COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 20 January 1981

extending the period of validity of Directive 78/338/EEC on aid to shipbuilding

(81/22/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 92 (3) (d) and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Directive 78/338/EEC of 4 April 1978 on aid to shipbuilding [1] expires on 31 December 1980;

Whereas on 25 September 1980 the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Directive on aid to shipbuilding; whereas this proposal is extremely complex and covers areas not covered by previous Directives;

Whereas in view of the complexity of the Commission proposal it seems impossible for the Council to reach a decision on the proposal before 31 December 1980, the date of expiry of Directive 78/338/EEC;

Whereas provision should therefore be made for an extension of the period of validity of Directive 78/338/EEC; whereas a three-month extension should allow the Council to reach a decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The period of validity of Directive 78/338/EEC shall be extended until 31 March 1981.

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 January 1981.

For the Council
The President
Ch. A. van der KLAAUW

[1] OJ No L 98, 11. 4. 1978, p. 19.