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## THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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## INTRODUCTION

On 3 April 1978 the People's Republic of China and the European Economic Community signed a Trade Agreement which marks an important stage in the rapprochement between Europe and China.

At meetings of the Joint Committee set up to monitor implementation of the Agreement, both sides have expressed satisfaction at the way it is working.

Opportunities for fruitful contact have been opened up by a programme of training for Chinese officials in various Commission departments and VIP visits in both directions.

The EEC-China Business Week in the spring of 1981 brought China's largest-ever high-level trade delegation, a hundred strong, to the Community and is an important landmark in relations between the parties after the signing of the Trade Agreement. It was the first such event to be run by the Commission with a non-member country, and provided an opportunity to look at new prospects for both Chinese exports to the Community in areas of effective demand and Community plant and machinery exports to China.

The foundation for wide-ranging long-term cooperation on energy has been laid by a visit to China by senior Community officials in November 1981 and a return visit by senior Chinese energy officials to the Commission and Member States.

## BACKGROUND

The interest China has shown in the development of the European Community goes back to the early 1970s.

Politics apart, issues coming under the common commercial policy have also prompted a strengthening of contacts between the People's Republic of China and the Community. Bilateral trade agreements between Member States and China were due to expire at the end of 1974, in accordance with decisions taken by the Community institutions regarding introduction of a joint trade policy. In November 1974 the Community therefore sent a memorandum to the People's Republic of China (as well as to other state-trading countries) indicating its readiness to conclude a trade agreement, together with an outline agreement.

Sir Christopher Soames, then Vice-President of the Commission with responsibility for external relations, visited China in May 1975. In the course of his talks with the late Premier Chou En-lai, the Chinese Government announced its decision to establish official relations with the Community as such and to appoint an ambassador to it. At the same time the Chinese authorities promised to give favourable consideration to the Commission's proposal that a suitable trade agreement be negotiated between the two parties to replace the bilateral agreements that had expired.

On 15 September 1975, Ambassador Li Lianbi presented his credentials to the President of the Council of Ministers and the President of the Commission of the European Communities as Head of the mission of the Chinese People's Republic to the European Communities. The exploratory talks with a view to negotiating the agreement started in July 1975.

A Commission delegation visited China from 4 to 13 July 1977 to continue the exploratory talks with the Government, and was received by the Minister of Trade, Mr Li Qiang.

The negotiations proper took place in Brussels and led to the initialling of a trade agreement on 3 February 1978.

THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The official signing ceremony took place on 3 April 1978 when Mr Li Qiang was visiting Brussels. The Agreement was signed on the Community's behalf by Mr K.B. Andersen, President of the Council, and Mr Wilhelm Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission. It came into force on 1 June 1978.

Concluded for a period of five years with tacit renewal every year, the Agreement is of a non-preferential nature and sets out a number of rules aimed at promoting trade.

The parties agree to accord each other most-favoured nation treatment.

A special clause (Article 3) requires the parties, each according to its means, to try and attain balance in their trade, and stipulates that in the event of obvious imbalance the Joint Committee will study ways of remedying the situation.

China undertakes to give favourable consideration to imports from the Community, while the Community is to aim at an increasing liberalization of imports of Chinese origin. This is the first time such a clause has been incorporated in a trade agreement (Article 4).

Whilst providing for "friendly consultations" in the event of difficulties concerning trade, the parties agreed that they could take unilateral measures in exceptional cases "where the situation does not admit any delay".

The parties also undertake to promote visits by individuals, groups and delegations from the economic, commercial and industrial spheres, facilitate exchanges and contacts and encourage the organization of fairs and exhibitions.

The Agreement contains a price clause specifying that trade in goods and services will be effected at market-related prices.

It is managed by a Joint Committee which normally meets once a year.

On 19 September 1978, with the Agreement signed the Council adopted a special regulation on common arrangements to be applicable from 1 January 1979 to imports from the People's Republic of China. These arrangements had previously come under the regulation dealing with state-trading countries in general, dating from 19 December 1969, but under the new regulation trade liberalization is extended to a further twenty products.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

### The Joint Committee

The Joint Committee has so far met thrice; in Beijing from 17 to 19 July 1979, in Brussels on 3 and 4 November 1980 and again in Beijing on 12 and 13 November 1981.

On each occasion the Chinese delegation was led by Mr Li Shude, Director of the Chinese Trade Ministry's third department, while Sir Roy Denman, Director-General for External Relations at the Commission, headed the Community delegation.

The general feeling has been that the implementation of the Agreement is going smoothly.

At the first Joint Committee meeting the Community announced its decision to extend GSP (Generalized System of Preferences) concessions to China on most products.

Two-way trade has increased overall, though it was noted at the 1980 Joint Committee meeting that while Chinese exports to the Community had risen, the Community's exports to China had declined. Our exports appeared to start recovering somewhat in 1981.

