

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

At the meeting of the Council on 19 September 1972, the contracting parties were informed that the negotiation of the agreements establishing six free-trade areas between the European Communities and European countries had been concluded on 22 July 1972 (C/M/80).

In accordance with the intention, stated on that occasion, to communicate the texts of the agreements in question as soon as they were ready for publication, the Government of Austria on the one hand, and the Council of the European Communities, on behalf of the European Communities, their Member States and the acceding States on the other hand, have transmitted to the secretariat the following legal instruments establishing a free-trade area between Austria and the Communities:

- the text of the Agreement between the Republic of Austria and the European Economic Community, together with the annexes and protocols forming an integral part thereof;
- the text of the Agreement between the Republic of Austria, on the one side, and the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, on the other side, together with the annex and protocols forming an integral part thereof;
- the note of the Head of the Austrian Delegation to the Head of the Delegation of the European Economic Community concerning certain agricultural products.

The Government of Austria and the Council of the European Communities have stated in their respective communications that the two Agreements establish the necessary arrangements for the two parties to eliminate progressively the obstacles to substantially all their trade, in accordance with the provisions of the General Agreement concerning the establishment of free-trade areas.

The English and French texts of these Agreements and the annexes thereto will be circulated shortly as an addendum to this document.

The texts of the Interim Agreements between the Republic of Austria and the European Economic Community and the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, concluded on 22 July 1972, have been circulated in L/3755 and Addendum 1.