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Examination by the EEC Commission of a specialization and sales agreement between small and medium firms

The EEC Commission is at present examining an agreement between small and medium firms for the export of their products. The organization concerned is the "Alliance de constructeurs français de machines-outils" (Alliance of French machine-tool makers) of Paris; at present ten French firms producing machine-tools are members.

Each of the ten confers on the Alliance the exclusive right to sell its products in all countries except France and undertakes not to extend its activities to the manufacture or sale of machines which could compete with those made by another member. The Alliance for its part will not sell competing products.

The agreement notified would seem to promote economic progress by giving small enterprises sales openings which otherwise would be beyond their reach, and thus widening the range of articles offered to users in five of the Member States.

Before making a decision in favour of the parties concerned, and in conformity with Article 19(3) of Council Regulation No. 17, the Commission is publishing the gist of the notification in the official gazette of the European Communities so that any interested third parties who wish to do so may state their views.
