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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2236/78

of 25 September 1978

concerning the conclusion of the Agreements on the accession of the Republic of Cape Verde, Papua New Guinea and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe to the Lomé Convention

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 238 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [1],

Whereas three Agreements on the accession of the Republic of Cape Verde, Papua New Guinea and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé [2], hereinafter referred to as the 'Convention', and a Final Act were signed in Brussels on 28 March 1977 by these States and the European Economic Community;

Whereas these Agreements should be concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreements on the accession of the Republic of Cape Verde, Papua New Guinea and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe to the Convention, and the Final Act and declarations annexed thereto, are hereby approved on behalf of the European Economic Community.

The texts referred to in the first paragraph are annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

The President of the Council, as regards the Community, shall deposit the act of notification of the approval of the Agreements, in accordance with Article 3 (2) of the Agreement on the accession of Papua New Guinea, and with Article 4 (2) of the Agreements on the accession of the Republic of Cape Verde and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe [3].

Article 3

Save where otherwise provided, any mention of the ACP States in the acts of the Institutions of the Community shall also refer to the Republic of Cape Verde, Papua New Guinea and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

Article 4

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

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(1) OJ No C 85, 10. 4. 1978, p. 48.

(2) OJ No L 25, 30. 1. 1976, p. 2.

(3) The date of entry into force of the Agreements will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 September 1978.

For the Council

The President

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