Concessions announced at the 1979 and 1981 Joint Committee meetings have added a number of products to the Community liberalization list annexed to the regulation on common rules for imports from China; the list now contains 845 CCT (Common Customs Tariff) headings or sub-headings out of the total 1 012.

Despite its economic problems the Community has steadily increased the level of quotas under the autonomous import arrangements for 1980, 1981 and 1982.

At its third meeting the Committee noted that China's 1982 economic adjustment plans offered prospects for a continued expansion of trade, especially in agrifoods, fuel, port installations and light industry, and an upturn in Community exports to China.

Another good opportunity for our exporters is the planned modernization of about 400 000 businesses.

Promotion of exchanges and contacts

(1) Training schemes: research students, interpreters, statistical experts, vets

In the course of their respective visits to China in 1978 and 1979, Mr Haferkamp and Mr Jenkins both offered a number of scholarships.

At the second and third Joint Committee meetings the Chinese delegation expressed the hope that the programme launched by Mr Haferkamp could be continued.

In all, scholarships have been awarded for 32 university-years, ten for 1979/80, fourteen for 1980/81 and eight for 1981/82.

Most of the Chinese award-holders are post-graduates undertaking university research in the Community.

Since 1979 three teachers from the Beijing Institute of Foreign Languages have visited the Commission's Joint Interpreting and Conference Service to gain insight into the problems of simultaneous interpretation.

Following a visit by senior Chinese customs officials to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, the SOEC agreed to accept three experts from the central Chinese customs administration for three months to familiarize them with the Community's customs work. The exercise will be repeated.

A European customs expert went out to Beijing at the end of May 1982 to teach at the Foreign Trade Institute, and another will take over from him at the end of the year, as part of a programme arranged by the Customs Union Service. In all, five or six European customs experts will be taking part.

From January to April 1982 four Chinese vets followed a course of training in Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and the United Kingdom.

(2) Information and study programme for officials

In June 1979 three Chinese officials, from the foreign ministry, the trade ministry and the Institute for Research in International Affairs, visited Community institutions in Brussels, Luxembourg, Germany, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

A second programme was arranged for a head of department from the trade ministry and two officials from the national import-export company, who visited Brussels and Luxembourg from 23 November to 12 December 1981.

A third programme which ran from 7 to 20 June 1982 involved twelve senior trade officials from the Chinese provinces and officials from the trade ministry, who visited Brussels, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Germany and France.

THE TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The textile agreement fits into the general framework of trade relations between China and the Community for whom it constitutes an important and concrete application of the EEC-China trade agreement.

It was initialled on 18 July 1979 and given effect on a transitional basis for the rest of that year by an increase in the quotas under the unilateral Community system governing textile imports from China. The agreement was brought fully into effect from 1 January 1980 and is valid till 31 December 1983.

The agreement sets out a five-year framework for imports into the Community of Chinese textiles and garments of cotton, wool or synthetic and artificial fibres. Although it guarantees significantly increased access for these products to the Community market, the agreement takes full account of the considerable difficulties faced at the present time by the clothing and textile industries of the "Ten", and of the interests of other suppliers who have concluded agreements with the Community.

While Chinese textile products thus enjoy considerably increased access to the European market, the Chinese negotiators agreed to a strengthening of the safeguard clause for the products not subject to quota. This will enable the Community if necessary to curb textile and clothing exports from China to a level not exceeding the thresholds set in the bilateral agreements with Community suppliers concluded within the framework of the Multifibre Arrangement. Thus while giving vital protection to Community industries, the safeguard mechanism will at the same time offer Chinese exporters guaranteed access to the Community market. (Note that a system of double administrative control - check at the export and the import stage - applies to all products, not merely to those subject to import limits.)

In addition, the Chinese authorities have undertaken to maintain the present balance of trading in textiles between the two parties; to supply minimum guaranteed quantities of certain textile raw materials necessary for the European processing industry (pure silk, angora, cashmere) and to comply with an effective price clause.

This agreement represents one of the cornerstones in the development of economic relations between China and the Community on the basis of mutual advantage.

#### THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP)

Visiting China in February 1979, Mr Jenkins told the Chinese authorities that the Commission was considering admitting China to the ranks of the GSP beneficiaries. The scheme offers these countries duty-free access to the Community for their industrial exports, within certain quantitative limits, and reduced tariffs for some processed agricultural exports.

China duly became a GSP beneficiary from 1 January 1980, gaining concessions on most of its industrial exports other than certain sensitive products, and its exports of quota-free farm products. Other industrial and agricultural products were subsequently included in the 1981 and 1982 GSP schemes.

The Commission arranged seminars in Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai and Guangzhou from 20 to 30 January 1980 to answer Chinese officials' and businessmen's questions about GSP, and Commission officials also held a GSP seminar in Nanjing from 23 to 27 March.

#### EEC-CHINA BUSINESS WEEK

This, the major event since the signing of the EEC-China Trade Agreement on 3 April 1978, took place from 30 March to 10 April 1981 in Brussels under the auspices of the Commission and the Chinese Government. Both political and economic matters were on the agenda.

