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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2869/82

of 21 October 1982

on the conclusion of an Arrangement with the United States of America relating to steel

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 proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the United States has taken a series of measures affecting imports of steel products from the Community; whereas that country has had recourse to anti-dumping duties, countervailing duties and to other measures with regard to the disposal of Community production on the United States market;

Whereas the Commission opened negotiations with the United States of America following the Council Decision of 24 July 1982, culminating on 6 August 1982 in the text of an arrangement whereby, in particular, the petitions of the American industry would be withdrawn and the measures taken by the United States Administration terminated in return for the restriction of Community exports, and in the text of an exchange of letters which the parties agreed to recommend that their respective authorities approve;

Whereas the Arrangement will make it possible to safeguard the essential export interests of the Community steel industry on the United States market; whereas, in order to achieve this result and because of the relation established, at negotiation level, between the products involved and covered by the ECSC Treaty and certain steel products covered by the EEC Treaty, it has appeared necessary to include these last mentioned products, which are also the subject of the abovementioned petitions and measures, in the said Arrangement;

Whereas the Commission Decision pursuant to the ECSC Treaty concerning the conclusion of the Arrangement has received the assent of the Council in accordance with that Treaty; whereas, therefore, the abovementioned Arrangement should be approved to the extent that it relates to products covered by the EEC Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The Arrangement with the United States of America relating to trade in certain steel products, to be concluded in the form of an exchange of letters, is hereby approved on behalf of the European Economic Community to the extent that this Arrangement relates to products covered by the EEC Treaty.

2. The texts of the Arrangement and of the exchange of letters are attached to this Regulation [1].

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to implement the exchange of letters for the purpose of binding the European Economic Community.

Article 3

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

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[1] See page 12 of this Official Journal.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 October 1982.

For the Council

The President

U. ELLEMANN-JENSEN