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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 469/76

of 24 February 1976

extending to other products the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 establishing
common rules for imports from State-trading countries

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the
European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 109/
70 of 19 December 1969 establishing common rules
for imports from State-trading countries ⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 2 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas quantitative restrictions on imports of a
number of products from State-trading countries have
been abolished in all the Member States;

Whereas, moreover, as part of the progressive
standardization of the import arrangements applied
in the Member States, it appears desirable to abolish
certain other quantitative restrictions on imports from
the said third countries;

Whereas extending the Annex to Regulation (EEC)
No 109/70 to include imports of the products in
question is not liable to create a situation in which
the application of protective measures within the
meaning of Title IV of that Regulation would be
justified;

Whereas the Annex in question has been amended
several times; whereas, for practical reasons, the
Commission should be authorized to bring it up to
date and see to its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 shall be
extended to include the products listed in the Annex
to this Regulation imported from the third countries
indicated by an 'X'.

Article 2

The Commission is hereby authorized to publish the
amended version of the Annex to Regulation (EEC)
No 109/70.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of
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, 24 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. MART

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 19, 26. 1. 1970, p. 1.

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	Forkortelser:	Abkürzungen:	Abbreviations:	Abréviations:	Abbreviazioni:	Afkortingen:
BG	= Bulgarien	Bulgarien	Bulgaria	Bulgarie	Bulgaria	Bulgarije
H	= Ungarn	Ungarn	Hungary	Hongrie	Ungheria	Hongarije
PL	= Polen	Polen	Poland	Pologne	Polonia	Polen
R	= Rumænien	Rumänien	Romania	Roumanie	Romania	Roemenië
CS	= Tjekko-slovakiet	Tschecho-slowakei	Czecho-slovakia	Tchéco-slovaquie	Ceco-slovacchia	Tsjecho-slowakije
SU	= USSR	UdSSR	USSR	URSS	URSS	U.S.S.R.
AL	= Albanien	Albanien	Albania	Albanie	Albania	Albanië
RPC	= Folkerepublikken Kina	Volksrepublik China	People's Republic of China	République populaire de Chine	Repubblica popolare cinese	Volksrepubliek China
VN	= Nordvietnam	Nordvietnam	North Vietnam	Viêt-nam du Nord	Vietnam del Nord	Noord-Vietnam
COR	= Nordkorea	Nordkorea	North Korea	Corée du Nord	Corea del Nord	Noord-Korea
MO	= Mongoliet	Mongolei	Mongolia	Mongolie	Mongolia	Mongolië
DDR	= Tyske demokratiske Republik	Deutsche Demokratische Republik	German Democratic Republic	République démocratique allemande	Repubblica democratica tedesca	Duitse Democratische Republiek

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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 470/76

of 24 February 1976

adding new products to column 2 of the list contained in Annex I to Regulation (EEC)
No 1439/74 on common rules for imports

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the
European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
1439/74 of 4 June 1974 on common rules for
imports ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 469/76 ⁽²⁾, the
Council decided to extend to other products the
Annex to Council Regulation (EEC) No 109/70 of
19 December 1969 establishing common rules for
imports from State-trading countries ⁽³⁾;

Whereas the products to which this extension applies
should be added to column 2 of the list contained in
Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The products listed in the Annex to Council
Regulation (EEC) No 469/76 are hereby added to
column 2 of the list contained in Annex I to
Regulation (EEC) No 1439/74.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of
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, 24 February 1976.

 *For the Council**The President*

M. MART

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 159, 15. 6. 1974, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ See page 1 of this Official Journal.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 19, 26. 1. 1970, p. 1.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 471/76

of 24 February 1976

suspending application of the condition on prices governing the importation into the Community of fresh lemons, originating in Cyprus, Spain, Israel, Morocco, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey in accordance with Agreements between the European Economic Community and each of these countries

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:

- the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus ⁽²⁾,
- the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain ⁽³⁾,
- the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel ⁽⁴⁾,
- the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco ⁽⁵⁾,
- the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt ⁽⁶⁾,
- the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia ⁽⁷⁾,
- the Additional Protocol ⁽⁸⁾ annexed to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Turkey,

provide *inter alia* for a tariff reduction on imports into the Community of lemons originating in these countries on condition that a fixed price is observed on the internal Community market;