Political talks were held between Messrs. Thorn, Davignon and Haferkamp and a Chinese delegation led by the Deputy Prime Minister Gu Mu and including three other Deputy Ministers, Mr Wei Yuming of the State Commission for Import Control, Mr Jia Shi of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Mr Fu Zihe of the State Planning Committee.

Economically speaking the EEC-China Business Week, bringing together over eight hundred officials and businessmen from China and the Community, marked a further stage in the development of relations between the two sides since 1975, and particularly since the signing of the 1978 agreement.

After the opening talks on general background topics a series of meetings was held to review the situation in certain industries chosen in the light of China's new economic priorities, the two sides' import and export policies and the scope for investment: ores and metals, leather and skins, light industry, textiles, chemicals and engineering.

Most of the Business Week was taken up by individual meetings between Community businessmen and Chinese officials concerned with these six industries with the aim of identifying specific trade opportunities, discussing practical problems and clarifying the prospects for a medium-term expansion of trade and cooperation.

One aim of these personal contacts was to enable the Chinese and European delegates to explore and take advantage of the opportunities which China's new internal policies and enthusiasm for foreign trade have opened up.

#### EXCHANGES OF VISITS AFTER INITIALLING OF EC-CHINA TRADE AGREEMENT

Vice-Premier Gu Mu and Mr Li Qiang, the trade minister, visited the Commission in the spring of 1978 and Mr Bu Ming, then Vice-President of the Bank of China, in July of the same year.

At the invitation of the Chinese Government Mr Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission in charge of external relations, headed a Community delegation which visited China from 24 September to 2 October 1978. Members of the delegation included eminent industrialists and businessmen from the Member States. The visit took place at a crucial moment in China's political and economic life. Mr Haferkamp talked to Mr Li Xian Nian and other Chinese leaders.

At the beginning of 1979, Mr Jenkins paid an official visit to China and held talks with Premier Hua Guofeng, Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping and Vice-Premier Gu Mu. Mr Colombo, then President of the European Parliament, also paid an official visit to China at this time.

Mr Wang Renzhong, Deputy Prime Minister and President of the State Commission for Agriculture of the People's Republic of China, visited the Commission on 11 October 1979.

Mr Wang Zigang, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, was also received at the Commission during the same period.

A delegation from the National People's Assembly, led by Mme Deng Yingchao, Vice-President of the Assembly, was received by Mme Simone Veil at Strasbourg, and also met Mr Jenkins.

Mme Simone Veil visited China from 17 to 28 July 1981 as President of the European Parliament.

A delegation of MEPs led by French Socialist Mr G. Martinet visited Beijing and other major cities from 1 to 10 September 1981.

During an official visit to China (June 14-19) Vice-President E. Davignon held talks with Premier Zhao Ziyang, Madame Chen Muhua and other senior officials in Beijing.

The visit was the occasion for an exchange of views on the current political situation. It also marked a new phase of EC-China cooperation, with ties being diversified to include such sectors as energy programming, and exploration of exchanges in science and technology; management training and EC cooperation in the revamping of China's enterprises.



### Visit by senior Chinese energy officials

The Vice-President of the State Science and Technology Commission, Mr Yang Jun, met officials from the Commission and the Member States and representatives of business and scientific circles, and toured energy facilities in most of the Member States, 16 February - 18 March 1982.

The delegation discussed policies for coal, electricity and oil, energy conservation, new energy sources, and energy programming with Mr Davignon and ministers in the Member States.

In Brussels, the delegation's visit provided an opportunity to put the finishing touches to the first joint energy projects and contracts were signed for:

- (i) a visit to China by European experts from April to October 1982 to train Chinese officials, energy managers and university staff in energy programming;
- (ii) advanced energy planning courses for Chinese officials at the Ispra Joint Research Centre;
- (iii) a methodological study on energy supply and demand trends in both rural and industrial China.

### CONCLUSION

Overall trade between the Community and China doubled between 1975 and 1979; the rate of expansion was checked in 1980 by the revision of Chinese policies but began to pick up again in 1981. The EEC-China Business Week, which offered such rich opportunities for making contacts, is likely to bear fruit in the years to come.

The Business Week was a milestone in the development of the relations between the two sides, and there will be various spin-offs in 1982: a seminar in Brussels on China's foreign trade reforms, and another on technology sales in the plastics industry, with films.

The visit by senior Chinese energy officials to the Commission and Member States has paved the way for cooperation in this field, a major step forward in the development of closer economic ties between the Community and China.

The process is well under way. During the Business Week Commission President Gaston Thorn voiced Europe's support for China's modernization efforts and understanding of its need to review its economic policies. He also affirmed that Europe's industries were both willing and able to play a part in China's modernization, while Chinese Deputy Premier Gu Mu promised a continuation of the "open door" economic policy and the People's Republic's support for a "strong and united Europe".

