COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1979

extending the period of application of the system of authorization for trade in crude oil and/or petroleum products between Italy and other Member States provided for by Decisions 79/589/EEC and 79/858/EEC

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(80/123/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 73/238/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 Italy has 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 Italy, provision should be made in respect of trade involving this Member State for an extension of the system provided for by Decisions 79/589/EEC (3) and 79/858/EEC (4),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

In Article 2 of Decision 79/589/EEC the date '30 September 1979' shall be replaced by '31 March 1980', unless a contrary decision is taken pursuant to Article 5 of Decision 77/186/EEC.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1979.

For 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.
(3) OJ No L 160, 28. 6. 1979, p. 41.
(4) OJ No L 265, 23. 10. 1979, p. 12.