

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulations (EEC) No 1893/79 and (EEC) No 2592/79 introducing
registration for crude oil imports in the Community

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Following the troubles in Iran the Council adopted, on 28 August 1979, Regulation (EEC) N° 1893/79 introducing registration for crude oil and/or petroleum product imports in the Community as a means of monitoring oil prices on the market.
2. With the adoption of Regulations (EEC) N° 2592/79 and (EEC) N° 649/80 the Council laid down rules for carrying out the registration of crude oil and petroleum product imports in the Community.
3. The basic Regulation (EEC) N° 1893/79 and the complementary Regulation (EEC) N° 2592/79 laying down the rules for carrying out registration of crude oil imports have been renewed each year but will expire on 31 December 1982.
4. The complementary Regulation (EEC) N° 649/80 laying down rules for carrying out the registration of petroleum product imports expired on 31 June 1981 and has not been renewed.
5. The system, though set up to monitor market prices in a period of tension, has turned out also to be a good means of obtaining, in normal circumstances, a better picture of the crude oil supply conditions of the Member States of the Community. The interesting and useful results it has produced at national and Community level warrant its renewal for a period of three years.

This would give a virtually permanent information system which would : serve as an instrument of continuous market analysis and as a means of monitoring prices on the world market in periods of tension.

6. A similar decision has already been adopted by other consumer countries within the OECD/IEA.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 103 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Council, by means of Regulation (EEC) N° 1893/79 (1), as
last amended by Regulation (EEC) N° 3721/81 (2), which expires on
31 December 1982, introduced registration for crude oil imports in the
Community;

Whereas the Council, by means of Regulation (EEC) N° 2592/79 (3), as amended
by Regulation (EEC) N° 3721/81, which expires on 31 December 1982, laid
down the rules for carrying out registration of crude oil and/or petroleum
product imports in the Community provided for in Regulation (EEC)
N° 1893/79;

Whereas, in view of the supply situation, the Member States and the
Commission should be kept regularly informed of crude oil supply costs;
whereas, accordingly the system for providing information on crude oil
imports should be retained for a longer period;

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(1) OJ N° L 220, 30.8.1979, p. 1

(2) OJ N° L 373, 29.12.1981, p. 9

(3) OJ N° L 297, 24.11.1979, p. 1

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 1893/79 and Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 2592/79 "31 December 1982" is hereby replaced by "31 December 1985".

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1983.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President