COUNCIL DECISION

of 18 June 1973

authorizing the tacit extension of certain trade agreements concluded between the Member States and third countries

(73/181/EEC)

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 Council Decision of 16 December 1969 [1] on the progressive standardization of agreements concerning commercial relations between Member States and third countries and on the negotiation of Community agreements, and in particular Article 3 thereof;

Having regard to the Proposal from the Commission;

Whereas tacit extension beyond the end of the transitional period has already been authorized in the case of the Agreements listed in the Annex hereto by the Council under its Decisions of 30 June 1969 [2], 15 September 1969 [3], 20 December 1969 [4], 8 June 1970 [5], 13 July 1970 [6], 25 May 1971 [7] and 6 June 1972 [8];

Whereas the Member States concerned have requested that, with a view to avoiding interruption in their commercial relations with the third countries concerned based on agreement and pending finalization of the programme for Community negotiations currently being studied — which aims at the gradual replacement of Member States' agreements by Community agreements —, thus be authorized to extend the abovementioned Agreements;

Whereas authorization has to be granted for the extension of trade agreements with third countries beyond the transitional period, but without affecting the other obligations incumbent upon the Member States concerned under Community law;

Whereas the Member States concerned have declared that extension of these Agreements would not constitute an obstacle to the opening of Community negotiations with the third countries concerned and that they are willing to have commercial matters covered by their current bilateral agreements covered instead by such Community agreements as may be negotiated;

Whereas, at the conclusion of the consultations provided for in Article 2 of the Council Decision of 16 December 1969, it was established, as the aforesaid declarations by the Member States confirm, that the provisions of the instruments to be extended would not, during the period of extension envisaged, constitute an obstacle to implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas in these circumstances the Agreements covered may be tacitly extended for a specified period,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The trade agreements between Member States and third countries listed in the Annex hereto may be extended up to the date specified in each case in the said Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 18 June 1973.

For the Council

The President

A. LAVENS

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(1) OJ No L 326, 29. 12. 1969, p. 39.
(2) OJ No L 169, 10. 7. 1969, p. 2.
(3) OJ No L 238, 23. 9. 1969, p. 9.
(4) OJ No L 6, 9. 1. 1970, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 133, 18. 6. 1970, p. 14.
(6) OJ No L 157, 18. 7. 1970, p. 29.
(7) OJ No L 122, 4. 6. 1971, p. 24.
(8) OJ No L 133, 10. 6. 1972, p. 61.

ANNEX

Member State	Third Country	Type and Date of Agreement		Extended until
BENELUX	Israel	Trade Agreement	29. 8. 1958	31. 8. 1974
	Portugal	Trade Agreement	24. 5. 1961	30. 9. 1974
BLEU	Mexico	Trade Agreement	11. 9. 1950	11. 9. 1974
	Uruguay	Trade Agreement	14. 6. 1946	31. 12. 1974
DENMARK	Cameroun	Trade Agreement	8. 10. 1962	7. 10. 1974
GERMANY	Colombia	Trade Agreement	9. 11. 1957	10. 11. 1974
	Ecuador	Trade Agreement	1. 8. 1953	15. 10. 1974
	Uruguay	Trade Agreement	18. 4. 1953	10. 10. 1974
IRELAND	Bulgaria	Trade Agreement	23. 4. 1970	30. 6. 1974
	Portugal	Trade Agreement	6. 2. 1952	31. 12. 1974
	Spain	Trade Agreement	19. 12. 1951	31. 12. 1974
	Switzerland	Trade Agreement	26. 12. 1951	31. 12. 1974
ITALY	Cuba	Exchange of notes	9. 9. 1950	9. 9. 1974
	India	Trade Agreement Exchange of letters	6. 10. 1959 7. 7. 1964	30. 6. 1974
	Lebanon	Trade Agreement	4. 11. 1955	10. 9. 1974
	Sweden	Trade Agreement	18. 12. 1961	31. 10. 1974
	Switzerland	Trade Agreement	21. 10. 1950	31. 10. 1974
	Yemen	Additional Protocol (to the Treaty of Friendship and Economic relations of 4. 9. 1937)	5. 10. 1959	31. 12. 1974
UNITED KINGDOM	Argentine	Agreement relating to Trade and Commerce and successively exchange of notes	1. 12. 1936	31. 12. 1974
	Haiti	Exchange of notes for the establishment of a commercial 'Modus Vivendi'	25. 2. 1928	31. 12. 1974
	Iceland	Agreement relating to Trade and Commerce (with protocol)	19. 5. 1933	31. 12. 1974
	Norway	Trade Agreement	15. 12. 1950	31. 12. 1974
	Poland	Agreement on Trade and Commerce and successively exchange of notes	27. 2. 1935	31. 12. 1974
	Tunisia	Trade Agreement and successively exchange of notes	17. 1. 1961	31. 10. 1974