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# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

COM(82) 477 final Brussels, 23 July 1982

#### Proposal for a

#### COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the application of Decision No 2/82 of the EEC-Switzerland/Austria Joint Committee - Community transit - amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/the Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit

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DECISION NO 2/82 OF THE EEC-SWITZERLAND JOINT COMMITTEE

- Community transit -

amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on the application of the rules on Community transit

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DECISION NO 2/82 OF THE EEC-AUSTRIA JOINT COMMITTEE

- Community transit -

amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Austrian Republic on the application of the rules on Community transit

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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### Explanatory memorandum

Application in the Community of Decisions No 2/82 of the EEC-Switzerland and EEC-Austria Joint Committees - Community transit - amending the Agreements on transit.

- 1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 222/77 on Community transit (1) and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 223/77 on provisions for the implementation of the Community transit procedure and for certain simplifications of that procedure (2) have recently been amended in order to make a number of technical changes to this procedure.
- 2. These changes in the Community rules make it necessary to amend the Agreements between the EEC and Switzerland and between the EEC and Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit (3).
- 3. Such is the purpose of the attached draft decisions of the Joint Committees. It is proposed that the draft be adopted as representing the Community's agreed position within the EEC-Austria and EEC-Switzerland Joint Committees Community transit.
- 4. Once they have been adopted by the Joint Committees, these decisions will have to be brought into effect in the Community by way of a Council Regulation, the draft of which is also attached.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 38, 09.02.1977, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 38, 09.02.1977, p. 20.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 294, 29.12.1972, pp. 1 and 87.

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC)
on the application of Decision No 2/82 of
the EEC-Switzerland/Austria Joint Committee
- Community transit -

amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/the Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit

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 Article 16 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/the Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit (1), empowers the Joint Committee set up under that Agreement to adopt decisions making certain amendments to the Agreement and to its Appendices;

Whereas the Joint Committee has decided to make certain technical amendments to the Agreement made necessary following changes in the legislation on Community transit;

Whereas these amendments are the subject of Decision No 2/82 of the Joint Committee; whereas it is necessary to take the measures required to implement the above-mentioned Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 294, 29.12.1972, p. 87 (for Austria)

p. 2 (for Switzerland)

Decision No 2/82 of the EEC-Switzerland/Austria Joint Committee - Community transit - amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/the Republic of Austria on the application of rules on Community transit shall apply in the Community.

The text of the Decision is attached to this Regulation.

### Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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# DECISION NO 2/82 OF THE EEC- SWITZERLAND JOINT COMMITTEE - Community transit -

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amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on the application of the rules on Community transit

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on the application of the rules on Community transit, and in particular Article 16(3) (a) and (b) thereof,

Whereas the regulation on Community transit has needed certain technical amendments in particular for the purpose of deleting references to the TIF document, the time limit for producing the goods, the conditions governing the release of the guaranter from his obligations, and the exemption from guarantee for air traffic;

Whereas moreover the regulation on provisions for the implementation of the Community transit procedure and for certain simplifications of that procedure has also needed certain technical amendments, in particular the deletion of the list of airline companies exempted from providing a guarantee, and concerning the measures made necessary by the abolition of the DD3 movement certificate and the stamping of international consignment notes which accompany consignments dispatched under cover of T documents;

Whereas the said regulations are set out in Appendices I and II to the Agreement and whereas these Appendices should, therefore, be amended;

Whereas these amendments make it necessary to amend the Agreement itself in certain respects;

Whereas Decision No 2/78 of the Joint Committee added to the Agreement an Appendix IIA relating to the introduction, on an experimental basis, of a Community transit declaration form for use in an automatic or electronic data-processing system; whereas this Appendix IIA was amended by Decision No 2/79; whereas the said Decisions apply until 31 December 1982;

Whereas it has been found necessary to provide for use of the said form beyond that date; whereas the term of validity of the aforementioned Decisions should, therefore, be extended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on the application of the rules on Community transit is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following paragraph shall be added to Article 8:

