

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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RECOMMENDATION FOR A REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

on the conclusion of an Interim Agreement between the
European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the
accession of new Member States to the Community

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Following to the authorisation of the Council given on the 25 march 1975, the Commission and Greece negotiated the 26 march 1975 an Interim Agreement consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community.

Since both Parties approved the draft of an Interim Agreement, the Commission submits to the Council:

- a recommendation for a regulation of the Council on the conclusion of an Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and Turkey consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community (Annex I)
- the text of the Interim Agreement. (Annex II)

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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 Recommendation of the Commission;

Whereas the Community and Greece have negotiated a Protocol
laying down the adjustments to the Association Agreement between
the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the
accession of new Member States to the Community;

Whereas, pending the entry into force of that Protocol, it is
desirable to implement as soon as possible by means of an
Interim Agreement certain provisions of that Protocol
concerning trade;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community
and Greece, the text of which is annexed hereto, is concluded
on behalf of the Community.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall issue the notification that
the procedures necessary for the entry into force of that
Agreement have been completed¹.

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¹The date of the entry into force of the Interim
Agreement will be published in the "Official
Journal of the European Communities".

Article 3

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

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

Done at

For the Council

The President

INTERIM AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and Greece concerning
on the Accession of new Member States to the Community

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
of the one part,

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,
of the other part,

Whereas the adjustments to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Greece, hereinafter called the "Association Agreement", which are necessary consequent on the Accession to the Community of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, hereinafter called the "new Member States", were laid down in an Additional Protocol signed at Brussels on

Whereas, pending the entry into force of this latter Protocol, certain of its provisions relating to trade should be put into force as soon as possible by means of an interim agreement;

HAVE DECIDED to conclude this Agreement and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries :

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

WHO, having exchanged their Full Powers, found in good and due form.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The provisions of the Association Agreement

shall, in so far as they relate to trade,
apply to the new Member States and Greece, save as otherwise provided
in Articles 2 to 15 of this Agreement.

Article 2

1. During the period ending on 31 December 1977, the new Member States shall apply to Greece the reductions in customs duties and charges having equivalent effect provided for in the Agreement of Association, at the same rates and dates as they adopt for the elimination of customs duties and charges having equivalent effect in regard to the Community as originally constituted.

The rates of duty on the basis of which the new Member States apply such reductions to Greece shall be those actually in force on 1 January 1972.

2. Subject to the effect to be given by the Community to Article 39(5) of the Act concerning the conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties, attached to the Treaty of Accession, in respect of the specific duties or the specific part of the mixed duties of the customs tariffs of Ireland and the United Kingdom, the provisions of paragraph 1 shall be applied by rounding to the fourth place of decimals.

Article 3

1. In the case of customs duties comprising a protective element and a fiscal element, the provisions of Article 2 shall apply to the protective element.

2. Ireland and the United Kingdom shall replace customs duties of a fiscal nature or the fiscal element of such duties by an internal tax, in accordance with Article 38 of the Act annexed to the Treaty of Accession and shall apply to Greece the same treatment as they apply to the other Member States.

Article 4

The quantitative restrictions in force in Ireland for the products listed in Annex I shall be abolished as regards Greece not later than on the dates provided for in Protocols Nos. 6 and 7 of the Act annexed to the Treaty of Accession in accordance with procedures to be determined by the Council of Association, account being taken of the above mentioned Protocols.

Article 5

The effective date for the implementation of Article 37(2a) and (b) of the Agreement of Association by the new Member States as regards agricultural products not listed in Annex III to the Agreement shall be 1 January 1972.

5 The Association Council can take every measure to harmonise the different levels of customs duties arising from the regulation mentioned in the previous paragraph.

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Article 6

For the products of Common Customs Tariff heading N° 22.05, the new Member States shall open annual import tariff quotas for the benefit of Greece equal to the quantities set out below and to the duties applied by those Member States on 1 January 1975 to imports from the Community as originally constituted:

United Kingdom	6.000 hl
Denmark	500 hl
Ireland	500 hl

The arrangements laid down in the preceding paragraph shall be applicable in 1975 and 1976.

They could be reviewed before the end of 1975, should such revision appear useful in the light of developments in the wine sector and of progress made in harmonizing agricultural policies in that sector.

Article 7

The Community shall, before the end of the first year after the entry into force of this Agreement, communicate to Greece the provisions relating to the special arrangements which are the subject of Protocol 5 annexed to the Agreement of Association and which are referred to in Article 113 of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties, annexed to the Treaty of Accession.

Article 8

1. During the period referred to in Article 2 (1), Greece shall reduce in regard to the new Member States the differences between the customs duties and charges having equivalent effect which Greece applies to third countries and those which Greece applies, in pursuance of the Agreement of Association, to the Community as originally constituted, at the same rates and dates as the new Member States adopt for the elimination of customs duties and charges having equivalent effect in regard to the Community as originally constituted.
 2. In the case of modification of the timetable and rhythm for the elimination of customs and taxes of the equivalent effect applied by the new Member States in respect of the Community in its original composition, the Association Council takes the necessary measures to take account of this modification.
 3. However, the Council of Association may adopt appropriate measures with a view to making the reductions to be applied by Greece in regard to the new Member States coincide with the timetable prescribed by the Agreement of Association.
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1. Imports from the Community for the purposes of Article 18(2) and (5c), Article 23(1b), and Article 26 of the Agreement of Association shall include those effected by Greece, during the period in question, from the new Member States.

