COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 February 1977

amending the list of the countries and territories referred to in Decision 76/198/EEC on import arrangements for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in the overseas countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community

(77/157/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 136 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas Decision 76/198/EEC [1] laid down import arrangements for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in the overseas countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community;

Whereas the Comores, Seychelles and Surinam, which appear in the list of the countries and territories contained in the Annex to the said Decision, have become independent;

Whereas these States acceded to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé [2] on 16 July, 27 August and 13 September 1976 respectively and should consequently be counted among the ACP States to which Protocol 7 on rum annexed to the Convention is applicable; whereas the list in the Annex to Decision 76/198/EEC should, therefore, be adjusted,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The following shall be deleted in the Annex to Decision 76/198/EEC: 'The Comores', 'Seychelles' and 'Surinam'.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

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(1) OJ No L 37, 12. 2. 1976, p. 24.
(2) OJ No L 25, 30. 1. 1976, p. 22.