COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1979

extending the period of application of the systems of authorization for trade in crude oil and/or petroleum products between certain Member States provided for by Decisions 79/126/EEC, 79/135/EEC, 79/397/EEC, 79/548/EEC and 79/859/EEC

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(80/124/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 Member States as provided for in Directive 73/238/EEC [2],

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

Whereas this development could bring about disturbances in 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 continue to monitor these trade flows regularly by means of a Community system;

Whereas in particular, in view of the supply situation in Belgium, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, provision should be made in respect of trade involving these Member States for a fourth extension of the system provided for by Decisions 79/126/EEC [3], 79/135/EEC [4], 79/397/EEC [5], 79/548/EEC [6] and 79/859/EEC [7]; whereas the Member States in question have made a request to this effect,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Articles 2 of Decisions 79/126/EEC and 79/135/EEC the date '31 March 1979' shall be replaced by '31 March 1980', unless a contrary decision is taken on the basis of Article 5 of Decision 77/186/EEC.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 21 December 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.
(3) OJ No L 30, 6. 2. 1979, p. 19.
(4) OJ No L 32, 8. 2. 1979, p. 39.
(5) OJ No L 97, 19. 4. 1979, p. 15.
(6) OJ No L 148, 16. 6. 1979, p. 52.
(7) OJ No L 265, 23. 10. 1979, p. 13.