

# COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 March 1980

**extending the period of application of the system of authorization for trade in crude oil and/or petroleum products between Italy and other Member States provided for by Decision 79/589/EEC**

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(80/373/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 77/186/EEC of 14 February 1977 on the exporting of crude oil and petroleum products from one Member State to another in the event of supply difficulties<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

After consulting the group of delegates from the Member States as provided for in Directive 73/238/EEC of 24 July 1973<sup>(2)</sup>,

Whereas Decision 77/186/EEC provides that where difficulties arise in the supply of crude oil and/or petroleum products in one or more Member States the Commission may, at the request of a Member State or on its own initiative, decide to make trade between Member States subject to a system of licences to be granted automatically by the exporting Member State ;

Whereas Italy has made a request to this effect ;

Whereas the present reduction of production affects exports of crude oil to the Community ;

Whereas this development could bring about disturbances in the traditional trade flows of crude oil and petroleum products between Member States ;

Whereas, therefore, in order to prevent such a situation, it is necessary to follow duly these trade flows by means of a Community system ;

Whereas, in particular, in view of the supply situation in Italy, provision should be made in respect of trade involving that Member State for an extension of the system provided for by Decision 79/589/EEC<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 80/123/EEC<sup>(4)</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

### *Article 1*

In Article 2 of Decision 79/589/EEC the date '30 September 1979' shall be replaced by '30 June 1980' unless a contrary decision is taken pursuant to Article 5 of Decision 77/186/EEC.

### *Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 31 March 1980.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 61, 5. 3. 1977, p. 23.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 228, 16. 8. 1973, p. 2.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 160, 28. 6. 1979, p. 41.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 29, 6. 2. 1980, p. 28.