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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 July 1997

on the provisional application of the Agreement on trade in textile products between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

(97/566/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 in conjunction with the first sentence of Article 228 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the European Community, an Agreement on trade in textile products with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

Whereas this Agreement should be applied on a provisional basis from 1 January 1997, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion, subject to reciprocal provisional application by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Agreement on trade in textile products between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia shall be applied on a provisional basis from 1 January 1997, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion, subject to reciprocal provisional application by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 1997.

For the Council
The President
M. FISCHBACH