

AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania on trade in industrial products

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA,

RESOLVED to develop and diversify trade between the European Economic Community, hereinafter referred to as the Community, and the Socialist Republic of Romania, hereinafter referred to as Romania,

CONSCIOUS of the importance of industrial products in the expansion of trade,

DESIRING, therefore, to promote the harmonious development of trade in industrial products between the Community and Romania, having regard to their respective levels of economic development,

REAFFIRMING the commitment of the Community and Romania to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, including the Protocol of Accession of Romania,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. Subject to paragraph 2, this Agreement shall apply to trade in products originating in the Community or in Romania falling within Chapters 25 to 99 of the Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature.

2. However, this Agreement shall not apply:

- to products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community;
- for the duration of the Agreement between the Community and Romania on trade in textile products initialled on 16 December 1977 and any successor agreement thereto, to textile products covered by those agreements;
- to the products listed in the Annex to this Agreement.

3. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, trade between the Contracting Parties shall be conducted in compliance with their respective regulations.

Article 2

1. The Contracting Parties shall make every effort to promote and expand their trade in industrial products.

2. To that end, they confirm their resolve to implement this Agreement liberally, taking into account

the provisions of GATT and the Protocol of Accession of Romania, and will make every effort to facilitate trade between themselves in compliance with their respective regulations and to help establish a balance in that trade at the highest possible level.

3. In this spirit the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the Community and Romania will attach special importance to examining ways of encouraging the reciprocal and harmonious expansion of trade.

Article 3

1. The Community will accord the highest possible degree of liberalization to imports of products originating in Romania. To this end it will make special efforts to ensure that, during the period of validity of this Agreement, substantial progress is made towards the gradual abolition of the restrictions referred to by Article 3 (a) of the Protocol of Accession of Romania to GATT.

2. Each year the Joint Committee will assess the progress made in applying paragraph 1 by reference to all relevant factors.

3. The Community undertakes not to introduce any new quantitative restrictions or measures having equivalent effect on imports of products covered by this

Agreement and to apply to Romania any general measures it may take in the future to remove quantitative restrictions on imports in respect of the member countries of GATT.

The Community will communicate to Romania the list of products which may be imported into the Community free of quantitative restrictions as from the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 4

1. The Community undertakes to suspend quantitative restrictions on imports into certain of its regions of products which are of priority importance to Romanian exports.
2. The list of the products referred to in paragraph 1 and the detailed arrangements for implementing that paragraph are given in the Protocol annexed to this Agreement.

Article 5

1. For each calendar year, the Community shall open import quotas for products exported by Romania which are subject to quantitative restrictions.
2. The Community will notify Romania as speedily as possible of the quotas opened for 1981.
3. The two Parties will subsequently hold consultations each year in the Joint Committee to determine whether the quotas referred to in paragraph 2 should be increased for the following year.

Article 6

1. Imports into the Community of products covered by this Agreement shall not be charged against the quotas referred to in Article 5 provided that they are declared as being intended for re-export from the Community, either in the unaltered state or after inward processing, under the administrative control arrangements established for this purpose in the Community.
2. Re-imports into the Community of products covered by this Agreement obtained as a result of the processing in Romania of goods temporarily exported by the Community shall not be charged against the quotas referred to in Article 5 provided that they are declared as such under nondiscriminatory control systems in force for this purpose in the Member States of the Community.

Article 7

The Romanian authorities undertake to ensure that goods are delivered at market-related prices or on terms which do not cause or threaten serious injury to producers of like or directly competing products at a comparable marketing stage.

Article 8

1. The Contracting Parties shall consult each other if any product is being imported in trade between the Community and Romania in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause or threaten serious injury to domestic producers of like or directly competing products.
 2. The Contracting Party requesting the consultations will supply the other Party with all the information required for a detailed examination of the situation.
 3. The consultations requested pursuant to paragraph 1 will be held with due regard for the fundamental aims of the Agreement and the general principles of international law and will be completed not later than 30 days from the date of notification of the request by the Party concerned, unless the Parties agree otherwise.
 4. If as a result of these consultations it is acknowledged that the situation described in paragraph 1 exists, the Parties will take appropriate measures, on a regional basis if necessary, to prevent or put an end to the injury, including measures relating to the selling prices of the products exported where the injury is caused by prices which are abnormally far below the normal level of competition.
 5. If the consultations end without the Contracting Parties reaching agreement on the measures to be taken, the Contracting Party which requested the consultations will be free to apply to imports of the products in question such measures as it considers necessary to prevent or put an end to the injury caused by the exports from the other Contracting Party.
- In that event, the other Party will be entitled to waive its obligations towards the first Party in respect of substantially equivalent trade.
6. In exceptional cases, where any delay would cause damage which it would be difficult to repair, provisional measures to prevent or remedy the injury may be taken during the consultations or without prior consultation. In that event, if the consultations have not already begun, they will take place immediately after the measures in question have been taken.

