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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 June 1986

accepting on behalf of the Community the European Agreement on the Exchange of Therapeutic Substances of Human Origin

(86/346/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 5 (1) of the European Agreement on the Exchange of Therapeutic Substances of Human Origin provides that the Contracting Parties shall take all necessary measures to exempt from all import duties the therapeutic substances of human origin placed at their disposal by the other Parties;

Whereas any derogation from the Common Customs Tariff, whether autonomous or conventional, falls within the sole competence of the Community;

Whereas the entry into force of an additional Protocol to the Agreement enabling the European Economic Community to become a Contracting Party to that Agreement allows the Community to exercise its competence in this matter; whereas the derogations provided for in the Agreement are already granted by Community rules of relief from customs duty;

Whereas the Community ought therefore to become a Contracting Party to the Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The European Agreement on the Exchange of Therapeutic Substances of Human Origin is hereby accepted on behalf of the European Economic Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the persons empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Community.

Done at Luxembourg, 25 June 1986.

For the Council
The President
G. BRAKS