Whereas the application of the said condition should be suspended with regard to imports of fresh lemons originating in Cyprus, Spain, Israel, Morocco, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey;

Whereas Council Regulations:

- (EEC) No 1252/73 of 14 May 1973 on imports of citrus fruit originating in Cyprus ⁽⁹⁾,
- (EEC) No 2047/70 of 13 October 1970 on imports of citrus fruit originating in Spain ⁽¹⁰⁾,
- (EEC) No 1627/75 of 26 June 1975 on imports of fresh lemons originating in Israel ⁽¹¹⁾,
- (EEC) No 1467/69 of 23 July 1969 on imports of citrus fruit originating in Morocco ⁽¹²⁾,
- (EEC) No 2411/73 of 24 July 1973 on imports of citrus fruit originating in the Arab Republic of Egypt ⁽¹³⁾,
- (EEC) No 1472/69 of 23 July 1969 on imports of citrus fruit originating in Tunisia ⁽¹⁴⁾, and
- (EEC) No 1233/71 of 7 June 1971 on imports of citrus fruit originating in Turkey ⁽¹⁵⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 7, 12. 1. 1976, p. 68.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 133, 21. 5. 1973, p. 2.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 182, 16. 8. 1970, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 136, 28. 5. 1975, p. 3.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 197, 8. 8. 1969, p. 5.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 251, 7. 9. 1973, p. 2.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 198, 8. 8. 1969, p. 5.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 293, 29. 12. 1972, p. 3.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 133, 21. 5. 1973, p. 113.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 228, 15. 10. 1970, p. 2.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 165, 28. 6. 1975, p. 9.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ No L 197, 8. 8. 1969, p. 95.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ No L 251, 7. 9. 1973, p. 101.

⁽¹⁴⁾ OJ No L 198, 8. 8. 1969, p. 95.

⁽¹⁵⁾ OJ No L 130, 16. 6. 1971, p. 51.

have laid down the implementing rules for the condition referred to above; whereas, therefore, the application of these Regulations as far as the said implementing rules are concerned should also be suspended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The application of the following provisions shall be suspended as regards imports of fresh lemons originating in the countries in question:

- Article 5 (2) and (3) of Annex I to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus;
- Article 7 (2) and (3) of Annex I to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain;
- Article 8 (3) and (4) of Protocol 1 annexed to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel;
- Article 4 (2) and (3) of Annex I to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco;

- Article 6 (2) and (3) of Annex I to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- Article 4 (2) and (3) of Annex I to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Republic of Tunisia;
- Article 4 (3) and (4) of Annex 6 to the Additional Protocol annexed to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Turkey.

Article 2

The application of Regulations (EEC) No 1252/73, (EEC) No 2047/70, (EEC) No 1627/75, (EEC) No 1467/69, (EEC) No 2411/73, (EEC) No 1472/69 and (EEC) No 1233/71, shall be suspended as regards imports of fresh lemons originating in the countries concerned.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1976.

It shall be applicable until 31 May 1976.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. MART

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 February 1976

authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Finland

(76/272/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3288/73 of 3 December 1973 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Irish footwear industry is currently encountering serious disturbances, involving notably a reduction in employment from 5 000 persons in 1973 to approximately 3 500 in October 1975, with a further loss of 310 jobs forecast as imminent; whereas the Irish footwear sector is mainly situated in the regions where it often represents the main if not the only local source of employment;

Whereas production declined by 30% in the first half of 1975 compared with the same period of 1974 and declined even further in the third quarter of 1975; whereas exports for the first three-quarters of 1975 dropped by 20% compared with 1974; whereas import penetration has risen from 34.1% in 1973 to 41.8% in 1974, to 45.4% in January to March 1975,

52.1% in April to June 1975 and 51.4% in July to September 1975;

Whereas these developments are liable to bring about a serious deterioration of the economic situation of this region of the Community;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to maintain temporarily an adequate level of tariff protection in Ireland for this industry;

