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I

(Information)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

of 23 June 1986

concerning the future orientation of the policy of the European Economic Community for the protection and promotion of consumer interests

(86/C 167/01)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 2 of the Treaty, the task of the European Economic Community is to promote throughout the Community a harmonious development of economic activities, a continuous and balanced expansion and an accelerated raising of the standard of living;

Whereas the improvement of the quality of life is one of the tasks of the Community and as such implies, *inter alia*, protecting the health, safety and economic interests of consumers;

Whereas fulfilment of this task requires a consumer protection and information policy to be implemented at Community level;

Whereas the Heads of State and Government, meeting in Paris on 19 and 20 October 1972, confirmed this requirement by calling upon the institutions of the Communities to strengthen and coordinate measures for consumer protection;

Whereas in the light of the results obtained in implementing the two Community action programmes adopted in 1975 ⁽¹⁾ and 1981 ⁽²⁾, it is now appropriate to define the objectives and priorities for further Community action in the interest of consumers;

Whereas it is desirable that in achieving the internal market, the Community take measures allowing a high level of consumer protection, in particular concerning product quality and safety;

Whereas the Commission has forwarded to the Council a communication entitled 'A new impetus for consumer protection policy' setting out the objectives and priorities it envisages in this respect;

WELCOMES the submission of the Commission communication, notes its analysis of the main problems encountered in the past, acknowledges the foundations and endorses the objectives of the 'new impetus' programme, notably those concerned with providing consumers with a high level of safety and health protection and an increased ability to benefit from the Community market, both of which will constitute important steps on the road to a 'People's Europe';

APPROVES the objective of taking greater account of consumers' interests in other Community policies, especially those concerned with completion of the internal market, in particular regarding improvements to the quality of products and services, and with agriculture, competition and transport, and invites the Commission to report to the Council on how it intends to achieve this objective;

INVITES the Commission, having regard to the work programme contained in its communication, to draw up and submit proposals, in order to enable the Council, where appropriate, to take decisions in due time and to take any necessary action within the period envisaged for the completion of the internal market;

CONSIDERS that, to that end and within the overall Community consumer policy objectives, proposals for legislation should focus on those areas where there is a Community dimension. Where there is a need for harmonization at Community-wide level, proposals for such harmonization should be identified with the spirit of the 'new approach' set out in the Council resolution of 7 May 1985;

(¹) OJ No C 92, 25. 4. 1975, p. 1.

(²) OJ No C 133, 3. 6. 1981, p. 1.

RECALLING the conclusions of the European Council of December 1985, underlines the importance of promoting alternative approaches to regulations whenever they offer effective means of significant progress;

ENDORSES the value of consumer education and information in protecting consumers' interests and enabling

them to derive maximum benefit from the completion of the internal market;

NOTES that the Commission intends to ensure wide consultation of appropriate interests, particularly at the preparatory stage of its proposals.

COUNCIL DECISION**of 23 June 1986****appointing a member and an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners****(86/C 167/02)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to Council Decision 78/688/EEC of 25 July 1978 setting up an Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 3 and 4 thereof,

Whereas, by its Decision of 11 October 1983 ⁽²⁾, the Council appointed Mr Félix Behets a member and by its Decision of 9 January 1984 ⁽³⁾ appointed Dr Nestor Dufrane an alternate member for the period ending 10 October 1986;

Whereas, on 6 June 1986, the Belgian Government nominated:

- Mr Jean-Paul Dercq as a replacement for Mr Behets, member of the Committee,
- Mr Jan Brusseleers as a replacement for Dr Dufrane, alternate member of the above Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Mr Jean-Paul Dercq is hereby appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners in place of Mr Félix Behets for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 10 October 1986.

Article 2

Mr Jan Brusseleers is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Dental Practitioners in place of Dr Nestor Dufrane for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 10 October 1986.

Done at Luxembourg, 23 June 1986.

*For the Council**The President*

W. F. van EEKELEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 233, 24. 8. 1978, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 283, 20. 10. 1983, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 12, 18. 1. 1984, p. 3.

COUNCIL DECISION**of 26 June 1986****appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training****(86/C 167/03)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to Council Decision 75/364/EEC of 16 June 1975 setting up an Advisory Committee on Medical Training ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 3 and 4 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 82/754/EEC of 9 November 1982, appointing the members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training for the period from 9 November 1982 to 8 November 1985 ⁽²⁾,

Whereas, by its Decision of 12 May 1986 ⁽³⁾, the Council appointed members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training for the period from 12 May 1986 to 11 May 1989 on the understanding that the other members and alternate members would be appointed subsequently;

Whereas the Italian Government has submitted a list of candidates for the appointment, replacement or renewal of the term of office of those members and alternate members,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The following have been appointed members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training until 11 May 1989:

A. Experts from the practicing profession

| <i>Member</i> | <i>Alternate member</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Dr Bruno Baruchello | Dr Rino Riggio |

B. Experts from the medical faculties of the universities

| <i>Member</i> | <i>Alternate member</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Prof. Raffaello Cortesini | Prof. Francesco Filadoro |

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

| <i>Member</i> | <i>Alternate member</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Prof. Francesco Polizzi | Dr Arturo Cornetta |

Done at Luxembourg, 26 June 1986.

