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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 18 December 1997

on the provisional application of a Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt on trade in steel products

(98/135/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 113 in conjunction with Article 228(2), first sentence, thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Commission has negotiated on behalf of the European Community a Memorandum of Understanding on trade in steel products with the Arab Republic of Egypt;

Whereas this Memorandum of Understanding should be applied on a provisional basis from 1 July 1997 pending the completion of the procedures required for its conclusion, without prejudice to the application of the application by the Arab Republic of Egypt,

on trade in steel products, on a provisional basis from 1 July 1997 pending its formal conclusion, without prejudice to the application of the application by the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The text of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 1997.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt

For the Council
The President
F. BODEN