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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 494/76

of 9 February 1976

concluding the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 3 of Protocol 8 to 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 from the Commission,

Whereas the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 3 of Protocol 8 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic signed in Brussels on 22 July 1972 should be concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 3 of Protocol 8 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic is hereby concluded on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to appoint the person empowered to sign the Agreement referred to in Article 1 and to confer on him the powers necessary to bind the Community.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

G. THORN