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## Decision

of the Representatives of the Governments of  
the Member States of the European Coal and  
Steel Community, meeting within the Council,  
opening, allocating and providing for  
the administration of tariff quotas for  
certain steel products originating in  
developing countries

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**OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE**  
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**COMMUNITY, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,**  
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**ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF QUOTAS FOR CERTAIN STEEL**  
**PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council,

In agreement with the Commission,

Have decided as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

1. From 1 January to 31 December 1979, the duties applicable in all customs areas of the Community to the products listed in Annex A shall be completely suspended within the framework of Community tariff quotas of amounts which shall be expressed in European units of account and which shall be indicated against each product in column 3 of that Annex.

2. These tariff quotas shall be enjoyed solely by products originating in the countries and territories listed in Annex B. However, those imports which already enjoy exemption from customs duties under other preferential tariff arrangements granted by the nine Member States of the Community may not be charged against these tariff quotas. For the purposes of the application of this Decision, the concept of originating products shall be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 802/68 of 27 June 1968 on the common definition of the concept of the origin of goods.<sup>(2)</sup>

3. The amount to be charged in respect of each country or territory referred to in paragraph 2 against each of the tariff quota amounts indicated in column 5 of Annex A shall be limited to the maximum amount given as a percentage in column 4 of Annex A against each category of products.

4. Any amendment to Annex B, in particular by the addition of new countries or territories enjoying tariff preferences, may entail a corresponding adjustment to the maximum amounts expressed as percentages laid down in column 4 of Annex A and to the tariff ceilings and quotas laid down respectively in columns 3 and 5 of Annex A.

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<sup>(1)</sup> For texts in Danish, Dutch, French, German and Italian see Official Journal of the European Communities No. L 375 of 30 December 1978; available through Agency Section, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, PO Box 569, London SE1 9NY—Tel. 01-928 6977, ext. 410.

<sup>(2)</sup> Official Journal No. L 148 of 28 June 1968, p. 1.

## ARTICLE 2

1. The Member States shall administer their tariff quotas in accordance with their own provisions in this respect.

2. The extent to which a Member State has used up its share shall be determined on the basis of imports of the said goods which have been entered for home use, on the basis of the customs value of the said goods, and which are accompanied by a certificate of origin in accordance with the rules referred to in Article 1(2).

3. Goods may be imported under the tariff quota only if the certificate of origin mentioned in paragraph 2 is presented before the date on which customs duties are re-introduced.

## ARTICLE 3

Each Member State shall re-introduce the levying of duties which have been suspended in respect of a country or territory mentioned in Annex B as soon as it records that the charges against its national quota of the products concerned originating in such country or territory have reached the maximum amount laid down in column 4 of Annex A.

Such re-introduction shall be notified immediately to the Commission, which shall inform the other Member States forthwith. At the request of a Member State or of the Commission, the possible consequences of such a situation (with regard to the aggregate appearing in column 3 of Annex A) shall be jointly examined immediately.

After the quotas opened under this Decision have been used up, Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of the products in question originating in the countries listed in Annex C shall continue to be totally suspended.

## ARTICLE 4

Member States shall inform the Commission at least monthly of imports of the products in question charged against their quotas.

## ARTICLE 5

Member States, in close cooperation with the Commission, shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the above provisions are applied.

## ARTICLE 6

The Member States shall take all measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision.

## ARTICLE 7

For the purposes of applying this Decision, the preferential amounts expressed in European units of account (EUA) shall be converted into national currencies at the following rates:

1 EUA	=	3·6043955 DM
	=	49·508625 FB/F.LUX
	=	5·5616255 FF
	=	3·5770435 FI
	=	647·971 Lire
	=	7·4775175 Dkr
	=	0·42930445 £(Irl.)
	=	0·4293044 £

The application of these rates may not result, in terms of national currency, in charges against each of the quotas concerned being lower than those resulting from the corresponding minimum obligations laid down for 1978.

Done at Brussels, 29 December 1978.

The President

H. D. GENSCHER

## ANNEX A

**List of products subject to zero-duty tariff ceilings under the generalized tariff preferences granted to developing countries and territories**

CCT heading No. (1)	Description (2)	Aggregate of column (5) (in EUA) (3)	Maximum amount per country and territory (%) (4)	Volume of shares allocated to Member States (in EUA) (5)
73.08	Iron or steel coils for re-rolling	12 091 800	40	Germany 3 325 245 Benelux 1 269 640 France 2 297 440 Italy 1 813 770 Denmark 604 590 Ireland 120 920 United Kingdom 2 660 195
73.10	Bars and rods (including wire rod), of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished (including precision made), hollow mining drill steel: A. Not further worked than hot-rolled or extruded D. Clad or surface-worked (for example, polished, coated): I. Not further worked than clad: (a) Hot-rolled or extruded	7 493 900	50	Germany 2 060 810 Benelux 786 860 France 1 423 840 Italy 1 124 090 Denmark 374 700 Ireland 74 940 United Kingdom 1 648 660
73.13	Sheets and plates, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled: A. 'Electrical' sheets and plates B. Other sheets and plates: I. Not further worked than hot-rolled II. Not further worked than cold-rolled, of a thickness of: (b) More than 1 mm but less than 3 mm (c) 1 mm or less III. Not further worked than burnished, polished or glazed IV. Clad, coated or otherwise surface-treated: (b) Tinned (c) Zinc-coated or lead-coated (d) Other (for example, copper-plated artificially oxidised, lacquered, nickel-plated, varnished, clad, parkerized, printed) V. Otherwise shaped or worked: (a) Cut into shapes other than rectangular shapes, but not further worked: 2. Other	23 440 200	30	Germany 6 446 055 Benelux 2 461 220 France 4 453 640 Italy 3 516 030 Denmark 1 172 010 Ireland 234 400 United Kingdom 5 156 845