Whereas Ireland is applying the following rates of duty to footwear with uppers of leather as from 1 January until 30 June 1976, following authorization by the Commission in its Decision of 22 December 1975:

United Kingdom	9.0%
Other Member States	18.5%
Full rate	23.5%

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Finland in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Finland of 5 October 1973 ⁽²⁾ which would result in a tariff reduction lower than that foreseen by Article 3 (2) of that Agreement, according to which the duty applied by Ireland to imports of

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 338, 7. 12. 1973, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 328, 28. 11. 1973, p. 2.

this product originating in Finland should otherwise be reduced to 10·8% or £0·09 per pair whichever is the greater;

Whereas consultations have been held with Finland in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Finland Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ireland is hereby authorized to apply, until 30 June 1976, a rate of duty of 18·5% to footwear with

uppers of leather falling within subheading 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Finland.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. MART

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 February 1976

authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Iceland

(76/273/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2843/72 of 19 December 1972 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Irish footwear industry is currently encountering serious disturbances, involving notably a reduction in employment from 5 000 persons in 1973 to approximately 3 500 in October 1975, with a further loss of 310 jobs forecast as imminent; whereas the Irish footwear sector is mainly situated in the regions where it often represents the main if not the only local source of employment;

Whereas production declined by 30% in the first half of 1975 compared with the same period of 1974 and declined even further in the third quarter of 1975; whereas exports for the first three-quarters of 1975 dropped by 20% compared with 1974; whereas import penetration has risen from 34.1% in 1973 to 41.8% in 1974, to 45.4% in January to March 1975, 52.1% in April to June 1975 and 51.4% in July to September 1975;

Whereas these developments are liable to bring about a serious deterioration of the economic situation of this region of the Community;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to maintain temporarily an adequate level of tariff protection in Ireland for this industry;

Whereas Ireland is applying the following rates of duty to footwear with uppers of leather as from 1 January until 30 June 1976, following authorization

by the Commission in its Decision of 22 December 1975:

United Kingdom	9.0%
Other Member States	18.5%
Full rate	23.5%

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Iceland in accordance with Article 27 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland of 22 July 1972 ⁽²⁾ which would result in a tariff reduction lower than that foreseen by Article 3 (2) of that Agreement, according to which the duty applied by Ireland to imports of this product originating in Iceland should otherwise be reduced to 10.8% or £ 0.09 per pair whichever is the greater;

Whereas consultations have been held with Iceland in accordance with Article 28 of the EEC-Iceland Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ireland is hereby authorized to apply, until 30 June 1976, a rate of duty of 18.5% to footwear with uppers of leather falling within subheading 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Iceland.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. MART

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 301, 31. 12. 1972, p. 162.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 301, 31. 12. 1972, p. 2.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 February 1976

authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Austria

(76/274/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2837/72 of 19 December 1972 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Irish footwear industry is currently encountering serious disturbances, involving notably a reduction in employment from 5 000 persons in 1973 to approximately 3 500 in October 1975, with a further loss of 310 jobs forecast as imminent; whereas the Irish footwear sector is mainly situated in the regions where it often represents the main if not the only local source of employment;

Whereas production declined by 30% in the first half of 1975 compared with the same period of 1974 and declined even further in the third quarter of 1975; whereas exports for the first three-quarters of 1975 dropped by 20% compared with 1974; whereas import penetration has risen from 34.1% in 1973 to 41.8% in 1974, to 45.4% in January to March 1975, 52.1% in April to June 1975 and 51.4% in July to September 1975;

Whereas these developments are liable to bring about a serious deterioration of the economic situation of this region of the Community;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to maintain temporarily an adequate level of tariff protection in Ireland for this industry;

Whereas Ireland is applying the following rates of duty to footwear with uppers of leather as from 1 January until 30 June 1976, following authorization

by the Commission in its Decision of 22 December 1975:

