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of the Representatives
of the Governments of the
Member States of the
European Coal and Steel Community,
meeting within the Council, opening
Tariff Preferences for Products
covered by that Community
and originating in
Finland

Brussels, 10 December 1973

[For the purposes of the entry into operation of the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1974 (S.I. No. 1263) the Decision is regarded as having entered into force for the United Kingdom on 25 July 1974]

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The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community,

Whereas the Member States have concluded among themselves the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community;

Whereas the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland will enter into force on 1 January 1974;

Whereas the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Finland, of the other part,⁽²⁾ is subject to the approval of each Contracting Party in accordance with its own procedures;

Anxious to apply autonomously and concomitantly the tariff reductions laid down in that Agreement;

In agreement with the Commission,

Have decided as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. With effect from the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland⁽³⁾ and until 31 December 1974, the duties applicable in the Community as originally constituted and in Ireland to imports of products covered by the European Coal and Steel Community and originating in Finland, shall be reduced to 60% of the basic duty, or levied at the rate of 60% of the basic duty.

2. During the same period, the United Kingdom and Denmark shall refrain from introducing new customs duties on imports of products covered by the European Coal and Steel Community and originating in Finland.

3. The basic duties referred to in this Decision shall be those duties actually applied on 1 January 1972.

⁽¹⁾ For texts in Danish, Dutch, French, German and Italian see Official Journal of the European Communities No. L352 of 21 December 1973, available through Agency Section, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, PO Box 569, London, SE1 9NY—Tel. 01-928 6977, ext. 410.

⁽²⁾ The Agreement was published as Miscellaneous No. 37 (1973), Cmnd. 5472 and entered into force on 1 January 1975.

⁽³⁾ The Agreement was published as European Communities No. 5 (1974), Cmnd. 5669, and entered into force on 1 January 1974.

ARTICLE 2

The provisions laying down the rules of origin for the implementation of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland shall apply to the products to which this Decision refers.

ARTICLE 3

The Member States shall decide by common accord on any contingent protective measures suggested by one or more Member States or by the Commission.

ARTICLE 4

This decision shall expire on the entry into force of the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community of the one part and the Republic of Finland of the other part, and at the latest on 31 December 1974.

ARTICLE 5

Member States shall adopt all the measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 10 December 1973.

The President
I. NØRGAARD.