7. The Contracting Parties agree to hold consultations to determine when the measures adopted pursuant to paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 shall cease to apply.

Article 9

1. Romania will expand and diversify its imports of products originating in the Community at least at the same rate as its purchases from the other contracting Parties to GATT.

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2. In order to make Community economic operators more aware of the opportunities for exporting to Romania, the latter will supply the Community as speedily as possible with all relevant information, notably on annual economic development programmes and general or sectoral import programmes or targets.

3. The Joint Committee will assess each year, in the light of all relevant factors, progress made on expanding and diversifying Romania's imports or products originating in the Community.

The Joint Committee may recommend measures to promote further progress in this field.

Article 10

The two Contracting Parties undertake to promote visits by persons, groups and delegations involved in trade between the two Parties and to encourage and facilitate as far as possible the organization of fairs and exhibitions by each Party on the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 11

The Contracting Parties shall agree that payments for transactions shall be made, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, in any convertible currency agreed by the two Parties concerned in the transaction.

Article 12

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of Romania.

Article 13

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 1981, provided that the Contracting Parties have notified each other by that date that the legal procedures necessary to this end have been completed. The Agreement shall be concluded for a period of five years. The Agreement shall be automatically renewed year by year provided that neither Contracting Party gives the other Party written notice of denunciation of the Agreement six months before it expires.

However, the two Contracting Parties may amend the Agreement by mutual consent in order to take account of new developments.

The Annex, the Protocol and the exchanges of letters attached to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 14

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian and Romanian languages, each text being equally authentic.

Udfærdiget i Bukarest, den otteogtyvende juli nitten hundrede og firs.

Geschehen zu Bukarest am achtundzwanzigsten Juli neunzehnhundertachtzig.

Done at Bucharest on the twenty-eighth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty.

Fait à Bucarest, le vingt-huit juillet mil neuf cent quatre-vingt.

Fatto a Bucarest, addì ventotto luglio millenovecentottanta.

Gedaan te Bockarest, de achtentwintigste juli negentienhonderd tachtig.

Făcut la București, la douăzeci și opt iulie una mie nouă sute optzeci.

For Rådet for De europæiske Fællesskaber,

Für den Rat der Europäischen Gemeinschaften,

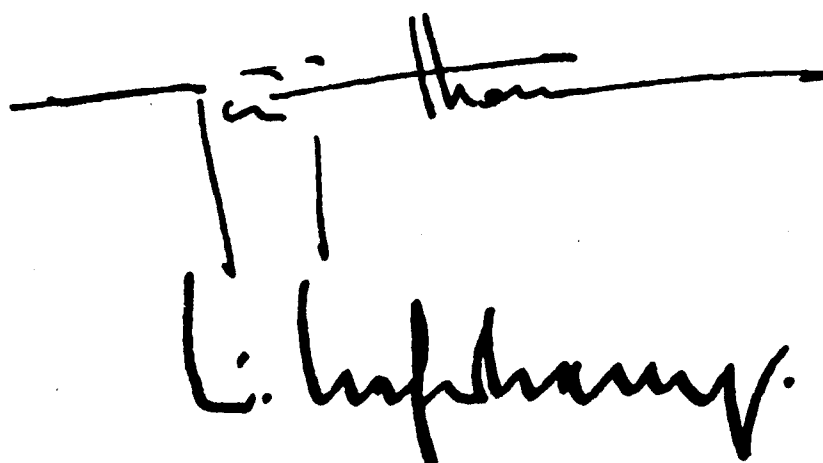
For the Council of the European Communities,