United Kingdom	9.0%
Other Member States	18.5%
Full rate	23.5%

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Austria in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Austria of 22 July 1972 ⁽²⁾ which would result in a tariff reduction lower than that foreseen by Article 3 (2) of that Agreement, according to which the duty applied by Ireland to imports of this product originating in Austria should otherwise be reduced to 10.8% or £ 0.09 per pair whichever is the greater;

Whereas consultations have been held with Austria in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Austria Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ireland is hereby authorized to apply, until 30 June 1976, a rate of duty of 18.5% to footwear with uppers of leather falling within subheading 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Austria.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. MART

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 94.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 2.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 February 1976

authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Norway

(76/275/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1692/73 of 25 June 1973 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Irish footwear industry is currently encountering serious disturbances, involving notably a reduction in employment from 5 000 persons in 1973 to approximately 3 500 in October 1975, with a further loss of 310 jobs forecast as imminent; whereas the Irish footwear sector is mainly situated in the regions where it often represents the main if not the only local source of employment;

Whereas production declined by 30% in the first half of 1975 compared with the same period of 1974 and declined even further in the third quarter of 1975; whereas exports for the first three-quarters of 1975 dropped by 20% compared with 1974; whereas import penetration has risen from 34.1% in 1973 to 41.8% in 1974, to 45.4% in January to March 1975, 52.1% in April to June 1975 and 51.4% in July to September 1975;

Whereas these developments are liable to bring about a serious deterioration of the economic situation of this region of the Community;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to maintain temporarily an adequate level of tariff protection in Ireland for this industry;

Whereas Ireland is applying the following rates of duty to footwear with uppers of leather as from 1 January until 30 June 1976, following authorization

by the Commission in its Decision of 22 December 1975:

United Kingdom	9.0%
Other Member States	18.5%
Full rate	23.5%

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Norway in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Norway of 25 June 1973 ⁽²⁾ which would result in a tariff reduction lower than that foreseen by Article 3 (2) of that Agreement, according to which the duty applied by Ireland to imports of this product originating in Norway should otherwise be reduced to 10.8% or £ 0.09 per pair whichever is the greater;

Whereas consultations have been held with Norway in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Norway Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ireland is hereby authorized to apply, until 30 June 1976, a rate of duty of 18.5% to footwear with uppers of leather falling within subheading 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Norway.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. MART

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 171, 27. 6. 1973, p. 103.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 171, 27. 6. 1973, p. 2.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 February 1976

authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Switzerland

(76/276/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2841/72 of 19 December 1972 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Irish footwear industry is currently encountering serious disturbances, involving notably a reduction in employment from 5 000 persons in 1973 to approximately 3 500 in October 1975, with a further loss of 310 jobs forecast as imminent; whereas the Irish footwear sector is mainly situated in the regions where it often represents the main if not the only local source of employment;

Whereas production declined by 30% in the first half of 1975 compared with the same period of 1974 and declined even further in the third quarter of 1975; whereas exports for the first three-quarters of 1975 dropped by 20% compared with 1974; whereas import penetration has risen from 34.1% in 1973 to 41.8% in 1974, to 45.4% in January to March 1975, 52.1% in April to June 1975 and 51.4% in July to September 1975;

Whereas these developments are liable to bring about a serious deterioration of the economic situation of this region of the Community;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to maintain temporarily an adequate level of tariff protection in Ireland for this industry;

Whereas Ireland is applying the following rates of duty to footwear with uppers of leather as from 1 January until 30 June 1976, following authorization

by the Commission in its Decision of 22 December 1975:

United Kingdom	9.0%
Other Member States	18.5%
Full rate	23.5%

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Switzerland in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Switzerland of 22 July 1972 ⁽²⁾ which would result in a tariff reduction lower than that foreseen by Article 3 (2) of that Agreement, according to which the duty applied by Ireland to imports of this product originating in Switzerland should otherwise be reduced to 10.8% or £ 0.09 per pair whichever is the greater;

Whereas consultations have been held with Switzerland in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Switzerland Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ireland is hereby authorized to apply, until 30 June 1976, a rate of duty of 18.5% to footwear with uppers of leather falling within subheading 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Switzerland.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. MART

