Council Regulation to apply the Decision.

In the case of Israel, Malta and Cyprus there is also a Joint Declaration to be made concerning the calculation of the EUA.

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(1) OJ No L 333/78, of 30.11.78

3. The proposed Decisions replace the present units of account defined in terms of the value of gold with the European Unit of Account. However, the value to be used will not be one which fluctuates daily, but one fixed at the values in force on 30 June 1978. This solution has been chosen for day to day administrative simplicity as the unit of account in the origin context is used to determine which of two, if either, form of certificate shall be used to demonstrate that goods covered by that form or certificate comply with the origin rules in force. Demonstrably too frequent changes would lead to confusion and it would be a laborious task to change the base date at very short intervals. The base date is changed automatically every two years.
4. The basic principle applied to the choice of the levels chosen as expressed in EUA was that the present levels in force as expressed in national currencies could not be allowed to be decreased in any Community country.
5. The new value limits proposed are :
 1. Top limit for the use of form EUR.2 : 1420 EUA, previous limit 1000 UA.
 2. Limit for exemption from use of any form or certificate for small packages for personal use : 90 EUA, previous limit 60 UA.
 3. Limit for exemption from use of any form or certificate for travellers' personal baggage : 285 EUA, previous limit 200 UA.

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of the EEC-Cyprus Association Council Decision No replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation, to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus

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 proposal of the Commission,

Whereas the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus (1) was signed on 19 December 1972 and entered into force on 1 June 1973;

Whereas the Additional Protocol to this Agreement (2) was signed in Brussels on 15 September 1977 and entered into force on 1 June 1978;

Whereas pursuant to Article 25 of the Protocol concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation annexed to the above Protocol and forming an integral part of the Agreement, the EEC-Cyprus Association Council has adopted Decision No amending the Protocol,

Whereas that Decision should be made operative in the Community;

(1) OJ No L 133 of 21.5.1973, p. 2

(2) OJ No L 339 of 28.12.1977, p.2

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Decision No of the EEC-Cyprus Association Council shall apply in the Community.

The text of the Decision is annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

AGREEMENT EEC-CYPRUS

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

ASSOCIATION COUNCIL DECISION

replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation, to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL :

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus and in particular Title I thereof,

Having regard to the Protocol on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation, hereinafter called the Protocol, annexed to the Additional Protocol, and in particular Article 25 thereof,

since

Whereas the Unit of Account is no longer appropriate to the current international monetary situation, it is necessary to find an alternative so as to continue to have a common value basis for determining when forms EUR.2 may be used instead of movement certificates EUR.1 and when no documentary evidence of origin is required;

Whereas the European Communities have replaced the Unit of Account with the European Unit of Account as from 1 January 1979;

Whereas it is convenient to use the European Unit of Account to serve as a common value basis;

Whereas for administrative and commercial reasons the common value basis must remain fixed for periods of at least two years, ^{and whereas} the European Unit of Account to be used ^{in consequence} must be exceptionally fixed at a base date to be updated every two years;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

1. In Article 6(1) of the Protocol second sub-paragraph the amount "1000 Units of Account" shall be replaced by "1420 European Units of Account".
2. In Article 6(1) of the Protocol, the third sub-paragraph shall be deleted and the following inserted :

" Up to and including 30 April 1981 the European Unit of Account to be used in any given national currency shall be the equivalent in that national currency of the European Unit of Account as at 30 June 1978. For each successive period of two years thereafter it shall be the equivalent in that national currency of the European Unit of Account as at the first working day in October in the year immediately preceding that two year period.

Amounts in the national currency of the exporting State equivalent to the amounts expressed in this Article and Article 17 in European Units of Account shall be fixed by the exporting State and communicated to the other parties to the Agreement.

When the amounts are more than the corresponding amounts fixed by the importing State, the importing State shall accept them if the goods are invoiced in the currency of the exporting State.

