COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 680/80

of 18 March 1980

concerning the conclusion of Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters rectifying certain duty-free quotas opened by the United Kingdom in accordance with Protocol 1 to the respective Free Trade Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Kingdom of Sweden

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 Free Trade Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland (1), the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway (2) and the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden (3), were signed in Brussels on 5 October 1973, 14 May 1973 and 22 July 1972 respectively;

Whereas certain duty-free quotas opened by the United Kingdom in accordance with Protocol 1 to the aforementioned Free Trade Agreements should be rectified and the Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters negotiated to this effect approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters rectifying certain duty-free quotas opened by the United Kingdom in accordance with Protocol 1 to the Free Trade Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland, the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway and the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden, are hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The texts of the Agreements are annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreements in order to bind the Community.

Article 3

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, 18 March 1980.

For the Council

The President

A. RUFFINI

(1) OJ No L 328, 28. 11. 1973, p. 2.
(2) OJ No L 171, 27. 6. 1973, p. 2.
(3) OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 97.