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 284.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 189.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 February 1976

authorizing Ireland to take protective measures in respect of footwear with uppers of leather originating in Sweden

(76/277/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2839/72 of 19 December 1972 concerning safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Irish footwear industry is currently encountering serious disturbances, involving notably a reduction in employment from 5 000 persons in 1973 to approximately 3 500 in October 1975, with a further loss of 310 jobs forecast as imminent; whereas the Irish footwear sector is mainly situated in the regions where it often represents the main if not the only local source of employment;

Whereas production declined by 30% in the first half of 1975 compared with the same period of 1974 and declined even further in the third quarter of 1975; whereas exports for the first three-quarters of 1975 dropped by 20% compared with 1974; whereas import penetration has risen from 34.1% in 1973 to 41.8% in 1974, to 45.4% in January to March 1975, 52.1% in April to June 1975 and 51.4% in July to September 1975;

Whereas these developments are liable to bring about a serious deterioration of the economic situation of this region of the Community;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to maintain temporarily an adequate level of tariff protection in Ireland for this industry;

Whereas Ireland is applying the following rates of duty to footwear with uppers of leather as from 1 January until 30 June 1976, following authorization

by the Commission in its Decision of 22 December 1975:

United Kingdom	9.0%
Other Member States	18.5%
Full rate	23.5%

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to take similar measures as regards imports of this product originating in Sweden in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Sweden of 22 July 1972 ⁽²⁾ which would result in a tariff reduction lower than that foreseen by Article 3 (2) of that Agreement, according to which the duty applied by Ireland to imports of this product originating in Sweden should otherwise be reduced to 10.8% or £ 0.09 per pair whichever is the greater;

Whereas consultations have been held with Sweden in accordance with Article 27 of the EEC-Sweden Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ireland is hereby authorized to apply, until 30 June 1976, a rate of duty of 18.5% to footwear with uppers of leather falling within subheading 64.02 A of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Sweden.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. MART

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 186.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 300, 31. 12. 1972, p. 97.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 February 1976

authorizing prolongation or tacit renewal of certain Trade Agreements concluded
between the Member States and third countries

(76/278/EEC)

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 Council Decision of 16 December 1969 on the progressive standardization of Agreements concerning commercial relations between Member States and third countries and on the negotiation of Community Agreements ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas prolongation or tacit extension beyond the end of the transitional period has already been authorized in the case of the Agreements listed in the Annex hereto by the Council under its Decisions of 28 January 1969 ⁽²⁾, 12 May 1969 ⁽³⁾, 8 June 1969 ⁽⁴⁾, 26 June 1969 ⁽⁵⁾, 30 June 1969 ⁽⁶⁾, 15 September 1969 ⁽⁷⁾, 20 December 1969 ⁽⁸⁾, 8 June 1970 ⁽⁹⁾, 29 September 1970 ⁽¹⁰⁾, 1 March 1971 ⁽¹¹⁾, 25 April 1972 ⁽¹²⁾, 28 April 1973 ⁽¹³⁾, 21 March 1974 ⁽¹⁴⁾ and 17 February 1975 ⁽¹⁵⁾;

Whereas the Member States concerned have again, with a view to avoiding interruption in their trade relations with the third countries concerned, based on Agreements, requested authorization to prolong or tacitly renew the abovementioned Agreements;

Whereas authorization should be granted to maintain trade relations between the Member States and the third countries concerned, on the basis of Agreements, pending their replacement by a Community conventional or autonomous system; whereas such authorization should not, therefore,

adversely affect the obligation of the Member States to avoid and, where appropriate, to eliminate any incompatibility between such Agreements and the provisions of Community law;

Whereas the provisions of the instruments to be either prolonged or tacitly renewed would not, furthermore, during the period under consideration, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas the Member States concerned have stated that the prolongation or tacit renewal of these agreements would not be likely to constitute an obstacle to either the opening of Community negotiations with the third countries concerned or the transfer of the commercial fabric thereof to Community Agreements, nor would it, during the period under consideration, hinder the adoption of the necessary measures to complete the standardization of the import systems of the Member States;

Whereas, at the conclusion of the consultations provided for in Article 2 of the Decision of 16 December 1969, it was established, as the aforesaid declarations by the Member States confirm, that the provisions of the statements by the Member States do not, therefore, during the period under consideration, constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the common commercial policy;

Whereas, in these circumstances, the agreements may be either prolonged or tacitly renewed for a period not exceeding a year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Trade Agreements between Member States and third countries listed in the Annex hereto may be prolonged or tacitly renewed up to the dates specified in each case.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1976.

