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COUNCIL

**DECISION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY
MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL**

of 23 February 1976

extending Decision 75/371/ECSC opening tariff preferences for products within the province of that Community originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and in the overseas countries and territories associated with the Community

(76/250/ECSC)

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

Whereas the Member States have concluded among themselves the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community;

Whereas the Agreement on products within the province of the European Coal and Steel Community⁽¹⁾, hereinafter called the 'Agreement', between the Member States of that Community and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, hereinafter called the 'ACP States', was signed on 28 February 1975 at the same time as the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and whereas that Agreement is subject to ratification;

Whereas when the Agreement was signed the European Economic Community, its Member States and the ACP States agreed in an exchange of letters to apply autonomously, from 1 July 1975 and until the entry into force of the Convention or until 29 February 1976 at the latest certain provisions of the Convention relating to trade in goods;

Whereas by virtue of Decision 75/371/ECSC of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, of 24 June 1975 opening tariff preferences for products within the province of that Community originating in the African, Caribbean

and Pacific States and the overseas countries and territories associated with the Community⁽²⁾, the tariff suspensions contained in the Agreement have been applied autonomously;

Whereas this Decision also applies to the overseas countries and territories;

Whereas, since the Agreement will not enter into force on 1 March 1976, the Community and the ACP States have decided to continue autonomously to apply certain provisions thereof beyond 29 February 1976;

Whereas the tariff suspensions in favour of the overseas countries and territories should also continue to be applied autonomously;

In agreement with the Commission,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

In the first paragraph of Article 4 of Decision 75/371/ECSC the date '29 February 1976' shall be replaced by the date '31 July 1976'.

Done at Brussels, 23 February 1976.

The President

G. THORN

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 25, 30. 1. 1976, p. 144.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 166, 28. 6. 1975, p. 83.