Pour le Conseil des Communautés européennes,

Per il Consiglio delle Comunità europee,

Voor de Raad van de Europese Gemeenschappen,

Pentru Consiliul Comunităților Europene,

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For Regeringen for Den socialistiske republik Rumænien,

Für die Regierung der Sozialistischen Republik Rumänien,

For the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania,

Pour le gouvernement de la république socialiste de Roumanie,

Per il governo della Repubblica socialista di Romania,

Voor de Regering van de Socialistische Republiek Roemenië,

Pentru Guvernul Republicii Socialiste România,

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ANNEX

Products falling within Chapters 25 to 99 of the Cooperation Council Nomenclature which are not covered by the Agreement

29.04 C II, III	Mannitol, sorbitol
35.05	Dextrins, etc.
38.12 A	Prepared glazings
38.19 T	Sorbitol, other than that falling within subheading 29.04 C III
45.01	Cork
54.01	Flax
57.01	Hemp

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS No 1

The Head of the Delegation
of the European Economic Community

Sir,

As was pointed out to you in the negotiations which led to the signing of the Agreement between the Community and Romania on trade in industrial products, products within the province of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community are or may be covered by separate arrangements.

I would be grateful for confirmation of your agreement with the terms of this letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*On behalf of the Council
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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS No 2

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Sir,

1. In the negotiations which led to the signing of the Agreement between the Community and Romania on trade in industrial products, the Romanian Delegation drew attention to Romania's special concern that the Community should undertake to abolish, for the duration of the Agreement, all the quantitative restrictions referred to in Article 3 of the Protocol of Accession of Romania to GATT.

Although the Community Delegation confirmed that the Community's ultimate aim is in accordance with the Romanian objective referred to above, it mentioned the various reasons why it cannot at this stage undertake to meet Romania's request.

2. For the purposes of implementing Article 3 (1) of the Agreement, the Romanian Delegation has submitted a list, given in Annex I, of products which are of priority importance for Romanian exports and are subject to quantitative restrictions which Romania considers should be abolished or suspended for the duration of the Agreement.
3. The Community, referring in this connection to its position as stated in paragraph 1 and to the obligations deriving from the Protocol of Accession of Romania to GATT, and taking into account the abovementioned list, undertakes to abolish or suspend the quantitative restrictions on products listed in Annex II and to examine as a matter of priority in the Joint Committee the other products exported by Romania that are subject to specific quantitative restrictions, which should be abolished or suspended for the duration of the Agreement.

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ANNEX I
to Exchange of Letters No 2

CCT heading No	Description
28.38 A ex IV	Aluminium sulphate
28.40 B II	Phosphates, other than ammonium phosphates
28.47 B ex II	Sodium dichromate, potassium dichromate
28.56 C	Calcium carbide
29.02 A II a) 1	Chloromethane, chloroethane
	Dichloromethane
a) ex 2	Carbon tetrachloride
	1,2-Dichloroethane
	Other
b)	Unsaturated chlorides
29.04 A III a) and ex b) V	Butanol and isomers thereof, except normal butyl alcohol Saturated monohydric alcohols, other
29.06 A I	Phenol and its salts
29.13 A ex I	Acetone
29.15 C ex III	Phthalates, etc.
ex 29.27	Acrylonitrile
29.44 A	Penicillines
B	Chloramphenicol
ex C	Tetracyclines; other antibiotics
31.02 B	Urea
ex C	Mixture of ammonium and calcium nitrates
32.05 A	Synthetic organic dyestuffs
38.19 B	Naphthenic acids
39.02 C I to XIII	Polymerization products
40.02	Synthetic rubber latex, etc.
42.02 ex B	Travel goods
42.03 B	Gloves, including mittens and mitts
44.11	Fibre building board of wood, etc.
ex 44.13	Coniferous wood, planed, etc.
44.15	Plywood, etc.
44.18	Reconstituted wood, etc.
ex 44.24	Clothes-pegs
46.02 ex B	Coarse matting
ex 46.03	Basketwork
48.01 C	Kraft paper and kraft board
F	Paper and paperboard, other
64.02 A	Footwear
65.01	Hat-forms, etc.
69.13	Statuettes, etc.
70.04	Glass, cast, etc.
70.05	Glass, drawn, etc.
ex 70.10	Carboys, bottles, etc.