- 7. For the carriage of goods as referred to in Article 53(1) and in the first subparagraph of Article 53(2) of the Regulation on provisions for the implementation of the Community transit procedure and for certain simplifications of that procedure (Appendix II) and ending in Switzerland, sheet No 2 of the International Consignment Note or of the International Express Parcels Consignment Note shall be produced at the Customs office responsible for the last station involved in the Community transit operation. That customs office shall stamp the sheet after ascertaining that carriage of the goods is covered by the Community transit document or documents referred to."
- 2. Article 13(1) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "1. The provisions set out in square brackets in Appendices I and II and listed below shall not apply:
    - Appendix I: Article 1(4) and (5); Article 2(2), second subparagraph;
      Articles 3, 4 and 10; Article 12(1), last sentence;
      Article 22(1), last sentence; Article 26(2); Article 29;
      Article 30(3); Article 32(1), second subparagraph, and (3);
      Article 39(1), last sentence; Article 41; Article 44(1) and
      (2); Article 47; Article 48(2); Articles 50 to 53 and 55 to 61;
    - Appendix II: Article 1(3), (6), first sentence, and (9); Article 2(11);
      Article 4; Article 7(3); Articles 10 to 14; Article 15(2);
      Article 22; Article 24(5), second subparagraph, last sentence;
      Articles 27 to 34; Article 35(a); Article 42(2) and (4);
      Article 50(a); Article 50i(2), (3), (3a) second subparagraph,
      second sentence and (5);

Article 51; Article 53(2) second subparagraph; Article 54, second paragraph; Article 68(1); Article 68a to 68d; Article 74.

However, the provisions of Articles 4, 41, 44(1) and (2), 47 and 50 to 53 of Appendix I and of Article 24(5), second subparagraph, last sentence, 27 to 34, 35(a), 42(2) and (4), 50(a), 50i(2), (3), (3a) second subparagraph, second sentence, and (5), 51, 53(2) second subparagraph, 54, second paragraph, 68(1), 68a to 68d, and 74 of Appendix II shall continue to apply in the Member States.

Appendix I to the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. Article 1(3)(b) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "(b) goods coming under the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community which under the terms of that Treaty are in free circulation within the Community, hereinafter referred to as "Community goods";".
- 2. The following paragraph shall be added to Article 1:
  - The provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community relating to the free movement of goods shall apply to those goods which, in accordance with point (b) of Article 1(2), are carried under the transit procedure for external Community transit and are not exported to a third country provided that an internal Community transit document, delivered as evidence of the Community status of the goods after the cancellation of the customs export formalities relating to the Community measures which made exportation of these goods to a third country necessary, is produced."
- 3. Article 7(1) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "1. By way of derogation from Article 1, the Community transit procedure shall not apply to the carriage of goods under cover of TIR carnets (TIR Convention) or the Rhine Manifest (Article 9 of the revised Convention for the navigation of the Rhine) on condition that the carriage of goods began or is to end outside the Community."
- 4. The second subparagraph of Article 7(3) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "The internal Community transit document shall bear a reference to the procedure used and the corresponding document."
- 5. Article 15 shall be deleted.

- 6. The following paragraph shall be added to Article 26:
  - "3. Where the goods are produced at the office of destination after expiry of the time limit prescribed by the office of departure and where this failure to comply with the time limit is due to circumstances which are explained to the satisfaction of the office of destination and which are beyond the control of the carrier or the principal, the latter shall be deemed to have complied with the time limit prescribed."
- 7. The second paragraph of Article 35 shall be replaced by the following:

"When the guarantor has not been notified by the competent customs authorities of the Member State of departure of the non-discharge of the T1 document, he shall likewise be released from his obligations upon expiry of a period of 12 months from the date of registration of the T1 declaration."

8. The following paragraph shall be added to Article 35:

"Where, within the period provided for in the second paragraph, the guarantor has been notified by the competent customs authorities of the non-discharge of the T1 document, he must, in addition be informed that he is or may be liable to pay the amounts for which he is liable in respect of the Community transit operatio in question. This notification must reach the guarantor not later than three years after the date of registration of the T1 declaration. Where no such notification has been made before the expiry of the aforementioned period, the quarantor shall likewise be released from his obligations."

- 9. Article 42(2) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "2. The provisions of Articles 19(2) and (3), 21, 22 and 41 shall not apply to the carriage of goods by rail."
- 10. Article 44(2) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply:
    - when the goods are subject to Community measures entailing control of their use or destination, or
    - when the carriage of goods by sea, under a single contract of carriage, is to be followed, beyond the port of unloading, by carriage by land or inland waterway under a transit procedure except when carriage beyond that port is to be effected, in pursuance of Article 7(2), under the Rhine Manifest procedure.7"

- 11. Article 45(2) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "2. In cases where a Community transit procedure is used for carriage effected wholly or partly by air, no guarantee need be furnished to cover the air portion of the journey of goods carried by undertakings authorized to undertake such carriage by scheduled or non-scheduled services in Member States."
- 12. The second subparagraph of Article 51(2) shall be deleted.
- 13. Article 57 (1)(a) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "(a) for the implementation of this Regulation, with the exception of Articles 1, 5, 6, 21, 22, 26 to 31, 33, 36, 37 and 40;".
- 14. The last subparagraph of Article 57(1) shall be deleted.