**ANNEX I**

**Trade Agreement  
between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of  
China**

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**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 946/78**

**of 2 May 1978**

**concerning the conclusion of the Trade Agreement between the European  
Economic Community and the People's Republic of China**

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 from the  
Commission,

Whereas the Trade Agreement between the European  
Economic Community and the People's Republic of  
China, signed in Brussels on 3 April 1978 should be  
concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The Trade Agreement between the European  
Economic Community and the People's Republic of  
China is hereby approved on behalf of the Commu-  
nity.

The text of the Agreement is annexed to this Regula-  
tion.

*Article 2*

The President of the Council shall give the notifica-  
tion provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement<sup>1</sup>.

*Article 3*

The Community shall be represented on the Joint  
Committee provided for in Article 9 of the Agree-  
ment, by the Commission, assisted by representatives  
of the Member States.

*Article 4*

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

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

Done at Brussels, 2 May 1978.

*For the Council*

*The President*

K. B. ANDERSEN

<sup>1</sup> The Agreement came into force on 1 June 1978.

## TRADE AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,

DESIRING to develop economic relations and trade between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China on the basis of equality and the mutual advantage of the two Contracting Parties and to give a new impetus to their relations,

HAVE DECIDED TO CONCLUDE THIS AGREEMENT THE TERMS OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

### *Article 1*

The two Contracting Parties will endeavour, within the framework of their respective existing laws and regulations, to promote and intensify trade between them.

To this end they confirm their determination:

- (a) to take all appropriate measures to create favourable conditions for trade between them;
- (b) to do all they can to improve the structure of their trade in order to diversify it further; and
- (c) to examine, each for its own part and in a spirit of goodwill, any suggestions made by the other Party, in particular in the Joint Committee, for the purpose of facilitating trade between them.

### *Article 2*

1. In their trade relations the two Contracting Parties shall accord each other most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters regarding:

- (a) customs duties and charges of all kinds applied to the import, export, re-export or transit of products, including the procedures for the collection of such duties or charges;
- (b) regulations, procedures and formalities concerning customs clearance, transit, warehousing and transshipment of products imported or exported;
- (c) taxes and other internal charges levied directly or indirectly on products or services imported or exported;
- (d) administrative formalities for the issue of import or export licences.

2. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply in the case of:

- (a) advantages accorded by either Contracting Party to States which together with it are members of a customs union or free trade area;
- (b) advantages accorded by either Contracting Party to neighbouring countries for the purpose of facilitating border trade;
- (c) measures which either Contracting Party may take in order to meet its obligations under international commodity agreements.

### *Article 3*

The two Contracting Parties will make every effort to foster the harmonious expansion of their reciprocal trade and to help, each by its own means, to attain a balance in such trade.

Should an obvious imbalance arise, the matter must be examined within the Joint Committee so that measures can be recommended in order to improve the situation.

### *Article 4*

1. The People's Republic of China will give favourable consideration to imports from the European Economic Community. To this end the competent Chinese authorities will ensure that Community exporters have the possibility of participating fully in opportunities for trade with China.

2. The European Economic Community will strive for an increasing liberalization of imports from the People's Republic of China. To this end it will endeavour progressively to introduce measures extending

the list of products for which imports from China have been liberalized and to increase the amounts of quotas. The procedure for implementation will be examined within the framework of the Joint Committee.

*Article 5*

1. The two Contracting Parties shall exchange information on any problems that may arise with regard to their trade and shall open friendly consultations, with the intention of promoting trade, for the purpose of seeking mutually satisfactory solutions to those problems. Each of the two Contracting Parties will ensure that no action is taken before consultations are held.

2. In an exceptional case, however, where the situation does not admit any delay, either Contracting Party may take measures, but must endeavour as far as possible to hold friendly consultations before doing so.

3. Each Contracting Party will ensure that, when taking the measures referred to in paragraph 2, the general objectives of this Agreement are not prejudiced.

*Article 6*

The two Contracting Parties undertake to promote visits by persons, groups and delegations from economic, trade and industrial circles, to facilitate industrial and technical exchanges and contacts connected with trade and to foster the organization of fairs and exhibitions by both sides and the relevant provision of services. As far as possible they must grant each other the facilities concerning the above activities.

*Article 7*

Trade in goods and the provision of services between the two Contracting Parties shall be effected at market-related prices and rates.

*Article 8*

The Contracting Parties agree that payments for transactions shall be made, in accordance with their respective existing laws and regulations, in currencies of the Member States of the Community, Renminbi or any convertible currency accepted by the two parties concerned in the transactions.

*Article 9*

1. An EEC-China Joint Committee for Trade shall be set up, comprising representatives of the European Economic Community on the one hand and representatives of the People's Republic of China on the other.