CCT heading No	Description
ex 70.13	Glassware
73.18	Tubes and pipes
73.32 B	Screws and nuts
76.01 A	Unwrought aluminium
76.02	Wrought bars, etc., of aluminium
76.03	Wrought plates, etc., of aluminium
76.04	Aluminium foil, etc.
ex 82.01	Spades and shovels
85.01 A ex II	Electric motors
85.15 A ex III	Receivers, other
85.21 A I, II, ex III; B; C; D; I, ex II	Valves and tubes
85.22 A, C	Electrical appliances
87.01	Tractors
94.01 ex B	Chairs and other seats, other than for aircraft
ex 94.03	Furniture, of wood
94.04 ex A; ex B	Mattresses, mattress supports, etc.
97.03 A; ex B	Toys, of wood and of textile fabrics
97.06 ex C	Ice skates and parts

ANNEX II

to Exchange of Letters No 2

NB: The measures envisaged for the products appearing in lists (a), (b), (c) and (d) will be applied as from 1 January 1981.

(a) PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE ABOLISHED AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

CCT heading No	Nimexe code (1979)	Description
25.31		Felspar, etc.
27.12 A		Petroleum jelly
27.14 B		Petroleum coke
28.01 C		Bromine
28.47 B ex II	28.47-43	Potassium dichromate
29.01 A I		Acyclic hydrocarbons
D ex VI	29.01 ex 99	Butylxylene used in the manufacture of musk, xylene and divinylbenzene
29.03		Hydrocarbon derivatives
29.04 A III a) and ex b)	29.04-14 and 18	Butanol and isomers thereof, excluding normal butyl alcohol
29.11 A I		Formaldehyde (methanal)
29.14 A ex I	29.14-12	Formic acid
29.22 A II, III; B I, II; C I, II; D II, IV, V, VI, VII; E I, II		Amine-function compounds
29.23 A II; D IV, V; E		Oxygen-function aminocompounds
29.30		Compounds with other nitrogen-functions
30.03 A I, II a)		Medicaments
30.04		Wadding, gauze, bandages, etc.
32.07 A, I, V b), VI		Colouring matter
38.11 D		Disinfectants, insecticides
38.19 B		Naphthenic acids
ex 40.12		Hygienic and pharmaceutical articles
42.02 ex B	42.02-31 and 41	Travel goods, except suit-cases of whatever type, toiletry bags and handbags of leather or of imitation leather
44.23 B I		Builders' carpentry and joinery of fibre building board
46.02 ex B	46.02-10	Coarse matting for leather-graining
68.16 ex B	68.16-20	Articles of refractory materials
70.12 B		Finished inners for vacuum vessels
70.14 A		Articles for electrical lighting fittings
ex 71.16		Imitation jewellery, partially of glass
76.01 B		Aluminium waste and scrap
78.02		Wrought bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections, of lead

CCT heading No	Nimexe code (1979)	Description
78.03		Wrought sheets and strip, of lead
78.04		Lead foil
78.05		Tubes and pipes, etc., of lead
78.06		Other articles of lead
85.01 B		Transformers, etc.
C		Parts of generators and of transformers
90.05		Refracting telescopes (monocular and binocular)
90.08		Cinematographic cameras
97.02		Dolls
97.06 C		Appliances, apparatus, accessories and requisites for gymnastics, outdoor games, etc.
ex 98.15	98.15-20 and 30	Vacuum flasks and other vacuum vessels

(b) PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE ABOLISHED AT REGIONAL LEVEL

