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## COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 November 1984

concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Government of New Zealand amending the Joint Discipline Arrangement between New Zealand and the Community concerning cheese

(84/561/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas during the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) trade negotiations, the Community concluded an Arrangement with New Zealand concerning cheese (1),

Whereas if the objectives of the Arrangement are to be attained, some of its provisions should be amended;

Whereas the Commission has initiated negotiations with New Zealand on this matter and reached a satisfactory agreement with that country,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the

Government of New Zealand amending the Joint Discipline Arrangement between New Zealand and the Community concerning cheese is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

*Article 2*

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 22 November 1982.

*For the Council*

*The President*

J. BRUTON

(1) OJ No L 71, 17. 3. 1980, p. 144.

## EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

between the European Economic Community and the Government of New Zealand amending the Joint Discipline Arrangement between New Zealand and the Community concerning cheese

## A. Letter from the European Economic Community

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I have the honour to refer to the Joint Discipline Arrangement between New Zealand and the Community concerning cheese in Annex 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding on the results of bilateral negotiations between the delegations of New Zealand and the European Community to the multilateral trade negotiations, signed on 12 April 1979, and to the negotiations concerning certain amendments to this Arrangement concluded in Brussels on 3 October 1984.

In accordance with the conclusions of these negotiations I have the honour to propose the following amendments to the abovementioned Arrangement :

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*Appendix I*

## Text of EEC concession on Cheddar cheese

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- (a) The expression "whole cheeses", as used in subheading 04.04 E I b) 1 shall be taken to apply to :
- cheeses of the conventional flat cylindrical shape of a net weight of not less than 33 kilograms but not more than 44 kilograms,
  - cubic blocks of cheese of a net weight of 10 kilograms or more.
- (b) Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions to be determined by the competent authorities.
- (c) 15 ECU per 100 kilograms net weight within the limits of an annual tariff quota of 9 000 tonnes to be granted by the competent authorities of the European Communities.



## B. Letter from the Government of New Zealand

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows :

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