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Biennial Report on the Operation of the Agreement

Communication from the European Community

The report below presents the information received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission, dated 21 March 2000. It is organized in accordance to the Standard Format for Information on Regional Trade Agreements (WT/REG/W/6).

This report covers the period 1999-2001. The previous biennial report by the European Communities on the operation of the Association of the overseas countries and territories with the EC was contained in WTO document WT/REG106/R/B/1, G/L/374 of 2 May 2000.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

1. Membership and dates of signature, ratification and entry into force

In the reporting period (1999-2001), no modifications were made to Council Decision 91/482/EEC of 25 July 1991 on the association of the overseas countries and territories (OCTs)¹ with the European Community, as amended at mid-term by Council Decision 97/803/EC of 24 November 1997 (hereinafter: "the current Decision": see previous report for more information).

However, on 27 November 2000 the Commission presented a proposal for a Council decision which would replace the current Decision. The Commission proposal is designed to renew the Community's association arrangements with the OCTs pursuant to Declaration n° 36 of the Amsterdam Treaty, which invited the Council, acting by unanimity in accordance with Article 187 of the Treaty, to review the current relationship.

The current Decision originally expired at the end of February 2000 but was extended first for another year until 28 February 2001 (OJ L 55, 29.02.2000), and again for another 9 months until 1 December 2001 (OJ L 58, 28.02.2001).

4. Trade data

There has been a continued increase in EC-OCT trade over the period. A large share of trade remains accounted for by the movement of vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment that is registered as "imports" and "exports" (see statistical data attached in Annex 2).

¹ Annex 1 lists the current OCTs.

II. TRADE PROVISIONS

In the reporting period (1999-2001), no modifications were made to the current Decision or its trade provisions, as described in the previous report.

Annex 1

Overseas Countries and Territories associated with the European Community

Country having special relations with the Kingdom of Denmark

- Greenland

Overseas Territories of the French Republic

- New Caledonia
- French Polynesia
- French Southern and Antarctic Territories
- Wallis and Futuna Islands

Territorial Collectivities of the French Republic

- Mayotte
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon

Overseas Countries of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

- Aruba
- Netherlands Antilles (Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten)

Overseas Countries and Territories of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

- Anguilla
- Cayman Islands
- Falkland Islands
- South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands
- Montserrat
- Pitcairn
- Saint Helena, Ascension Island, Tristan da Cunha
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- British Antarctic Territory
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- British Virgin Islands

Annex 2

EC-OCTs Imports/Exports, 2000 and comparison with extra-EU

Overseas countries and territories (OCTs) associated with the EU HS Section	EU15 trade 2000 with OCTs					EU15 trade 2000 with EXTRA-EUR					OCTs		
	imports		exports		balance	imports		exports		balance	market shares		
	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	% Total	M Euro	imports	exports	Exp-Imp ratio
Total	2,103	100.0%	4,267	100.0%	2,165	1,026,798	100.0%	937,836	100.0%	-88,961	0.2%	0.5%	2.03
of which:													
01 Animals & animal products	234	11.1%	101	2.4%	-133	15,386	1.5%	12,064	1.3%	-3,321	1.5%	0.8%	0.43
02 Vegetable products	15	0.7%	25	0.6%	9	25,086	2.4%	11,223	1.2%	-13,864	0.1%	0.2%	1.62
03 Animal or vegetable fats	3	0.1%	10	0.2%	7	2,360	0.2%	2,687	0.3%	327	0.1%	0.4%	3.73
04 Prepared foodstuffs	133	6.3%	293	6.9%	160	22,170	2.2%	29,937	3.2%	7,767	0.6%	1.0%	2.20
05 Mineral products	212	10.1%	179	4.2%	-33	160,181	15.6%	33,372	3.6%	-126,808	0.1%	0.5%	0.84
06 Chemical products	7	0.3%	208	4.9%	201	63,673	6.2%	113,378	12.1%	49,705	0.0%	0.2%	29.97
07 Plastics & rubber	0	0.0%	67	1.6%	66	26,308	2.6%	35,240	3.8%	8,932	0.0%	0.2%	177.51
08 Hides & skins	2	0.1%	7	0.2%	6	10,204	1.0%	8,969	1.0%	-1,234	0.0%	0.1%	4.26
09 Wood & wood products	1	0.0%	18	0.4%	18	14,618	1.4%	7,007	0.7%	-7,611	0.0%	0.3%	24.03
10 Wood pulp products	1	0.0%	68	1.6%	67	17,021	1.7%	24,481	2.6%	7,461	0.0%	0.3%	66.56
11 Textiles & textile articles	5	0.2%	66	1.6%	62	69,611	6.8%	40,549	4.3%	-29,062	0.0%	0.2%	14.40
12 Footwear, headgear	0	0.0%	15	0.4%	15	10,903	1.1%	6,825	0.7%	-4,078	0.0%	0.2%	93.83
13 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	0	0.0%	50	1.2%	50	7,846	0.8%	15,121	1.6%	7,275	0.0%	0.3%	240.58
14 Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals	83	3.9%	191	4.5%	109	35,656	3.5%	28,969	3.1%	-6,687	0.2%	0.7%	2.32
15 Base metals & articles thereof	238	11.3%	147	3.4%	-91	57,454	5.6%	52,942	5.6%	-4,512	0.4%	0.3%	0.62
16 Machinery & mechanical appliances	21	1.0%	526	12.3%	505	298,805	29.1%	298,008	31.8%	-797	0.0%	0.2%	25.48
17 Transportation equipment	1,117	53.1%	2,092	49.0%	975	90,679	8.8%	139,903	14.9%	49,224	1.2%	1.5%	1.87
18 Instruments - measuring, musical	13	0.6%	73	1.7%	60	42,480	4.1%	39,533	4.2%	-2,947	0.0%	0.2%	5.69
19 Arms & ammunition	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	2	601	0.1%	1,574	0.2%	973	0.0%	0.1%	803.51
20 Miscellaneous	2	0.1%	92	2.2%	90	27,149	2.6%	18,409	2.0%	-8,739	0.0%	0.5%	44.28
21 Works of art	4	0.2%	2	0.0%	-3	2,672	0.3%	4,583	0.5%	1,910	0.2%	0.0%	0.38
Other	13	0.6%	35	0.8%	22	25,935	2.5%	13,062	1.4%	-12,872	0.0%	0.3%	2.77

