COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 January 1979

making trade in crude oil and/or petroleum products between Belgium and other Member States, France and other Member States and the Netherlands and other Member States subject to a system of authorization to be granted automatically by the exporting Member State

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(79/126/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 77/186/EEC of 14 February 1977 on the exporting of crude oil and petroleum products from one Member State to another in the event of supply difficulties [1], and in particular Article 1 thereof,

After consulting the group of delegates from the Member States as provided for in Directive 73/328/EEC of 24 July 1973 [2],

Whereas Decision 77/186/EEC provides that where difficulties arise in the supply of crude oil and/or petroleum products in one or more Member States, the Commission may, at the request of a Member State or on its own initiative, decide to make trade between Member States subject to a system of licences to be granted automatically by the exporting Member State ;

Whereas certain Member States have made a request to this effect ;

Whereas the present reduction of production affects exports of crude oil to the Community ;

Whereas this development could bring about disturbances in the traditional trade flows of crude oil and petroleum products between Member States ;

Whereas, therefore, in order to prevent such a situation, it is necessary to follow duly these trade flows by means of a Community system ;

Whereas in particular, in view of the supply situation in Belgium, France and the Netherlands, such a system should be laid down in respect of trade involving those States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Trade in products falling within heading No 27.09 and subheadings 27.10 B C I and C II of the Common Customs Tariff, between Belgium and other Member States, France and other Member States and the Netherlands and other Member States, shall be subject to a system of authorization to be granted automatically by the exporting Member State.

Article 2

This Decision shall expire on 31 March 1979 unless a contrary decision is taken on the basis of Article 5 of Decision 77/186/EEC.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the French Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 29 January 1979.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 61, 5. 3. 1977, p. 23.
(2) OJ No L 228, 16. 8. 1973, p. 2.