

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND PORTUGAL

### Information Furnished by the Parties to the Agreements

This report covers the period from 1 October 1981 until 30 September 1983.

The Free Trade Agreement between the EEC and Portugal, which entered into force on 1 January 1973, and the Free Trade Agreement between member States of the ECSC and the ECSC, on the one hand, and Portugal, on the other hand, which entered into force on 1 January 1974 have functioned normally and have been applied in accordance with their provisions.

The objective of the Free Trade Agreements is to eliminate progressively the obstacles to substantially all the trade between the Parties in accordance with the provisions of the GATT concerning the establishment of free trade areas.

The main results are as follows:

1. Since 1 July 1977 almost all industrial products are traded free of duty between the Parties to the Agreements. For certain sensitive products covered by Protocol No. 1 as well as by the transitional protocol to the Agreement EEC-Portugal the tariff dismantlement will have been completed by 1 January 1985 for imports into Portugal and by 1 January 1984 for imports into the EEC.
2. On the date of entry into force of the Agreements no quantitative import restrictions regarding products covered by the Agreements, except those which Portugal is allowed to maintain in accordance with Protocols Nos. 6 and 7 as well as the complementary protocol to the Agreement EEC-Portugal existed between the Parties, nor were any such restrictions in force during the period under review with the exception of certain transitional arrangements for Greece.
3. Protocol No. 2 to the Agreement EEC-Portugal provides for tariff reductions on processed agricultural products. The Protocol has been applied as foreseen.
4. Certain transitional provisions necessitated by the accession of Greece on 1 January 1981 to the Community were included in Protocols, which during the period covered by this report have been applied as foreseen. The transitional measures are limited to trade between Greece and Portugal

and will be abolished as of 1 January 1986. For further information on the Protocols, reference is made to the biennial report covering the period 1 October 1979 until 30 September 1981 (L/5285).

5. The rules of origin in Protocol No. 3 to 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).

6. The two Joint Committees, 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, have taken a certain number of decisions which provide for the simplification of the procedures of administrative co-operation and documentation.

7. Commercial incidence.

Volume of commercial exchanges EC/Portugal in millions of ECU<sup>1</sup>

- Imports to the EC from Portugal:

1981	2,103
1982	2,553

- Exports to Portugal from the EC:

1981	3,723
1982	3,921

8. A Transitional Protocol to the 1972 Trade Agreement was signed on 27 October 1982 and entered into force on 1 January 1983. This Protocol will remain applicable until Portugal's accession to the Communities, or at the latest 31 December 1984. It establishes measures allowing Portugal to further suspend the dismantling of tariffs in respect of certain industrial products until the end of 1983 or the end of 1984, according to the case, while simultaneously reducing tariffs in respect of the Community. In addition, the clause on infant industries which allows Portugal to reintroduce customs duties to take account of its restructuring and industrial development needs, is extended until the end of 1984 or until the first day of the month preceding the signature of instruments of accession to the Communities.

9. The negotiations for Portugal's accession to the Communities, initiated on 17 October 1978, have continued actively over the period considered.

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<sup>1</sup>Source: EEC Statistical Office

ANNEX

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

EEC-Portugal

Subject	Decision No.	Official Journal of the EC No.
Amending, as regards products sent in small packages to private persons, Article 8 of Protocol No. 3 concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative co-operation	4/81	L 247/81
Amending, in relation to heading No. 84.59, List A annexed to Protocol 3 concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative co-operation	1/82	L 382/82
Supplementing Annexes II and III to Protocol 3 concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative co-operation by the addition of alternative percentage rules for the products of Chapters 84 to 92 of the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature	2/82	L 385/82
Amending Article 8 of Protocol 3 concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative co-operation	1/83	L 174/83