2. The tasks of the Joint Committee shall be as follows:

- to monitor and examine the functioning of this Agreement,
- to examine any questions that may arise in the implementation of this Agreement,
- to examine problems that could hinder the development of trade between the Contracting Parties,
- to examine means and new opportunities of developing trade between the Contracting Parties and other problems relating to their trade,
- and
- to make recommendations that may help to attain the objectives of this Agreement.

3. The Joint Committee shall meet once a year, in Brussels and Peking alternately. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by mutual agreement, at the request of either Contracting Party. The office of chairman of the Joint Committee shall be held by each of the two Contracting Parties in turn. Where both Parties consider it necessary, the Joint Committee may set up working parties to assist it in its work.

*Article 10*

As far as the European Economic Community is concerned, this Agreement shall apply to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied, and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty.

*Article 11*

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other of the completion of the legal procedures necessary for this purpose. It is concluded for a period of five years. The Agreement shall be tacitly renewed from year to year provided that neither Contracting Party notifies the other Party in writing of its denunciation of the Agreement six months before the date of expiry.

However, the Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the two Contracting Parties in order to take account of new situations.

(signatures follow)

ANNEX II

Trade between the Community and China

(million ECU)

	1958	1960	1963	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Imports	163	235	165	357	315	318	370	348	362	418
Exports	384	331	153	417	521	444	432	461	397	369
Balance	+221	+96	-12	+60	+206	+126	+62	+113	+35	-49

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981 (1)
Imports	544	722	667	860	863	940	1329	1907	2220
Exports	607	807	1153	1186	796	1489	2103	1734	2025
Balance	+63	+85	+486	+326	-67	+549	+774	-173	-195

Sources : SOEC

(1) Projected for the United Kingdom

ANNEX III

Categories of goods traded between  
the European Community and China

(in '000 ECU)

CCT Heading	I M P O R T S			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
<i>Section I</i>				
<b>Live animals; animal products</b>				
1 Live animals .....	62	-	-	164
2 Meat and edible meat offals .....	49.320	47.349	39.626	56.729
3 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs .....	9.002	10.087	10.219	14.922
4 Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included .....	6.088	6.087	12.811	15.575
5 Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included .....	79.351	76.552	78.112	100.200
<i>Section II</i>				
<b>Vegetable products</b>				
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage ..	14	-	-	197
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers ...	14.130	5.191	25.826	97.706
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of melons or citrus fruit .....	7.464	10.723	9.554	10.150
9 Coffee, tea, maté and spices .....	23.683	26.624	31.109	38.970
10 Cereals .....	1.530	7.592	2.832	3.051
11 Products of the milling industry; malt and starches; gluten; inulin .....	652	-	306	630
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial and medical plants; straw and fodder .....	14.104	15.993	28.589	35.918
13 Lacs, gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts .....	2.980	2.449	3.818	2.952
14 Vegetable plaiting materials, vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included .....	2.395	4.680	5.560	5.572
<i>Section III</i>				
<b>Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes</b>				
15 Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes .....	8.274	6.959	9.868	11.000

(in '000 ECU)

CCT Heading	I M P O R T S			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
<i>Section IV</i>				
<b>Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco</b>				
16 Preparations of meat, of fish, of crustaceans or molluscs .....	1.515	1.523	1.816	1.881
17 Sugars and sugar confectionery .....	39	143	186	216
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations .....	1.440	2.991	8.385	7.659
19 Preparations of cereals, flour or starch; pastry-cooks' products .....	1.533	1.235	1.744	2.062
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit or other parts of plants .....	33.448	38.104	51.123	51.315
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations .....	719	1.433	2.083	2.468
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar .....	549	514	971	1.331
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder .....	6.940	2.207	2.991	5.456
24 Tobacco .....	3.562	2.949	2.127	4.029
<i>Section V</i>				
<b>Mineral products</b>				
25 Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement .....	7.726	12.679	17.683	27.311
26 Metallic ores, slag and ash .....	19.704	17.782	37.906	46.964
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes .....	1.740	5.490	55.110	111.915
<i>Section VI</i>				
<b>Products of the chemical and allied industries</b>				
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements and of isotopes ...	5.605	4.469	10.567	21.741
29 Organic chemicals .....	19.028	18.142	32.072	73.457
30 Pharmaceutical products .....	2.720	2.826	4.164	4.491
31 Fertilizers .....	56	155	-	-
32 Tanning and dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, colours, paints and varnishes; putty, fillers and stoppings; inks .....	1.824	1.420	1.959	3.984
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations .....	16.045	12.882	18.622	19.770
34 Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, artificial waxes, prepared waxes, polishing and scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes and 'dental waxes' .....	372	517	958	2.532
35 Albuminoidal substances; glues; enzymes .....	827	1.133	1.605	1.633
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations .	5.777	6.560	9.632	10.766

(in '000 ECU)

