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Information Furnished by the Parties to the Agreements

This report covers the period since the entry into force of the agreements until 31 October 1975.

The FTA between the EEC and Portugal entered into force on 1 January 1973; and the FTA between the member States of the ECSC and the ECSC, on the one hand, and Portugal on the other hand, entered into force on 1 January 1974.

The objective of the Agreements is to eliminate progressively the obstacles to substantially all the trade between the parties, in accordance with the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concerning the establishment of free-trade areas.

The Agreements have functioned normally and have been applied in accordance with their provisions.

The main results are as follows:

1. During the period covered by the report tariffs have been reduced in accordance with the provisions of the Agreements to 40 per cent of their basic rates (since 1 January 1975).
2. The quantitative restrictions existing between Portugal and the EEC are being progressively abolished in accordance with the provisions of the Agreements.
3. Protocol No. 1 of the Agreement EEC/Portugal and of the Agreement ECSC/Portugal foresees slower than normal rhythms of tariff reduction for certain products, and Protocol No. 2 of the Agreement EEC/Portugal provides for tariff reductions on processed agricultural products. Both protocols have been applied as foreseen.

4. The rules of origin in Protocol No. 3 of the Agreement EEC/Portugal which determine the eligibility of products for the tariff reduction under the Agreements have been applied as foreseen. In accordance with the provisions of this Protocol the rules have, in specific cases, been amended and supplemented in order to facilitate their implementation and application (see Annex).
5. Tariff treatment granted by EEC for Portuguese exports of certain agricultural products (which range between a tariff reduction of 30 per cent and exemption of customs duties) has been applied in accordance with the provisions of Protocol No. 8 of the Agreement EEC/Portugal.
6. Two Joint Committees have been established to administer and supervise the implementation of the Agreements and also to act as a forum for the information and consultations procedures foreseen in the Agreements.

The Joint Committees have taken a certain number of decisions which provide for a simplification of the procedures of administrative co-operation and documentation (in particular the movement certificate) (see Annex).

The Joint Committee of the Agreement EEC/Portugal formulated during its meeting held on 28 May 1975 a recommendation to the parties to open appropriate negotiations based on the evolutive clause in Article 35 of the Agreement.

7. Commercial incidence

Approximately 96 per cent of the imports of the Communities from Portugal are covered by the Agreement. On exports from the Communities to Portugal this figure is 93 per cent.

Volume of commercial exchanges EC/Portugal in millions of EUR:*

- Imports to the EC from Portugal		
	1972:	586
	1973:	765
	1974:	911
- Exports to Portugal from the EC		
	1972:	945
	1973:	1,197
	1974:	1,657

* Source: EEC Statistical Office

ANNEX

List of Decisions of the Joint Committees
under the FTAs on Origin Matters

Subject	Decision No.	Official Journal of the EC No.
Administrative co-operation	3/73	L 160/73
Postal consignments EUR.2	4/73	L 160/73
Amendment annexes V and VI to Protocol No. 3	5/73	L 160/73
Article 25, first rev.	6/73	L 160/73
Goods en route 1.4.73	7/73	L 160/73
Annotation A.W.1	8/73	L 160/73
Article 25, second rev.	9/73	L 347/73
Introduction EUR.1	10/73	L 365/73
Durum wheat (List A)	11/73	L 365/73
Spare parts	1/74	L 224/74
Approved exporter	2/74	L 224/74
Amendments Lists A and B	3/74	L 352/74
Suspension of the application of Article 23(1) of Protocol No. 3	4/74	L 355/74