COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3508/80

of 22 December 1980

extending the term of validity of the arrangements applicable to trade with Malta beyond 31 December 1980

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the provisions governing the first stage of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta (1), including the Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta (2) and the Additional Protocol to the agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta (3), expire on 31 December 1980;

Whereas it has not been possible, within the time limit laid down, to hold negotiations to determine the trade arrangements with Malta after 31 December 1980;

Whereas, pending the completion of such negotiations, the arrangements which the Community applies to trade with Malta under the association with that country should be extended so as to avoid the sudden disruption of certain traditional trade patterns,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The trade arrangements provided for in the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta, including the Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to this Agreement, and the Additional Protocol to that Agreement, shall remain applicable in the Community until 30 June 1981.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1981.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1980.

For the Council

The President

J. SANTER

(1) OJ No L 61, 14. 3. 1971, p. 2.
(2) OJ No L 111, 28. 4. 1976, p. 3.
(3) OJ No L 304, 29. 11. 1977, p. 2.