If the goods are invoiced in the currency of another Community Member State the importing State shall recognize the amount notified by the country concerned."

3. In Article 17(2) of the Protocol the amounts "60 Units of Account" and "200 Units of Account" shall be replaced by "90 European Units of Account" and "285 European Units of Account" respectively.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on

Done at Brussels

For the Association Council
The President

ASSOCIATION COUNCIL DECLARATION ON THE DEFINITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNIT OF
ACCOUNT

For the purposes of Articles 6 and 17 of the Origin Protocol the European Unit of Account shall be the sum of the following amounts in the currencies of the Member States of the Community :

German mark	0.828
Pound Sterling	0.0885
French franc	1.15
Italian Lira	109
Dutch gilder	0.286
Belgian franc	3.66
Luxembourg franc	0.14
Danish krone	0.217
Irish pound	0.00759

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of EEC-Malta Council of Association Decision No
replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol on
the definition of 'originating products' and methods of administrative
cooperation, to the Agreement establishing an association between the
European Economic Community and Malta

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 proposal from the Commission,

Whereas an Agreement between the European Economic Community and Malta (1)
was signed on 5 December 1970 and entered into force on 1 April 1971;

Whereas a Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement
establishing an association between the European Economic Community and
Malta (2) was signed in Brussels on 4 March 1976 and entered into force on
1 June 1976;

Whereas under Article 25 of the Protocol concerning the definition of the
concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation,
annexed to the above Protocol and forming an integral part of the Agreement,
the Council of Association has adopted Decision No amending this
Protocol;

Whereas that Decision should be made operative in the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Decision No of the EEC-Malta Council of Association shall apply
in the Community.

The text of the Decision is annexed to this Regulation.

(1) OJ No L 61/71, p.1

(2) OJ No L 111/76, p.3

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

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AGREEMENT EEC-MALTA

THE COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATION DECISION

replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol on the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta

THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL :

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta and in particular Title I thereof,

Having regard to the Protocol on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation, hereinafter called the Protocol, and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Whereas, ^{since} the Unit of Account is no longer appropriate to the current international monetary situation, it is necessary to find an alternative so as to continue to have a common value basis for determining when forms EUR.2 may be used instead of movement certificates EUR.1 and when no documentary evidence of origin is required;

Whereas the European Communities have replaced the Unit of Account with the European Unit of Account as from 1 January 1979;

Whereas it is convenient to use the European Unit of Account to serve as a common value basis;

Whereas for administrative and commercial reasons the common value basis must remain fixed for periods of at least two years, ^{and whereas} the European Unit of Account to be used ^{in consequence} must be exceptionally fixed at a base date to be updated every two years;

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

1. In Article 6(1) second sub-paragraph of the Protocol the amount "1000 Units of Account" shall be replaced by "1420 European Units of Account".
2. In Article 6(1) of the Protocol, the third sub-paragraph shall be deleted and the following inserted :

" Up to and including 30 April 1981 the European Unit of Account to be used in any given national currency shall be the equivalent in that national currency of the European Unit of Account as at 30 June 1978. For each successive period of two years thereafter it shall be the equivalent in that national currency of the European Unit of Account as at the first working day in October in the year immediately preceding that two year period.

Amounts in the national currency of the exporting State equivalent to the amounts expressed in this Article and Article 17 in European Units of Account shall be fixed by the exporting State and communicated to the other parties to the Agreement.

When the amounts are more than the corresponding amounts fixed by the importing State, the importing State shall accept them if the goods are invoiced in the currency of the exporting State.

If the goods are invoiced in the currency of another Community Member State the importing State shall recognize the amount notified by the country concerned."

