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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 17 December 2001

on the conclusion of an additional Protocol laying down the trade arrangements for certain fish and fishery products to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia of the other part

(2002/466/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 133 in conjunction with the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) It is desirable to complete by means of an additional Protocol the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part [1], so as to provide for preferential conditions for the importation into the Community of certain fish and fishery products originating in the Republic of Latvia, and into the Republic of Latvia of certain fish and fishery products originating in the Community.

(2) To that end a new Protocol laying down the trade arrangements for certain fish and fishery products should be added to the said Europe Agreement.

(3) The Protocol should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The additional Protocol laying down the trade arrangements for certain fish and fishery products to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Latvia, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign the Protocol in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 2001.

For the Council

The President

A. NEYTS-UYTTEBROECK

[1] OJ L 26, 2.2.1998, p. 3.