For the Council
The President
M. MART

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 326, 29. 12. 1969, p. 39

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 43, 20. 2. 1969, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 117, 16. 5. 1969, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 133, 28. 5. 1969, p. 14.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 159, 1. 7. 1969, p. 20.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 169, 10. 7. 1969, p. 2.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 238, 23. 9. 1969, p. 9.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 6, 9. 1. 1970, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 133, 18. 6. 1970, p. 14.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 225, 12. 10. 1970, p. 24.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 56, 1. 3. 1971, p. 8.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ No L 112, 14. 5. 1972, p. 10.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ No L 124, 10. 5. 1973, p. 22.

⁽¹⁴⁾ OJ No L 93, 4. 4. 1974, p. 23.

⁽¹⁵⁾ OJ No L 62, 7. 3. 1975, p. 32.

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Medlemsstat	Tredjeland	Aftalens art og datering		Udløb efter forlængelse eller stiltiende videreførelse
Mitgliedstaat	Drittland	Art und Datum des Abkommens		Ablauf nach Verlängerung oder stillschweigender Verlängerung
Member State	Third country	Type and date of agreement		Prolonged or tacitly renewed until
État membre	Pays tiers	Nature et date de l'accord		Échéance après prorogation ou tacite reconduction
Stato membro	Paese terzo	Natura e data dell'accordo		Scadenza dopo la proroga o il tacito rinnovo
Lid-Staat	Derde land	Aard en datum van het akkoord		Vervaldatum na al dan niet stilzwijgende verlenging
BENELUX	Honduras	Handelsakkoord	30. 1.1959	27. 5.1977
	Joegoslavië	Handelsakkoord	18. 6.1958	30. 6.1977
	Marokko	Handelsakkoord	5. 8.1958	30. 6.1977
DANMARK	Indonesien	Handelsaftale	9. 9.1952	30. 6.1977
	Madagaskar	Handelsaftale	10. 12.1965	25. 6.1977
	Marokko	Handelsaftale	26. 7.1961	30. 6.1977
	Senegal	Handelsaftale	11. 4.1962	10. 7.1977
	Spanien	Handelsaftale	1. 7.1960	30. 6.1977
	Tunesien	Handelsaftale	8. 6.1960	31. 5.1977
DEUTSCHLAND	Afghanistan	Handelsabkommen	31. 1.1958	31. 5.1977
	Island	Handelsabkommen	20. 5.1954	30. 6.1977
	Jugoslawien	Handelsabkommen	11. 6.1952	} 30. 6.1977
		Protokoll	16. 7.1964	
	Philippinen	Handelsabkommen	28. 2.1964	12. 8.1977
	Schweden	Abkommen über Warenverkehr	26. 1.1951	30. 6.1977
	Türkei	Abkommen über Warenverkehr	16. 2.1952	30. 6.1977
FRANCE	Grèce	Accord commercial	9. 6.1962	30. 6.1977
	RAE (république arabe d'Égypte)	Accord commercial	10. 7.1964	10. 7.1977
ITALIA	Austria	Accordo commerciale	19. 6.1949	} 30. 6.1977
		Scambio di lettere	14. 11.1961	
	Colombia	Modus vivendi	19. 5.1952	19. 6.1977
	Grecia	Accordo commerciale	10. 11.1954	30. 6.1977
	Somalia	Accordo commerciale e di cooperazione economica e tecnica	1. 7.1960	30. 6.1977
	Spagna	Accordo commerciale	28. 6.1960	} 8. 6.1977
		Processo verbale	1. 4.1967	
	Turchia	Accordo commerciale	24. 1.1952	31. 5.1977