COUNCIL DECISION

of 23 September 1980

on the notification of the provisional application by the European Economic Community of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1979

(80/908/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 recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the purpose of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1979, is to stabilize the price of natural rubber around the long-term market trend, thereby achieving also a balanced growth between supply and demand for this product;

Whereas on 30 May 1980, in accordance with Council Decision 80/762/EEC [1], the Community signed the said Agreement subject to conclusion;

Whereas the Community should give notification that it will apply the Agreement provisionally, pending completion of the internal procedures required in order for it to be concluded,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

In accordance with Article 60 of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1979, the Community shall deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization, before 30 September 1980, the notification annexed to this Decision according to which it will apply the Agreement provisionally, as an importing member, when the Agreement comes into force in accordance with Article 61 [2].

The text of the Agreement appears in the Annex to Decision 80/762/EEC.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to deposit this notification.

Done at Brussels, 23 September 1980.

For the Council

The President

J. SANTER

(1) OJ No L 213, 16. 8. 1980, p. 1.

(2) The date from which the Agreement is to be provisionally applied will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

ANNEX

Notification of the provisional application of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1979

In accordance with Article 60 of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1979, the Council of the European Communities hereby notifies the Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization, the depositary of the Agreement, that it intends to set in motion the institutional procedure necessary for the Agreement to be approved and that the Community will apply the Agreement provisionally, as an importing member, when it comes into force in accordance with Article 61.