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AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND SWITZERLAND

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 Free-Trade Agreement (FTA) between the EEC and Switzerland entered into force on 1 January 1973, and the FTA between the States members of the ECSC and Switzerland 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 Agreement 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 during the period under review.
3. Protocol No. 1 of the Agreement EEC/Switzerland provides for a slower than normal rhythm of tariff reduction for certain sensitive products, and Protocol No. 2 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/Switzerland which determines the eligibility of products for the tariff reduction under the Agreement 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 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 incidence¹

Approximately 96 per cent of the imports of the Communities from Switzerland and 91 per cent of the exports of the Communities to Switzerland are covered by the Agreements.

Volume of commercial exchanges EEC/Switzerland in millions of EUR:

- Imports to the EEC from Switzerland:

1972:	3,263
1973:	4,108
1974:	5,233

- Exports to Switzerland from the EEC:

1972:	5,933
1973:	7,068
1974:	8,924

¹Source: EC Statistical Office.

Annex

LIST OF DECISIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEES
UNDER THE FTA'S ON ORIGIN MATTERS

Subject	Decision No.	Official Journal of the EC No.	Swiss Legislative Series
Administrative co-operation	3/73	L 160/73	RO 1973 1219
Postal consignments EUR.2	4/73	L 160/73	RO 1973 1226
*Amendment annexes V and VI to Protocol No. 3	5/73	L 160/73	RO 1973 1233
*Article 25, first rev.	6/73	L 160/73	RO 1973 1236
Goods en route 1 April 1973	7/73	L 160/73	RO 1973 1243
Annotation A.W. 1	8/73	L 160/73	RO 1973 1245
*Article 25, second rev.	9/73	L 347/73	RO 1973 2009
*Introduction EUR.1	10/73	L 365/73	RO 1974 1027
*Durum wheat (List A)	11/73	L 365/73	RO 1974 1035
*Spare parts	1/74	L 224/74	RO 1974 1439
Approved exporter	2/74	L 224/74	RO 1974 1441
*Amendments Lists A and B	3/74	L 352/74	RO 1975 150
*Suspension of the application of Article 23(1) of Protocol No. 3	4/74	L 355/74	RO 1975 157

* Decision amending Protocol No. 3 of the Agreement EEC/Switzerland