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Information Furnished by the Parties to the Agreements

This report covers the period from the entry into force of the Agreements until 31 October 1975.

The FTA between the EEC and Sweden 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 Sweden 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. On the date of the entry into force of the Agreements no quantitative import restrictions regarding products covered by the Agreements existed between the parties, nor were any such restrictions introduced in the period under review.
3. Protocol No. 1 of the Agreements foresees a slower than normal rhythm of tariff reduction for certain sensitive products, and Protocol No. 2 of the Agreement between the EEC and Sweden provides for tariff reductions on processed agricultural products. Both protocols have been applied as foreseen.

4. The rules of origin in Protocol No. 3 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. 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 consultation 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).

6. Commercial incidence

Approximately 96 per cent of the imports of the Communities from Sweden are covered by the Agreements. On exports from the Communities to Sweden this figure is 95 per cent.

Volume of commercial exchanges EC/Sweden in millions of EUR*

- Imports to the EC from Sweden		
	1972:	4,179
	1973:	5,139
	1974:	6,347
- Exports to Sweden from the EC		
	1972:	4,065
	1973:	4,758
	1974:	6,703

* Source: EEC Statistical Office

ANNEX

LIST OF DECISIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE
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