*For the Council**The President*

W. F. van EEKELEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 167, 30. 6. 1975, p. 17.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 317, 13. 11. 1982, p. 25.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 128, 27. 5. 1986, p. 2.

COMMISSION

ECU ⁽¹⁾

4 July 1986

(86/C 167/04)

Currency amount for one unit:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Belgian and Luxembourg franc con. | 43,9329 | Spanish peseta | 137,036 |
| Belgian and Luxembourg franc fin. | 44,3156 | Portuguese escudo | 146,468 |
| German mark | 2,14586 | United States dollar | 0,987645 |
| Dutch guilder | 2,41677 | Swiss franc | 1,74142 |
| Pound sterling | 0,639666 | Swedish krona | 6,99006 |
| Danish krone | 7,97276 | Norwegian krone | 7,34660 |
| French franc | 6,85919 | Canadian dollar | 1,36117 |
| Italian lira | 1473,07 | Austrian schilling | 15,0813 |
| Irish pound | 0,711304 | Finnish markka | 5,00094 |
| Greek drachma | 137,253 | Japanese yen | 158,616 |
| | | Australian dollar | 1,52650 |
| | | New Zealand dollar | 1,83407 |

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 telex answering service (No 21791) providing daily data on calculation of monetary compensatory amounts 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 amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2626/84 (OJ No L 247, 16. 9. 1984, 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).

Communication of Decisions under sundry tendering procedures in agriculture (cereals)

(See notice in Official Journal of the European Communities No L 360 of 21 December 1982, page 43)

(86/C 167/05)

| Standing invitation to tender | Weekly invitation to tender | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | Date of Commission Decision | Maximum refund |
| Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1508/86 of 20 May 1986 opening an invitation to tender for the export of common wheat to countries of zones I, II a), III, IV, V, VI, VII and the German Democratic Republic (OJ No L 132, 21. 5. 1986, p. 6) | 3. 7. 1986 | Tenders rejected |
| Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1509/86 of 20 May 1986 opening an invitation to tender for the refund for the export of barley to countries of zones I, II a), III, IV, V, VI, VII a), VII c) and the German Democratic Republic (OJ No L 132, 21. 5. 1986, p. 9) | 3. 7. 1986 | Tenders rejected |
| Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2813/85 of 8 October 1985 on an invitation to tender for the refund on export of wholly milled long grain rice to certain third countries (OJ No L 266, 9. 10. 1985, p. 8) | 3. 7. 1986 | 354,51 ECU/tonne |

Commission communications pursuant to Article 9 (9) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83 of 14 November 1983

(86/C 167/06)

By virtue of Article 9 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83 of 14 November 1983 on import arrangements for products originating in State-trading countries, not liberalized at Community level ⁽¹⁾, the Commission has adopted the following changes to the import arrangements applied in Italy with regard to Hungary, Romania and the People's Republic of China with effect from 1 July 1986:

Exceptional opening, for 1986, of quotas for the import of:

- Regenerated textile fibres of viscose (discontinuous), not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning (NIMEXE Code 56.01-21 — Category ex 126):

Hungary: 40 tonnes

Romania: 30 tonnes

- Synthetic organic dyestuffs (CCT 32.05 A):

People's Republic of China: Lit 1 843 million (additional).

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 346, 8. 12. 1983, p. 6.

By virtue of Article 9 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3420/83 of 14 November 1983 on import arrangements for products originating in State-trading countries, not liberalized at Community level ⁽¹⁾, the Commission has adopted the following change to the import arrangements applied in Italy with regard to Romania with effect from 1 July 1986:

Within the framework of the regime laid down by the Protocol to the Agreement between the Community and Romania on trade in industrial products, exceptional opening for 1986 of supplementary import possibilities, for the following product and amount:

- Unwrought aluminium billets, containing 99,5 % aluminium (CCT 76.01 ex A):
2 000 tonnes.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 346, 8. 12. 1983, p. 6.

Commission communications pursuant to Article 115 of the EEC Treaty

(86/C 167/07)

By Decision dated 1 July 1986 the Commission has authorized the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of cotton and woven fabrics of synthetic fibres (discontinuous), falling within heading No 55.09 and subheading 56.07 A of the Common Customs Tariff (categories 2 and 3), originating in Thailand and in free circulation in the other Member States.

The said Decision is applicable from 1 July to 30 November 1986.

By Decision dated 2 July 1986 the Commission has authorized the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to handkerchiefs of woven fabrics, falling within heading No 61.05 of the Common Customs Tariff (category 19), originating in Hungary and in free circulation in the other Member States.

The said Decision is applicable from 1 July to 31 December 1986.

II

(Preparatory Acts)

COUNCIL

ASSENT No 22/86

given by the Council, acting unanimously in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, to enable the Commission to take a decision concerning the Community system of measures to assist the coal industry

(86/C 167/08)

By letter dated 27 September 1985, the Commission requested that the Council, acting unanimously in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, give the assent required to enable it to take a decision concerning the Community system of measures to assist the coal industry.

At its 1 093rd meeting, held on 25 June 1986, the Council gave its assent as requested by the Commission.

For the Council

The President

G. BRAKS
