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COMMISSION

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

of 29 May 1979

on the application of inland postal rates to certain mail between Member States

(79/570/EEC)

1. The postal services play an important role in economic life and contribute to the promotion of the harmonious development of economic activities in the countries of the Community.

Furthermore, everything connected with postal rates has considerable repercussions on the public at large.

2. With a view, therefore, to making the merger of national economics a more practical reality in terms of postal services, some Member States apply inland postal rates in their relations with one another in the case of letters not exceeding 20 grams and postcards.

3. The extension of this measure to all the Member States does not give rise to serious financial or technical problems. Once the principle is adopted, this measures could enter into force, at national level, when there is an general adjustment in postal rates.

4. It would have a significant political impact from the point of view of increasing public awareness of the process of building Europe and would illustrate one of the Community's tasks, which is to 'promote ... closer relations between the States belonging to it'.

5. For these reasons, and pursuant to the second indent of Article 155 of the EEC Treaty, the Commission recommends that the Member States apply inland postal rates to intra-Community mail in the case of letters of the first weight step and postcards.

Done at Brussels, 29 May 1979.

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