REGULATION (EEC) No 331/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 4 February 1974

concluding the exchange of letters amending certain provisions of Protocols 1, 6, 7 and 8 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Article 113 thereof;

Having regard to the recommendation of the Commission;

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic, signed on 22 July 1972;

Whereas certain provisions of Protocols 1, 6, 7 and 8 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic should be amended and the exchange of letters to this effect of 18 December 1973 concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The exchange of letters amending certain provisions of Protocols 1, 6, 7 and 8 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic is hereby concluded on behalf of the Community.

The text of the letters is annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

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

Done at Brussels, 4 February 1974.

For the Council

The President

W. SCHEEL

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

Letter No 1

Brussels, 18 December 1973.

Your Excellency,

At the second meeting of the EEC/Portugal Joint Committee, held in Brussels on 13 November 1973, the parties to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic, signed on 22 July 1972, examined the question of making certain amendments to the text of the Agreement.

The amendments contemplated are set out in an annex to this letter. They shall enter into force on the day following the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other that the procedure necessary to this end has been completed.

I hereby confirm the Community's agreement to these amendments.

I should be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm your Government's agreement to its contents.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Council of the
European Communities
Director-General

ANNEX

I. PROTOCOL No 1

concerning the treatment applicable to certain products

Article 4

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concerning the removal of certain quantitative restrictions in force in Portugal

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Notwithstanding the above timetable, the following timetable :

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shall apply to the following products :

CCT heading No	Description
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	A. Fresh
13.03	Vegetable saps and extracts ; pectic substances, pectinates and pectates ; agar-agar and other mucilages and thickeners, derived from vegetable products :
	ex B. Pectic substances, pectinates and pectates :
	— Pectic substances and pectinates
20.02	Vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid :
	C. Tomatoes
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	— Olives

Letter No 2

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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of today worded as follows :

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I wish to confirm the agreement of the Government of Portugal to the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Ambassador

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