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Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

on the extension of the period of validity of the Directive of 4 April 1978 concerning aids to shipbuilding

(78/338/EEC)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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The Council of the European Communities,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Article 92 paragraph 3(d) and Article 113 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission;

Whereas the Council Directive of 4 April 1978 (1) concerning aids to ship-building expires on 31 December 1980;

Whereas the Commission sent to the Council on 25 September 1980 a proposal for a Directive on aids to shipbuilding;

Whereas this proposal is of a very complex character, covering areas which were not covered by earlier Directives;

Whereas it does not appear possible, having regard to the complexity of the Commission's proposal, that the Council can reach a decision on this proposal before 31 December 1980, the date of expiry of the Council Directive of 4 April 1978;

Whereas provision should therefore be made for an extension of the period of validity of the Council Directive of 4 April 1978; and a period of three months should allow the Council to reach a decision,

Has adopted this Directive:

Article 1

The period of validity of the Council Directive 78/338/EEC of 4 April 1978 shall be extended until 31 March 1981.

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, December 1980

For the Council The President

⁽¹⁾ O.J. No. \$98, 11.4.1978, p. 19.