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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATION (EEC) No 3229/75 OF THE COUNCIL

of 9 December 1975

concerning the proof of the origin of products required for the application of Regulations (EEC) No 1598/75 and (EEC) No 1957/75

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 113 and 136 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1598/75 [1] of 24 June 1975 on the advance implementation of certain provisions of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé relating to trade in goods, and Council Regulation (EEC) No 1957/75 [2] of 30 July 1975 on the interim trade arrangements with the 'overseas countries and territories' associated with the European Economic Community, hereafter referred to as 'countries and territories' have defined the rules of origin concerning the circumstances in which products acquire the status of originating products and concerning the proof of this status and the methods of controlling it;

Whereas it is expedient to provide for proof of origin other than that laid down in the provisions listed above,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Notwithstanding Title II of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1598/75 for goods which satisfy the conditions set out in Title I of the said Annex and are sent to a Member State before 1 January 1976, proof of originating status may be furnished to the satisfaction of the customs authorities of the importing Member State by one of the methods listed below:

(a) a certificate of origin issued by the competent authorities in the country of export;

(b) a movement certificate or a form, made out according to the models previously in force in the context of preferential trade between the Community, on the one hand, and the Associated African and Malagasy States or the Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Kenya on the other;

(c) any document which can show that the goods satisfy the conditions set out in Title I of Annex II of Regulation (EEC) No 1598/75.

Article 2

Notwithstanding Title II of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 1957/75, for goods which satisfy the conditions set out in Title I of the said Annex, and are sent to a Member State or 'country and territory' before 1 January 1976 proof of originating status may be furnished to the satisfaction of the customs authorities of the importing Member State or 'country and territory', by one of the methods listed below:

(a) a certificate of origin issued by the competent authorities in the 'country and territory' of export;

(b) a movement certificate or a form, made out according to the models previously in force in the context of preferential trade between the Community and the 'countries and territories';

[1] OJ No L 166, 28. 6. 1975, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1975, p. 5.

(c) any document which can show that the goods satisfy the conditions set out in Title I to Annex II of Regulation (EEC) No 1957/75.

Article 3

This Regulation shall also apply to goods which the customs authorities of the Member States have offered, at the time of import, to release while awaiting the submission of the documentary proof of origin as stipulated in Regulation (EEC) No 1598/75 and Regulation (EEC) No 1957/75.

Article 4

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, 9 December 1975.

For the Council

The President

M. RUMOR