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

of 3 December 1981

laying down the arrangements applicable to trade between Greece and Syria in products covered by that Community

(81/978/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 Protocol to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Syrian Arab Republic [1], hereinafter referred to respectively as 'the Protocol' and 'the Agreement', to take account of the accession of the Hellenic Republic, was initialled on 26 June 1981;

Whereas, pending the entry into force of the Protocol, the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community should, in the light of the provisions of the said Protocol, lay down autonomously the arrangements applicable to trade between Greece and Syria;

In agreement with the Commission,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Until the entry into force of the Protocol, the arrangements applicable to trade between Greece and Syria shall be those resulting from the Annex hereto.

Article 2

Member States shall take the measures necessary to implement this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 3 December 1981.

The President

T. KING

[1] OJ No L 316, 12. 12. 1979, p. 35.

ANNEX

Specific conditions of application of the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Syrian Arab Republic consequent upon the accession of the Hellenic Republic

Article 1

For the products covered by the Agreement, the Hellenic Republic shall progressively abolish customs duties applicable to imports of products originating in Syria in accordance with the following timetable:

— on the date of entry into force of this Decision, each duty shall be reduced to 90 % of the basic duty,

— on 1 January 1982, each duty shall be reduced to 80 % of the basic duty,

— the four other reductions of 20 % each shall be made on:

  — 1 January 1983,

  — 1 January 1984,

  — 1 January 1985,

  — 1 January 1986.

Article 2

The basic duty to which the successive reductions provided for in Article 1 are to be applied shall, for each product, be the duty actually applied on 1 July 1980 by the Hellenic Republic with regard to Syria.

Article 3

1. The Hellenic Republic shall progressively abolish charges having equivalent effect to customs duties on imports of products originating in Syria in accordance with the following timetable :

— on the date of entry into force of this Decision, each charge shall be reduced to 90 % of the basic rate,

— on 1 January 1982, each charge shall be reduced to 80 % of the basic rate,

— the four other reductions of 20 % each shall be made on:

  — 1 January 1983,

  — 1 January 1984,

  — 1 January 1985,

  — 1 January 1986.

2. The basic rate to which the successive reductions provided for in paragraph 1 are to be applied shall, for each product, be the rate applied by the Hellenic Republic on 31 December 1980 with regard to the Community of Nine.

3. Any charge having equivalent effect to a customs duty on imports, introduced as from 1 January 1979 in trade between Greece and Syria, shall be abolished.

Article 4

If the Hellenic Republic suspends or reduces duties or charges having equivalent effect on products imported from the Community of Nine more quickly than under the established timetable, the Hellenic Republic shall also suspend or reduce, to the same level, those duties or charges having equivalent effect on products originating in Syria.

Article 5

1. Import deposits and cash payments in force in Greece on 31 December 1980 with regard to imports of products originating in Syria shall be progressively eliminated in accordance with the following timetable:

— on the date of entry into force of this Decision: 25 %,

— 1 January 1982: 25 %,

— 1 January 1983: 25 %

— 1 January 1984: 25 %.

2. If in respect of the Community of Nine, the Hellenic Republic reduces the rate of import deposits or cash payments more quickly than under the timetable set out in paragraph 1, the Hellenic Republic shall make the same reduction with regard to imports of products originating in Syria.