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NOTICE TO ENTERPRISES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF ENTERPRISES

Businessmen are reminded that November 1, 1962, is the date by which the Commission of the European Economic Community must be notified of agreements, decisions and concerted practices under Article 5, Paragraph 1, of Council Regulation No. 17 (February 6, 1962). For agreements to which only two firms are party this deadline has been extended to February 1, 1963.

It has been found that the application forms for negative clearance (Form A) and those for notifying agreements (Form B) have very often not been properly or fully filled in, which may invalidate the procedure and may entail consequent penalties.

It is in the interests of the firms themselves not only to give full answers to the various questions on the forms but also to comply with the requirements of Commission Regulation No. 27 (see OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, NO. 35, May 10, 1962), with precise reference to the form and content of application for negative clearance and notifications and other particulars.

The regulation provides that if applications or notifications are signed by representatives of firms or associations of firms, or of individuals or corporations, these representatives must submit written evidence in duplicate that they are authorized to act in this capacity.

Applications and notifications, including enclosures, are to be filed in seven copies.

When documents sent with the applications and notifications are not originals, they must be certified as being true copies of the originals.

Applications and notifications must be filed in one of the official languages of the Community (Dutch, French, German, Italian). Documents must be in their original language, but if this is not one of the official languages, a translation into one of these must be supplied.

In order to take full advantage of this procedure, notifying firms are strongly urged, especially in the case of Point V on Form B concerning their contention that Article 85(3) applies to their case, to give as many particulars as possible so that the Commission may determine whether the claim is justified.

The forms are available at the European Community information offices in the six capitals and in Washington, D.C., at the European Community Information Service, 235 Southern Building.