CCT Heading	I M P O R T S			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
37 Photographic and cinematographic goods.....	44	194	--	115
38 Miscellaneous chemical products.....	18.450	11.189	23.990	37.498
<i>Section VII</i>				
<b>Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers, and articles thereof; rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof</b>				
39 Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers; articles thereof.....	295	262	754	3.056
40 Rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof.....	170	203	275	1.108
<i>Section VIII</i>				
<b>Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut (other than silk-worm gut)</b>				
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.....	25.174	19.488	30.140	29.892
42 Articles of leather, saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut).....	14.361	24.225	36.464	59.297
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof ..	44.533	54.525	66.269	78.905
<i>Section IX</i>				
<b>Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, or esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork</b>				
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal.....	2.713	4.213	5.668	6.256
45 Cork and articles of cork.....	71	-	158	291
46 Manufactures of straw, of esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork.....	37.136	63.923	67.499	76.103
<i>Section X</i>				
<b>Paper-making material; paper and paperboard and articles thereof</b>				
47 Paper-making material.....	-	-	-	216
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp of paper or of paperboard.....	2.593	2.525	3.477	5.229
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans.....	424	349	506	421



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CCT Heading	I M P O R T S			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
<i>Section XI</i>				
<b>Textile and textile articles</b>				
50 Silk and waste silk .....	73.612	85.886	133.696	103.868
51 Man-made fibres (continuous) .....	508	400	517	894
52 Metallized textiles .....	-	-	-	-
53 Wood and other animal hair .....	35.496	49.355	61.173	96.076
54 Flax and ramie .....	3.116	2.889	3.593	3.300
55 Cotton .....	47.443	45.854	66.466	86.512
56 Man-made fibres (discontinuous) .....	11.712	9.511	14.898	19.383
57 Other vegetable textile materials; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn .....	2.261	2.606	5.230	4.170
58 Carpets, mats, matting and tapestries; pile and chenille fabrics; narrow fabrics; trimmings; tulle and other net fabrics; lace; embroidery .....	25.960	33.748	42.856	47.080
59 Wadding and felt; twine, cordage, ropes and cables; special fabrics; impregnated and coated fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use .....	1.501	1.783	1.595	1.649
60 Knitted and crocheted goods .....	3.595	5.890	12.032	34.364
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of textile fabric, other than knitted or crocheted goods .....	16.097	19.008	30.084	69.765
62 Other made up textile articles .....	12.305	19.555	30.150	49.247
63 Old clothing and other textile articles; rags .....	-	-	-	-
<i>Section XII</i>				
<b>Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sunshades, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair</b>				
64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles .....	7.418	11.503	16.770	31.795
65 Headgear and parts thereof .....	3.820	5.126	3.972	5.265
66 Umbrellas, sunshades, walking-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof .....	365	184	296	353
67 Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair .....	2.795	4.775	5.138	5.108
<i>Section XIII</i>				
<b>Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and of similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware</b>				
68 Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and similar materials .....	472	634	872	1.244
69 Ceramic products .....	5.614	6.339	7.304	10.811
70 Glass and glassware .....	1.408	1.319	1.605	2.557

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CCT Heading	I M P O R T S			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
<i>Section XIV</i>				
<b>Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin</b>				
71 Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery .....	337.357	3.254	5.161	31.061
72 Coin .....	-	-	907	9.986
<i>Section XV</i>				
<b>Base metals and articles of base metal</b>				
73 Iron and steel and articles thereof .....	4.974	2.963	5.788	13.871
74 Copper and articles thereof .....	207	562	196	288
75 Nickel and articles thereof .....	2	-	-	-
76 Aluminium and articles thereof .....	99	127	2.400	158
77 Magnesium and beryllium and articles thereof .....	-	-	-	-
78 Lead and articles thereof .....	45	-	-	-
79 Zinc and articles thereof .....	1.190	-	136	-
80 Tin and articles thereof .....	19.407	14.887	16.534	11.455
81 Other base metals employed in metallurgy and articles thereof .....	1.168	2.429	5.683	5.855
82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof .....	1.344	5.422	8.317	17.530
83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal .....	1.799	1.796	1.965	3.908
<i>Section XVI</i>				
<b>Machinery and mechanical appliances electrical equipment; parts thereof</b>				
84 Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof .....	1.380	6.878	8.506	8.996
85 Electrical machinery and equipment; parts thereof .....	1.651	1.681	1.897	4.587
<i>Section XVII</i>				
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, and parts thereof; vessels and certain associated transport equipment</b>				
86 Railway and tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway and tramway track fixtures and fittings; traffic signalling equipment of all kinds (not electrically powered) .....	1	-	-	-
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts thereof .....	331	119	302	1.440