## ANNEX B

List of developing countries and territories enjoying  
generalized tariff preferences<sup>(1)</sup>

## I. INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES

660	Afghanistan <sup>(2)</sup>	416	Guatemala	520	Paraguay
208	Algeria	260	Guinea <sup>(2)</sup>	504	Peru
330	Angola	257	Guinea Bissau	708	Philippines
528	Argentina	488	Guyana	644	Qatar
453	Bahamas	452	Haiti <sup>(2)</sup>	324	Rwanda <sup>(2)</sup>
640	Bahrain	424	Honduras	819	Samoa <sup>(2)</sup>
666	Bangladesh <sup>(2)</sup>	664	India	311	Sao Tome and Principe
469	Barbados	700	Indonesia		
284	Benin <sup>(2)</sup>	616	Iran	632	Saudi Arabia
675	Bhutan <sup>(2)</sup>	612	Iraq	248	Senegal
516	Bolivia	272	Ivory Coast	355	Seychelles and Dependencies
391	Botswana <sup>(2)</sup>	464	Jamacia		
508	Brazil	628	Jordan	264	Sierra Leone
676	Burma	696	Kampuchea	706	Singapore
328	Burundi <sup>(2)</sup>	346	Kenya	812	Solomon Islands
302	Cameroon	728	Korea, Republic of	342	Somalia <sup>(2)</sup>
247	Cape Verde Islands	636	Kuwait	669	Sri Lanka
		684	Laos <sup>(2)</sup>	224	Sudan <sup>(2)</sup>
306	Central African Empire <sup>(2)</sup>	604	Lebanon	492	Surinam
		395	Lesotho <sup>(2)</sup>	393	Swaziland
244	Chad <sup>(2)</sup>	268	Liberia	608	Syria
512	Chile	216	Libya	352	Tanzania <sup>(2)</sup>
480	Colombia	370	Madagascar	680	Thailand
375	Comoros	386	Malawi <sup>(2)</sup>	280	Togo
318	Congo, People's Republic of	701	Malaysia	817	Tonga
		667	Maldiv Islands <sup>(2)</sup>	472	Trinidad and Tobago
436	Costa Rica	232	Mali <sup>(2)</sup>		
448	Cuba	228	Mauritania	212	Tunisia
600	Cyprus	373	Mauritius	812	Tuvalu
338	Djibouti	412	Mexico	350	Uganda <sup>(2)</sup>
456	Dominican Republic	204	Morocco	647	United Arab Emirates
		366	Mozambique		
500	Ecuador	803	Nauru	236	Upper Volta <sup>(2)</sup>
220	Egypt	672	Nepal <sup>(2)</sup>	524	Uruguay
428	El Salvador	432	Nicaragua	484	Venezuela
310	Equatorial Guinea	240	Niger <sup>(2)</sup>	690	Vietnam
334	Ethiopia <sup>(2)</sup>	288	Nigeria	652	Yemen <sup>(2)</sup>
815	Fiji	649	Oman	656	Yemen, Democratic <sup>(2)</sup>
314	Gabon	662	Pakistan		
252	Gambia <sup>(2)</sup>	440	Panama	048	Yugoslavia
276	Ghana	801	Papua New Guinea	322	Zaire
473	Grenada			378	Zambia

<sup>(1)</sup> The code number preceding the name of each beneficiary country or territory is that given in Gronomenclature 1979 (Regulation (EEC) No. 2843/78—Official Journal No. L 339, 5 December 1978, p. 5).

<sup>(2)</sup> This country is also included in Annex C.

## II. COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

dependent or administered, or for whose external relations Member States of the Community or third countries are wholly or partly responsible

- 421 Belize
- 413 Bermuda
- 357 British Indian Ocean Territory
- 812 British Pacific Ocean
- 703 Brunei
- 463 Cayman Islands and Dependencies
- 802 Australian Oceania (Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Heard Island and McDonald Islands, Norfolk Island)
- 329 Falkland Islands and Dependencies
- 822 French Polynesia
- 890 Polar Regions (French Southern and Antarctic Territories, Australian Antarctic Territories, British Antarctic Territories)
- 044 Gibraltar
- 740 Hong Kong
- 743 Macao
- 377 Mayotte
- 476 Netherlands Antilles
- 809 New Caledonia and Dependencies
- 808 American Oceania<sup>(1)</sup>
- 329 St. Helena and Dependencies
- 814 New Zealand Oceania (Cook Islands, Niue Island, Tokelau Islands)
- 454 Turks and Caicos Islands
- 457 Virgin Islands of the United States
- 811 Wallis and Futuna Islands
- 471 West Indies

*Note:* The above lists may be amended subsequently to take account of changes in the international status of countries or territories.

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<sup>(1)</sup> American Oceania includes: Guam, American Samoa (including Swain's Island), Midway Islands, Johnston and Sand Islands, Wake Island and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (the Caroline, Mariana and Marshall Islands).

## ANNEX C

### List of least developed developing countries

660	Afghanistan	386	Malawi
666	Bangladesh	667	Maldivé Islands
284	Benin	232	Mali
675	Bhutan	672	Nepal
391	Botswana	240	Niger
328	Burundi	324	Rwanda
306	Central African Empire	819	Samoa
244	Chad	342	Somalia
334	Ethiopia	224	Sudan
252	Gambia	352	Tanzania
260	Guinea	350	Uganda
452	Haiti	236	Upper Volta
684	Laos	652	Yemen
395	Lesotho	656	Yemen, Democratic