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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 405/76
of 23 February 1976
extending certain interim provisions concerning trade with the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the overseas countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43, 113 and 136 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé (2), hereinafter called the 'Convention', between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, hereinafter called the 'ACP States', and the Community, was signed on 28 February 1975 ;

Whereas when the Convention was signed the Community and the ACP States agreed in an exchange of letters to apply autonomously certain provisions of the Convention from 1 July 1975 until the entry into force of the Convention or until 29 February 1976 at the latest ;

Whereas in order to give effect to the abovementioned exchange of letters the Council adopted on 24 June 1975, *inter alia*, Regulation (EEC) No 1598/75 on the advance implementation of certain provisions of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé relating to trade in goods (3) and Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories (4) ;

Whereas the Community and the ACP States have decided to extend the application of that exchange of letters beyond 29 February 1976 ;

Whereas by its Regulation (EEC) No 1957/75 on the interim trade arrangements with the overseas countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community (5) and its Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75, the Council established arrangements for the overseas countries and territories similar to those laid down for the ACP States ;

Whereas the period of validity of Regulations (EEC) No 1598/75, (EEC) No 1599/75 and (EEC) No 1957/75 should therefore be extended beyond 29 February 1976,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In the first paragraph of Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 1598/75, the second paragraph of Article 24 of Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 and the first paragraph of Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 1957/75, the date '29 February 1976' shall be replaced by the date '31 July 1976'.

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, 23 February 1976.

For the Council
The President
G. THORN

(1) Opinion delivered 12. 2. 1976 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(2) OJ No L 25, 30. 1. 1976, p. 2.
(3) OJ No L 166, 28. 6. 1975, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 166, 28. 6. 1975, p. 67.
(5) OJ No L 201, 31. 7. 1975, p. 5.