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CCT Heading	I M P O R T S			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
88 Aircraft and parts thereof; parachutes; catapults and similar aircraft launching gear, ground flying trainers .....	119	1.609	1.283	-
89 Ships, boats and floating structures .....	98	-	120	-
<i>Section XVIII</i>				
<b>Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts thereof</b>				
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; parts thereof .....	1.218	1.666	1.987	5.975
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof .....	3.356	3.878	3.677	4.355
92 Musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts and accessories of such articles .....	2.618	2.584	3.421	4.244
<i>Section XIX</i>				
<b>Arms and ammunition; parts thereof</b>				
93 Arms and ammunition; parts thereof .....	235	301	317	798
<i>Section XX</i>				
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>				
94 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings .....	6.008	10.271	12.523	21.383
95 Articles and manufactures of carving or moulding material .....				
96 Brooms, brushes, powder-puffs and sieves .....	1.106	1.590	1.894	1.612
97 Toys, games and sports requisites; parts thereof ..	1.118	1.888	2.684	3.972
98 Miscellaneous manufactured articles .....	9.646	8.977	11.879	16.336
	1.959	1.153	1.520	1.950
<i>Section XXI</i>				
<b>Works of art, collectors' pieces, and antiques</b>				
99 Works of art, collectors' pieces, and antiques .....	19.956	4.092	6.009	10.583
TOTAL	1.183.060	933.719	1.311.252	1.865.726

Categories of goods traded between  
the European Community and China

(in '000 ECU)

CCT Heading	E x p o r t s			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
<i>Section I</i>				
<b>Live animals; animal products</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>1.017</b>
1 Live animals .....	-	-	-	-
2 Meat and edible meat offals .....	-	-	-	-
3 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs .....	-	-	-	-
4 Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included .....	<b>47</b>	<b>4.090</b>	<b>1.358</b>	<b>160</b>
5 Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included .....	<b>2</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>618</b>
<i>Section II</i>				
<b>Vegetable products</b>				
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage ...	-	-	-	-
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers ...	-	-	-	-
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of melons or citrus fruit .....	-	-	-	-
9 Coffee, tea, maté and spices .....	-	-	-	-
10 Cereals .....	-	-	-	-
11 Products of the milling industry; malt and starches; gluten; inulin .....	-	-	<b>7.936</b>	<b>16.290</b>
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial and medical plants; straw and fodder .....	-	-	-	-
13 Lacs, gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts .....	<b>23</b>	<b>155</b>	-	-
14 Vegetable plaiting materials, vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included .....	<b>423</b>	-	<b>240</b>	<b>427</b>
	<b>32</b>	-	-	
<i>Section III</i>				
<b>Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes</b>				
15 Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes .....	<b>3.108</b>	<b>2.525</b>	<b>3.842</b>	<b>501</b>

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CCT Heading	E x p o r t s			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
<i>Section IV</i>				
<b>Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco</b>				
16 Preparations of meat, of fish, of crustaceans or molluscs .....	15	-	-	-
17 Sugars and sugar confectionery .....	42	21.365	14.100	-
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations .....	-	-	-	-
19 Preparations of cereals, flour or starch; pastry- cooks' products .....	34	-	-	-
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit or other parts of plants .....	11	-	-	-
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations .....	6	-	1.264	557
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar .....	141	-	661	932
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder .....	7	398	-	-
24 Tobacco .....	1	-	273	-
<i>Section V</i>				
<b>Mineral products</b>				
25 Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement .....	363	-	116	-
26 Metallic ores, slag and ash .....	-	-	-	-
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes .....	3.663	2.506	1.047	2.031
<i>Section VI</i>				
<b>Products of the chemical and allied industries</b>				
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements and of isotopes ...	4.539	15.452	22.212	33.679
29 Organic chemicals .....	65.986	61.831	66.314	100.266
30 Pharmaceutical products .....	983	1.519	1.480	1.346
31 Fertilizers .....	23.096	72.633	83.483	112.662
32 Tanning and dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, colours, paints and varnishes; putty, fillers and stoppings; inks .....	7.284	19.667	29.593	28.047
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cos- metics and toilet preparations .....	413	355	512	683
34 Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, artificial waxes, prepared waxes, polishing and scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes and 'dental waxes' .....	416	1.572	1.191	868
35 Albuminoidal substances; glues; enzymes .....	754	319	237	400
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; py- rophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations .	1	-	-	-

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CCT Heading	EXPORTS			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
37 Photographic and cinematographic goods .....	257	489	1.501	1.163
38 Miscellaneous chemical products .....	8.536	16.590	23.896	20.738
<i>Section VII</i>				
<b>Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers, and articles thereof; rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof</b>				
39 Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers; articles thereof .....	35.957	34.211	30.204	64.303
40 Rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof .....	414	1.470	4.096	1.434
<i>Section VIII</i>				
<b>Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut (other than silk-worm gut)</b>				
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather .....	16	825	794	2.235
42 Articles of leather, saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut) .....	90	166	122	122
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof ..	429	-	440	4.723
<i>Section IX</i>				
<b>Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, or esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork</b>				
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal .....	34	-	215	422
45 Cork and articles of cork .....	-	-	-	-
46 Manufactures of straw, of esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork .....	-	-	-	-
<i>Section X</i>				
<b>Paper-making material; paper and paperboard and articles thereof</b>				
47 Paper-making material .....	2	-	-	-
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp of paper or of paperboard .....	180	1.011	3.855	4.985
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans .....	2.370	4.036	3.075	3.827