Member State	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1979)	Description
Germany	28.38 A ex IV	28.38-47	Aluminium sulphate
	ex 42.02	42.02-21 51 ex 81	Satchels and brief-cases and other containers of leather or of composition leather with the exception of spectacle cases
	64.02 ex A	64.02-35 51	Sandals Other footwear of leather
	73.02 ex C	73.02 ex 30	Ferro-silicon of more than 80 % silicon content
	E ex I	ex 51	Ferro-chromium containing, by weight, more than 0.5 and less than 4 % of carbon
	ex G	83	Ferro-vanadium
	ex 73.20	73.20-30	Tubes and pipe fittings of malleable cast iron
	ex 92.05	92.05-10	Wind musical instruments, of metal
	32.05 A		Synthetic organic dyestuffs
	85.15 A ex III	85.15 ex 24	Radiograms
Benelux	29.02 A II a) 2	29.02-25	Carbon tetrachloride
United Kingdom	29.06 A I		Phenol and its salts
Italy	29.35 ex Q	29.35-88 89	Furazolidone (INN) Ethoxyquinols; 5-nitro-2-furaldehyde semicarbazone (nitrofurazone)
		91	Lactams
		93	Piperazine (diethylenediamine) and 2,5-dimethylpiperazine (2,5-dimethyldiethylenediamine) and their salts
		94	Tetrahydrofuran
		96	Coccarboxylase (INN)
		97	Benzothiazole-2-thiol (mercaptobenzothiazole) derivatives (other than salts)
	38.19 A		Fusel oil; Dippel's oil
	H		Getters for vacuum tubes
	IJ		Non-agglomerated mixtures of metal carbides

Member State	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1979)	Description
	L		Alkaline iron oxide for the purification of gas
	M		Carbonaceous pastes for electrodes
	N		Accumulator compound based on cadmium oxide or nickel hydroxide
	O		Carbon (other than that falling within subheading 38.01 A) in metalgraphite or other compounds, in the form of small plates, bars or other semimanufactures
	ex U	38.19-66	Preparations for electroplating
		72	Mixtures of glycerol mono-, di- and tri sterarates (emulsifiers for fats)
		84	Auxiliary products for foundries (other than those falling within item 38.19-37)
		86	Concrete ready to pour
		88	Mortars, non refractory, including mixtures of cement and sand

(c) PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE SUSPENDED AT REGIONAL LEVEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL ANNEXED TO THE AGREEMENT

Member State	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1979)	Description
Ireland	94.04 ex A ex B	94.04-11 ex 19 and 30	Mattress supports, articles of bedding
Italy	27.07 B ex II	27.07-30	Oils derived from the distillation of coal tar, but excluding benzole, toluole and xylene
	28.17 A		Sodium hydroxide
	28.46 ex B	28.46-91	Sodium perborates
	29.02 A I		Fluorides
	II a ex 1 b	29.02 ex 21 {	Chloromethane Unsaturated chlorides
	29.13 A ex I	29.13-11	Acetones
	29.15 A III	29.15-17	Maleic anhydride
	C I		Phthalic anhydride
	ex III	29.15 ex 65 and 71	Diisooctyl, dimethyl and diethyl phthalates
	ex 29.27	29.27-10	Acrylonitrile
	ex 44.18	44.18-11 and 19	Wood made from wood shavings, sawdust, etc.
	48.01 C		Kraft paper and Kraft board
	70.04 } 70.05 } 70.06 } 70.07 }		Unworked cast or rolled glass Unworked drawn or blown glass
	76.01 A		Unwrought aluminium
	76.02		Wrought bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections, of aluminium
	76.03		Wrought plates, sheets and strip of aluminium
	76.04		Aluminium foil
	ex 76.12	76.12-10 and ex 90	Cables, plaited bands, etc. (but excluding cordage, ropes), of aluminium

Member State	CCT heading No	NIMEXE code (1979)	Description
United Kingdom	87.01		Tractors (other than those falling within heading No 87.07), whether or not fitted with power take-offs, winches or pulleys
	ex 84.06		Tractor engines, chassis, bodies, parts and accessories
	ex 87.04		
	ex 87.05		
	ex 87.06		
	76.01 A		Unwrought aluminium
	76.02		Wrought bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections
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France	76.01 A		Unwrought aluminium

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Benelux	ex 44.11	44.11-10	Fibre building board of wood
	ex 44.24	44.24 ex 00	Clothes-pegs
Italy	29.04 A ex V	29.04-22	2-Ethylhexan-1-ol
		24	Other octyl alcohols
		27	Other than dodecyl, stearyl and cetyl alcohols
United Kingdom	69.13		Statuettes and other ornaments and articles of personal adornment; articles of furniture

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS No 3

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In the event that, in particular instances, as a result of Romanian exports to the Federal Republic of Germany, market trends make it necessary to discontinue this practice, Romania will be informed to this effect immediately and prior consultation may take place if Romania so requests.

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