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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3386/84

of 3 October 1984

concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters consolidating and modifying the text of Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria

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 rules of origin laid down in Protocol 3 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (hereinafter alled 'the Protocol') to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria (1) as regards both the conditions under which products acquire the status of originating products and proof of such status and the detailed rules for verifying it have been amended by a number of EEC-Austria Joint Committee Decisions;

Whereas there have been two exchanges of letters derogating from Article 1 of the Protocol;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate for the proper functioning of the Agreement to incorporate in a single text all the provisions in question with a view to facilitating the work of users and customs administrations, except for EEC-Austria Joint Committee Decision No 2/82 (2);

Whereas it is appropriate to delete those provisions of the Protocol which are of transitional nature;

Whereas, by virtue of Article 28 of the Protocol, the Joint Committee can only amend part of the Protocol; whereas it is desirable to give the Joint Committee the power to amend any part of the Protocol,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters consolidating and modifying the text of Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Regulation.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to appoint the person empowered to sign the Agreement for the purpose of binding 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 Luxembourg, 3 October 1984.

For the Council

The President

P. BARRY

(1) OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 2.
(2) OJ No L 385, 31. 12. 1982, p. 2.