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CCT Heading	EXPORTS			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
<i>Section XI</i>				
<b>Textile and textile articles</b>				
50 Silk and waste silk .....	57	-	-	-
51 Man-made fibres (continuous) .....	10.484	10.427	9.723	16.404
52 Metallized textiles .....	-	-	-	-
53 Wood and other animal hair .....	90	-	250	3.176
54 Flax and ramie .....	1.918	2.366	2.666	5.576
55 Cotton .....	312	787	1.249	882
56 Man-made fibres (discontinuous) .....	10.116	21.593	558	30.936
57 Other vegetable textile materials; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn .....	-	-	-	-
58 Carpets, mats, matting and tapestries; pile and chenille fabrics; narrow fabrics; trimmings; tulle and other net fabrics; lace; embroidery .....	56	-	-	201
59 Wadding and felt; twine, cordage, ropes and cables; special fabrics; impregnated and coated fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use .....	934	1.682	1.081	633
60 Knitted and crocheted goods .....	194	246	239	249
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of textile fabric, other than knitted or crocheted goods .....	113	110	184	112
62 Other made up textile articles .....	33	535	849	406
63 Old clothing and other textile articles; rags .....	1	-	-	-
<i>Section XII</i>				
<b>Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sunshades, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair</b>				
64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles .....	46	-	-	252
65 Headgear and parts thereof .....	34	-	-	-
66 Umbrellas, sunshades, walking-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof .....	-	-	-	-
67 Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair .....	-	-	-	-
<i>Section XIII</i>				
<b>Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and of similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware</b>				
68 Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and similar materials .....	465	343	690	664
69 Ceramic products .....	775	335	250	933
70 Glass and glassware .....	169	-	157	316

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CCT Heading	E X P O R T S			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
<i>Section XIV</i>				
<b>Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin</b>				
71 Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery .....	11.049	9.775	19.470	16.827
72 Coin .....	4	-	-	-
<i>Section XV</i>				
<b>Base metals and articles of base metal</b>				
73 Iron and steel and articles thereof .....	329.162	694.172	745.001	256.845
74 Copper and articles thereof .....	677	14.999	6.709	-
75 Nickel and articles thereof .....	80	381	698	488
76 Aluminium and articles thereof .....	15.392	30.229	17.980	12.230
77 Magnesium and beryllium and articles thereof .....	80	-	-	-
78 Lead and articles thereof .....	-	-	-	-
79 Zinc and articles thereof .....	60	-	122	-
80 Tin and articles thereof .....	2	-	-	-
81 Other base metals employed in metallurgy and articles thereof .....	23	-	267	-
82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof .....	370	626	3.710	1.536
83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal .....	720	448	606	261
<i>Section XVI</i>				
<b>Machinery and mechanical appliances electrical equipment; parts thereof</b>				
84 Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof .....	418.808	156.490	669.612	667.942
85 Electrical machinery and equipment; parts thereof .....	81.322	31.790	40.673	73.190
<i>Section XVII</i>				
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, and parts thereof; vessels and certain associated transport equipment</b>				
86 Railway and tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway and tramway track fixtures and fittings; traffic signalling equipment of all kinds (not electrically powered) .....	57	235	134	288
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts thereof .....	3.275	48.229	79.783	27.040



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CCT Heading	E X P O R T S			
	1976	1978	1979	1980
88 Aircraft and parts thereof; parachutes; catapults and similar aircraft launching gear, ground flying trainers .....	18.479	4.305	7.497	156
89 Ships, boats and floating structures .....	5.227	54.905	26.097	6.830
<i>Section XVIII</i>				
<b>Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts thereof</b>				
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; parts thereof .....	28.882	34.769	75.557	79.048
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof .....	930	2.287	3.090	2.442
92 Musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts and accessories of such articles .....	481	402	1.270	1.853
<i>Section XIX</i>				
<b>Arms and ammunition; parts thereof</b>				
93 Arms and ammunition; parts thereof .....	7	-	169	209
<i>Section XX</i>				
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>				
94 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings .....	83	-	110	581
95 Articles and manufactures of carving or moulding material .....	-	-	-	-
96 Brooms, brushes, powder-puffs and sieves .....	2	-	-	-
97 Toys, games and sports requisites; parts thereof ..	27	-	148	227
98 Miscellaneous manufactured articles .....	36	-	-	-
<i>Section XXI</i>				
<b>Works of art, collectors' pieces, and antiques</b>				
99 Works of art, collectors' pieces, and antiques .....	2.370	1.471	2.330	2.715
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.120.385</b>	<b>1.489.702</b>	<b>2.100.618</b>	<b>1.724.872</b>

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