Appendix II to the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. (a) The title which precedes Article 26 is deleted.
  - (b) Article 26 is repealed.
- 2. Article 48 shall be replaced by the following:

#### "Article 48

Goods which are carried under the provisions of Articles 46(1) or 47(1) shall be considered as moving under the external Community transit procedure unless an internal Community transit document T2L, completed so as to establish the Community nature of the goods concerned, is submitted in respect thereof."

3. Article 50o shall be replaced by the following:

#### "Article 50o

Goods which are carried under the provisions of Articles 50m(1) or 50n(1) shall be considered as moving under the external Community transit procedure unless an internal Community transit document T2L, completed so as to establish the Community nature of the goods concerned, is submitted in respect thereof."

- 4. Article 53(2) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "2. In this case, a reference to the Community transit document or documents used shall be clearly entered in box 32 or box 20 respectively at the time when the International Consignment Note or the International Express Parcels Consignment Note is filled in. This reference shall specify the type, office of issue, date and registration number of each document used.

In addition, copy No 2 of the International Consignment Note or of the International Express Parcels Consignment Note shall be stamped by the railway authority responsible for the last railway station involved in the Community transit operation. The authority shall stamp the document after ascertaining that carriage of the goods is covered by the Community transit document or documents referred to."

5. The following text shall be inserted after Article 68c:

#### "PROVISIONS RELATING TO RAILWAY WAGONS

# Article 68d

Without prejudice to the provisions applicable to the temporary importation of railway wagons, the provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community regarding the free movement of goods shall apply to all goods wagons belonging to a railway company of a Member State of the Community:

- (a) provided that the code number and ownership mark (distinguishing letters) displayed on them establish their Community nature beyond all doubt; or
- (b) in other cases, if an internal Community transit document is produced. "

7. Annex XIV shall be deleted.

# Article 4

Decisions No 2/78 and No 2/79 of the Joint Committee, first extended by Decision No 1/80 of the Joint Committee are hereby extended until 31 December 1984.

## Article 5

This decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1983.

Done at Brussels,

For the Joint Committee

The Chairman

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# DECISION NO 2/82 OF THE EEC-AUSTRIA JOINT COMMITTEE - Community transit -

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amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Austrian Republic on the application of the rules on Community transit

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Austrian Republic on the application of the rules on Community transit, and in particular Article 16(3) (a) and (b) thereof,

Whereas the regulation on Community transit has needed certain technical amendments in particular for the purpose of deleting references to the TIF document, the time limit for producing the goods, the conditions governing the release of the guaranter from his obligations, and the exemption from guarantee for air traffic;

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Austrian Republic on the application of the rules on Community transit is hereby amended as follows: Article 13(1) shall be replaced by the following:

- "1. The provisions set out in square brackets in Appendices I and II and listed below shall not apply:
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    22; Article 24(5), second subparagraph, last sentence; Articles 27
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    50i(2), (3), (3a), second subparagraph, second sentence and (5);
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    68a to 68d; Article 74.

However, the provisions of Articles 4, 41, 44(1) and (2), 47, and 50 to 53 of Appendix I and of Article 24(5), second subparagraph, last sentence, 27 to 34, 35(a), 42(2) and (4), 50(a), 50i(2), (3), (3a), second subparagraph, second sentence, and (5), 51, 54, second paragraph, 68(1), 68a to 68d, and 74 of Appendix II shall continue to apply in the Member States".

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- 3. Article 7(1) shall be replaced by the following:
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- 4. The second subparagraph of Article 7(3) shall be replaced by the following:
  - "The internal Community transit document shall bear a reference to the procedure used and the corresponding document."
- 5. Article 15 shall be deleted.

- 6. The following paragraph shall be added to Article 26:
  - "3. Where the goods are produced at the office of destination after expiry of the time limit prescribed by the office of departure and where this failure to comply with the time limit is due to circumstances which are explained to the satisfaction of the office of destination and which are beyond the control of the carrier or the principal, the latter shall be deemed to have complied with the time limit prescribed."
- 7. The second paragraph of Article 35 shall be replaced by the following:
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- 8. The following paragraph shall be added to Article 35:
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3. Article 500 shall be replaced by the following:

#### "Article 50o

Goods which are carried under the provisions of Articles 50m(1) or 50n(1) shall be considered as moving under the external Community transit procedure unless an internal Community transit document T2L, completed so as to establish the Community nature of the goods concerned, is submitted in respect thereof."

- 4. Article 53(2) shall be replaced by the following:
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# Article 4

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## Article 5

This decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1983.

Done at Brussels,

For the Joint Committee

The Chairman