3. In Article 17(2) of the Protocol the amounts "60 Units of Account" and "200 Units of Account" shall be replaced by "90 European Units of Account" and "285 European Units of Account" respectively.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on

Done at Brussels

For the Association Council
The President

ASSOCIATION COUNCIL DECLARATION ON THE DEFINITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNIT OF ACCOUNT

For the purposes of Articles 6 and 17 of the Origin Protocol the European Unit of Account shall be the sum of the following amounts in the currencies of the Member States of the Community :

German mark	0.828
Pound Sterling	0.0885
French franc	1.15
Italian Lira	109
Dutch gilder	0.286
Belgian franc	3.66
Luxembourg franc	0.14
Danish krone	0.217
Irish pound	0.00759

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of EEC-Israel Cooperation Council Decision No. . . . replacing
Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol on the definition
of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation
to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel

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 proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State
of Israel (1), was signed on 11 May 1975 and entered into force on 1 July 1975;

Whereas pursuant to Article 25 of the Protocol on the definition of the concept
of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation, the EEC-
Israel Cooperation Council has adopted Decision No. . . . amending the Protocol

Whereas that Decision should be made operative in the Community;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Decision No. /80 of the EEC-Israel Cooperation Council shall apply in the
Community.

The text of the Decision is annexed to this Regulation.

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Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

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AGREEMENT EEC-ISRAEL

THE COOPERATION COUNCIL

COOPERATION COUNCIL DECISION

replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in the Protocol on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel

THE COOPERATION COUNCIL :

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel and in particular Title I thereof,

Having regard to the Protocol on the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation, hereinafter called the Protocol, and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Whereas, ^{since} the Unit of Account is no longer appropriate to the current international monetary situation, it is necessary to find an alternative so as to continue to have a common value basis for determining when forms EUR.2 may be used instead of movement certificates EUR.1 and when no documentary evidence of origin is required;

Whereas the European Communities have replaced the Unit of Account with the European Unit of Account as from 1 January 1979;

Whereas it is convenient to use the European Unit of Account to serve as a common value basis;

Whereas for administrative and commercial reasons the common value basis must remain fixed for periods of at least two years, ^{and whereas} the European Unit of Account to be used ^{in consequence} must be exceptionally fixed at a base date to be updated every two years;

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

1. In Article 6(1) second sub-paragraph of the Protocol the amount "1000 Units of Account" shall be replaced by "1420 European Units of Account".
2. In Article 6(1) of the Protocol, the third sub-paragraph shall be deleted and the following inserted :

" Up to and including 30 April 1981 the European Unit of Account to be used in any given national currency shall be the equivalent in that national currency of the European Unit of Account as at 30 June 1978. For each successive period of two years thereafter it shall be the equivalent in that national currency of the European Unit of Account as at the first working day in October in the year immediately preceding that two year period.

Amounts in the national currency of the exporting State equivalent to the amounts expressed in this Article and Article 17 in European Units of Account shall be fixed by the exporting State and communicated to the other parties to the Agreement.

When the amounts are more than the corresponding amounts fixed by the importing State, the importing State shall accept them if the goods are invoiced in the currency of the exporting State.

If the goods are invoiced in the currency of another Community Member State the importing State shall recognize the amount notified by the country concerned."

3. In Article 17(2) of the Protocol the amounts "60 Units of Account" and "200 Units of Account" shall be replaced by "90 European Units of Account" and "285 European Units of Account" respectively.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on

Done at Brussels

For the Cooperation Council
The President

COOPERATION COUNCIL DECLARATION ON THE DEFINITION OF THE EUROPEAN UNIT OF
ACCOUNT

For the purposes of Articles 6 and 17 of the Origin Protocol . . . the European Unit of Account shall be the sum of the following amounts in the currencies of the Member States of the Community :

German mark	0.828
Pound Sterling	0.0885
French franc	1.15
Italian Lira	109
Dutch gilder	0.286
Belgian franc	3.66
Luxembourg franc	0.14
Danish krone	0.217
Irish pound	0.00759

