COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 595/78

of 20 March 1978

extending Regulation (EEC) No 744/77 on the advance implementation of certain provisions of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé relating to trade in respect of certain States that have signed Accession Agreements to that Convention

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

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

Whereas Agreements of Accession to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, in accordance with Article 90 thereof, were signed between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, the Republic of Cape Verde and Papua New Guinea on 28 March 1977 ;

Whereas, when these Agreements were signed, the Community and the States concerned agreed in exchanges of letters to apply unilaterally certain provisions of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé relating to trade, in accordance with the arrangements laid down in the Accession Agreements ;

Whereas, in order to give effect to the abovementioned exchanges of letters, the Council adopted on 5 April 1977 Regulation (EEC) No 744/77 (2) on the advance implementation of certain provisions of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé relating to trade ;

Whereas the procedures of ratification of the Accession Agreements were not completed by the Member States by 31 December 1977 ;

Whereas the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 744/77 should therefore be extended beyond 31 December 1977,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In the second paragraph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 744/77, '31 December 1977' shall be replaced by '31 December 1978'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1978.

For the Council

The President

K. HEINESEN

(1) Opinion delivered 17 March 1978 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

(2) OJ No L 90, 8. 4. 1977, p. 5.