REGULATION (EEC) No 1722/73 OF THE COMMISSION

of 28 June 1973

amending Regulation (EEC) 518/72 of 8 March 1972 and Regulation (EEC) 582/69 of 26 March 1969 on certificates of origin and applications for such certificates

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community ;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) 802/68 (1) of 27 June 1968 on the common definition of the concept of the origin of goods, and in particular Article 14 thereof ;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 10 of, and Annex II to, that Regulation, Regulation (EEC) 582/69 (2) of 26 March 1969 prescribed the forms for certificates of origin relating to goods originating in the Community or in one of the Member States, intended for exportation from the Community, and for the applications for such certificates ;

Whereas, with the aim of aligning these certificates of origin on the layout-key advocated by the Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva, Regulation 518/72 of the Commission of 8 March 1972 (3) amended Regulation 582/69 by replacing the specimen of certificate of origin as laid down by the latter Regulation by a new specimen in accordance with the layout-key referred to above ;

Whereas Regulation 518/72, referred to above, laid down that the old forms could be used until 31 March 1973 in order to allow stocks of those forms to run out ; and whereas this time limit appears to be insufficient, as considerable stocks of the old forms remained on 31 March 1973 ;

Whereas the provisions of this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Committee on Origin ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The text of the second indent of Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) 518/72 shall be replaced by the following text :

'Nevertheless, forms which conform to the specimens annexed to Regulation (EEC) 582/69 may be used until 31 December 1973'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day after its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall apply from 1 April 1973.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 June 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No L 148, 28. 6. 1968, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 79, 31. 3. 1969, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 67, 20. 3. 1972, p. 25.