Proposal for a
COUNCIL Regulation (EEC)

on the application of the EEC- (2) Cooperation Council Decision
No amending Protocol No 2 on the definition of 'originating products'
and methods of administrative cooperation, to the Cooperation Agreement
between the European Economic Community and (3)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community
and (3)(1) was signed on (4) and entered into
force on 1 November 1978;

(1) Algeria - OJ No L 263 of 27.9.1978

Morocco - OJ No L 264 of 27.9.1978

Tunisia - OJ No L 265 of 27.9.1978

Egypt - OJ No L 266 of 27.9.1978

The Lebanon - OJ No L 267 of 27.9.1978

Jordan - OJ No L 268 of 27.9.1978

Syria - OJ No L 269 of 27.9.1978

(2) Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, The Lebanon, Jordan Syria

(3) the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Kingdom of Morocco,
the Republic of Tunisia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Lebanese
Republic, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic

(4) Algeria : 26 April 1976

Morocco : 27 April 1976

Tunisia : 25 April 1976

Egypt : 18 January 1977

The Lebanon : 3 May 1977

Jordan: 18 January 1977

Syria : 18 January 1977

Whereas pursuant to Article (1) of the Protocol on the definition of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation, the EEC- (2) Cooperation Council has adopted Decision No amending the Protocol as regards the rules of origin ;

Whereas that Decision should be made operative in the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Decision No . of the EEC- (2) Cooperation Council annexed to this Regulation shall be applicable in the Community.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

(1) Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia : 28

Egypt, the Lebanon, Jordan, Syria : 25

(2) Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria

COOPERATION AGREEMENT EEC-

(1)

THE COOPERATION COUNCIL

DECISION

of the COOPERATION COUNCIL

replacing Units of Account by European Units of Account in Protocol No 2 on the definition of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and (2)

THE COOPERATION COUNCIL :

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and (2) and in particular Title I thereof,

Having regard to Protocol No 2 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation hereinafter called the Protocol and in particular Article 6(1) and (3) thereof,

Whereas ^{since} the Unit of Account is no longer appropriate to the current international monetary situation it is necessary to find an alternative so as to continue to have a common value basis for determining when forms EUR.2 may be used instead of movement certificates EUR.1 and when no documentary evidence of origin is required ;

Whereas the European Communities have replaced the Unit of Account with the European Unit of Account as from 1 January 1979;

(1) Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria

(2) Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Tunisia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Lebanese Republic, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic.

(3) Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia : 28

Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria : 25

Whereas it is convenient to use the European Unit of Account to serve as a common value basis;

Whereas for administrative and commercial reasons the common value basis must remain fixed for periods of at least two years, and whereas the European Unit of Account to be used must ^{in consequence} be exceptionally fixed at a base date to be updated every two years;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

1. In Article 6(1) second sub-paragraph of the Protocol the amount "1000 Units of Account" shall be replaced by "1420 European Units of Account".
2. In Article 6(1) of the Protocol, the third sub-paragraph shall be deleted and the following inserted :

" Up to and including 30 April 1981 the European Unit of Account to be used in any given national currency of a Member State of the Community shall be equivalent in that national currency of the European Unit of Account as at 30 June 1978. For each successive period of two years it shall be the equivalent in that national currency of the European Unit of Account as at the first working day in October in the year immediately preceding that two year period.

Revised amounts replacing the amounts expressed in EUA mentioned above and in Article 17(2), may be introduced by the Community at the beginning of any successive two year period if necessary and shall be notified by the Community to the Customs Cooperation Committee not later than one month before they shall come into force. These amounts shall be, in any event, such as to ensure that the value of the limits as expressed in the currency of any Member State shall not decline.

If the goods are invoiced in the currency of another Community Member State the importing Member State shall recognize the amount notified by the Member State concerned. "

3. In Article 17(2) of the Protocol the amounts "60 Units of Account" and "200 Units of Account" shall be replaced by "90 European Units of Account" and "285 European Units of Account" respectively.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on

Done at Brussels,

For the Cooperation Council
The President