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REGULATION (EEC) No 2720/72 OF THE COUNCIL

of 19 December 1972

amending Article 52 of Regulation (EEC) No 542/69 on Community transit

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas Article 50 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 542/69[1] of 18 March 1969 on Community transit specifies that, where the Community transit procedure is applied, transit and export statistics shall be based on it;

Whereas Article 51 of that Regulation specifies that the T 1 and T 2 documents shall constitute the source of statistical information in respect of the movement of goods carried under the Community transit procedure;

Whereas Article 52 of that Regulation makes provision for a copy of the T 1 or T 2 document to be sent to the service of the Member State of departure responsible for external trade statistics;

Whereas until a Community method for making statistical returns on transit is finalised, the most rational and efficient system should be selected without thereby introducing new formalities in the movement of goods; whereas in the meantime the Member State of departure and the Member State of destination should be allowed to compile their transit statistics from their own documentation;

Whereas the abovementioned Articles do not make adequate provision for statistical returns on transit in all Member States involved in the Community transit operation; whereas they do not enable the Member State of destination to compile its transit statistics from its own documentation;

Whereas it should accordingly be stipulated that, where required, the necessary data for compilation of transit statistics shall be sent by the Member State of departure to the Member States involved in the Community transit operation and that a copy of document T 1 or T 2 shall be sent by the office of destination to the service of the Member State of destination responsible for external trade statistics;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following shall be substituted for Article 52 of Regulation (EEC) No 542/69:

'Until the Council, on a proposal from the Commission, has laid down provisions on the standardisation of transit statistics:

(a) the office of departure shall, without delay, send a copy of that copy of the T 1 or T 2 document returned to it by the office of destination to the service of the Member State of departure responsible for external trade statistics; the latter copy shall contain all the necessary data for the statistical recording of the Community transit operation in all the Member States involved therein;

(b) the office of destination shall, without delay, send a copy of that copy of the T 1 or T 2 document that it retains to the service of the Member State of destination responsible for external trade statistics; the latter copy shall contain all the necessary data for the statistical recording of the Community transit operation in all the Member States involved therein;

[1] OJ No L 77, 29.3.1969, p. 1.

(c) the service in the Member State of departure responsible for external trade statistics shall without delay forward the data in the copy of the T 1 or T 2 document sent to it as provided for in (a) above to the services responsible for external trade statistics in the other Member States involved in the Community transit operation, with the exception of the Member State of destination.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1973.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1972.

For the Council

The President

T. WESTERTERP