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(Information)

COMMISSION

**Rate of interest applied by the European Monetary Institute for its operations in ecus:
4,00 % for May 1997**

Ecu (¹)

2 May 1997

(97/C 137/01)

Currency amount for one unit:

Belgian and Luxembourg franc	40,3834	Finnish markka	5,90129
Danish krone	7,45011	Swedish krona	8,88656
German mark	1,95700	Pound sterling	0,703491
Greek drachma	311,353	United States dollar	1,13508
Spanish peseta	165,086	Canadian dollar	1,57039
French franc	6,59857	Japanese yen	143,781
Irish pound	0,758542	Swiss franc	1,66857
Italian lira	1938,87	Norwegian krone	8,03922
Dutch guilder	2,20149	Icelandic krona	81,1243
Austrian schilling	13,7742	Australian dollar	1,44836
Portuguese escudo	196,369	New Zealand dollar	1,64505
		South African rand	5,05395

The Commission has installed a telex with an automatic answering device which gives the conversion rates in a number of currencies. This service is available every day from 3.30 p.m. until 1 p.m. the following day.

Users of the service should do as follows:

- call telex number Brussels 23789,
- give their own telex code,
- type the code 'cccc' which puts the automatic system into operation resulting in the transmission of the conversion rates of the ecu,
- the transmission should not be interrupted until the end of the message, which is marked by the code 'ffff'.

Note: The Commission also has an automatic fax answering service (No 296 10 97/296 60 11) providing daily data concerning calculation of the conversion rates applicable for the purposes of the common agricultural policy.

(¹) Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 of 18 December 1978 (OJ No L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1971/89 (OJ No L 189, 4. 7. 1989, p. 1).

Council Decision 80/1184/EEC of 18 December 1980 (Convention of Lomé) (OJ No L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 34).

Commission Decision No 3334/80/ECSC of 19 December 1980 (OJ No L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 27).

Financial Regulation of 16 December 1980 concerning the general budget of the European Communities (OJ No L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 23).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3308/80 of 16 December 1980 (OJ No L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 1).

Decision of the Council of Governors of the European Investment Bank of 13 May 1981 (OJ No L 311, 30. 10. 1981, p. 1).