However, the application of this rule shall not lead to the removal of products from the consolidation lists notified by Greece under Article 23(3) of the Agreement.

2. The volume of Community imports from third countries in respect of which the Community may open tariff quotas under Protocol No.10(3b) annexed to the Agreement ^{of Association,} shall include such imports effected by the new Member States from third countries.

Article 10

In the exchange of goods between the new Member States and Greece, the provisions of art 7 of the Association Agreement apply only to goods exported from a new member State or from Greece on or after the (date of the signature of the present agreement).

Article 11

As regards goods obtained or produced in the original Member States of the Community or in Greece, in the manufacture of which there entered products from a new Member State that were not in free circulation either in the original Member States or in Greece, the Council of Association may make their admission to the arrangements provided for by the Agreement of Association subject to the charging of a levy in the exporting country so long as duties and charges having equivalent effect governing trade between the new Member States and Greece remain different from those applied in trade between the original Member States and Greece.

1 The provisions of Article 8 of the Agreement of Association shall be applied mutatis mutandis.

Article 12

The Council of Association shall determine the method of administrative cooperation for the implementation of Articles 7 and 8 of the Association Agreement between the Community and Greece, taking into account the methods adopted by the Community in respect of intra-Community trade.

Article 13

Before the end of the first year after the entry into force of this Agreement, the Community and Greece may, as regards trade between the new Member States and Greece, exercise the option provided for in Article 10(4) of the Agreement of Association, with regard to any disparities in customs duties resulting from the application by the new Member States of the transitional provisions of the Treaty of Accession in respect of customs duties.

Article 14

1. Until 31 December 1977, if in a new Member State difficulties arise which are serious and liable to persist in any sector of the economy or which could bring about serious deterioration in the economic situation of a region, the Community may adopt safeguard measures in order to rectify the situation.
2. In the same circumstances Greece may adopt safeguard measures in respect of one or more new Member States.
3. The measures taken under paragraphs 1 and 2 may involve derogations from the rules of the Agreement establishing an Association between the EEC and Greece, to such an extent and for such periods as are strictly necessary in order to attain the objectives referred to in those paragraphs.
4. Priority shall be given to such measures as will least disturb the functioning of the Association.
5. The measures taken and the manner in which they are to be put into effect, shall be notified forthwith to the Council of Association. Consultations may be held within the Council of Association on the measures adopted.

1. This Agreement shall apply, in the manner laid down in the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, to the European territories of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and to the other European territories whose external relations are administered by a Member State, and to the territory of the Republic of Greece.

2. The Agreement shall also apply to the territories listed in the first subparagraph of article 227 (2) of the Treaty establishing the Community concerning the fields of the present Agreement corresponding to those listed in the same subparagraph.

The conditions for applying to those territories the provisions of this Agreement relating to other fields shall be decided at a later date by agreement between the Contracting Parties.

Article 16

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the ^{second} month following the day on which the Contracting Parties notify each other that the procedures necessary to this end have been completed.

It shall be applicable until the entry into force of the Additional Protocol or until 31 December 1976 whichever is the earlier.

From that date it shall be tacitly extended for periods of one year, unless one of the Contracting Parties expresses its disagreement one month before its expiry date.

Article 17

This Agreement is drawn up in two copies in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian and Greek languages, each of these texts being authentic.

ANNEX I

List of products referred to in article 4

Common Customs Tariff heading N°	Description
ex 60.03, ex 60.04	Tights and stockings other than knee-length stockings entirely or mainly made of silk or man-made fibres, of a value of not more than £ 2.50 per dozen pairs.
ex 73.35	laminated springs of iron or steel, for use as parts of vehicles, and leaves for these springs.
ex 35.08 D	Sparking plugs and metal component parts
ex 96.01, ex 96.02	Brushes and brooms of a value of not less than £ 1.50 per dozen
	Private cars and commercial vehicles mentioned in Protocol 7 of the Act of adhesion

Til bekræftelse af dette har de undertegnede bef uldmægtigede sat deres underskrifter under denne midlertidige aftale.

Zu Urkund dessen haben die unterzeichneten Bevollmächtigten ihre Unterschriften unter dieses Interimsabkommens gesetzt.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have affixed their signatures below this Interim Agreement.

En foi de quoi, les plénipotentiaires soussignés ont apposé leurs signatures au bas du présent accord intérimaire.

In fede di che, i plenipotenziari sottoscritti hanno apposto le loro firme in calce al presente accordo interinale.

Ten blijke waarvan de ondergetekende be volmachtigen hun handtekening onder dit Interimsakkoord hebben gezet.

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For Rådet for De europæiske Fællesskaber

Im Namen des Rates der Europäischen Gemeinschaften

For the Council of the European Communities

Pour le Conseil des Communautés européennes

Per il Consiglio delle Comunità europee

Voor de Raad der Europese Gemeenschappen