Source : Eurostat COMEXT 30 Jul 01 (Statistical regime 4)

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EC-OCTs Imports/Exports, 1997-2000

Overseas countries and territories (OCTs) associated with the EU HS Section	EU15 trade 1997-2000 with EU Associated Overseas countries and territories (million Euro)															
	imports				exports				balance				total trade			
	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total	1,611	1,464	1,715	2,103	3,058	3,204	3,596	4,267	1,447	1,740	1,881	2,165	4,669	4,668	5,311	6,370
of which:																
01 Animals & animal products	212	215	207	234	91	92	89	101	-122	-124	-119	-133	303	307	296	334
02 Vegetable products	69	16	10	15	20	22	24	25	-49	7	14	9	90	38	33	40
03 Animal or vegetable fats	6	2	4	3	9	10	10	10	4	8	6	7	15	12	14	12
04 Prepared foodstuffs	89	85	132	133	291	291	317	293	202	206	185	160	380	376	448	427
05 Mineral products	157	86	132	212	134	95	131	179	-22	9	-2	-33	291	182	263	392
06 Chemical products	3	3	7	7	159	172	183	208	156	168	175	201	161	175	190	215
07 Plastics & rubber	0	0	0	0	56	56	60	67	56	56	59	66	57	57	60	67
08 Hides & skins	2	1	1	2	6	6	5	7	4	5	4	6	9	8	7	9
09 Wood & wood products	0	0	0	1	21	20	22	18	21	20	22	18	21	20	23	19
10 Wood pulp products	7	4	2	1	62	65	67	68	55	61	65	67	69	69	69	69
11 Textiles & textile articles	5	6	4	5	61	65	62	66	56	59	58	62	66	71	67	71
12 Footwear, headgear	0	0	0	0	15	17	15	15	15	17	15	15	16	17	16	15
13 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	0	0	0	0	42	55	47	50	42	55	47	50	43	55	47	50
14 Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals	105	96	81	83	129	155	157	191	24	59	75	109	234	250	238	274
15 Base metals & articles thereof	181	138	129	238	144	134	142	147	-36	-4	12	-91	325	273	271	385
16 Machinery & mechanical applicances	17	19	30	21	388	441	466	526	371	422	436	505	405	460	495	546
17 Transportation equipment	740	765	946	1,117	1,268	1,302	1,617	2,092	528	537	671	975	2,008	2,067	2,563	3,209
18 Instruments - measuring, musical	8	14	15	13	54	61	63	73	46	48	48	60	62	75	78	86
19 Arms & ammunition	0	0	0	0	6	3	2	2	6	3	2	2	6	3	3	2
20 Miscellaneous	0	1	2	2	68	78	79	92	67	76	77	90	68	79	80	94
21 Works of art	2	2	1	4	2	6	3	2	0	4	2	-3	4	8	4	6
Other	8	9	10	13	29	57	37	35	21	48	28	22	38	66	47	48

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