

ANNEX

Specific conditions of application of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic consequent upon the accession of the Hellenic Republic

Article 1

For the products listed in Annex 1, the Hellenic Republic shall progressively abolish customs duties on imports of products originating in Syria in accordance with the following timetable:

- on the date of entry into force of this Regulation, each duty shall be reduced to 90 % of the basic duty,
- on 1 January 1982, each duty shall be reduced to 80 % of the basic duty,
- the four other reductions of 20 % each shall be made on:
 - 1 January 1983,
 - 1 January 1984,
 - 1 January 1985,
 - 1 January 1986.

Article 2

1. For the products listed in Annex 1, the basic duty to which the successive reductions provided for in Article 1 are to be applied shall, for each product, be the duty actually applied by the Hellenic Republic in respect of Syria on 1 July 1980.

2. However, in respect of matches falling within heading No 36.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, the basic duty shall be 17.2 % *ad valorem*.

Article 3

1. For the products listed in Annex 1 the Hellenic Republic shall progressively abolish charges having equivalent effect to customs duties on imports of products originating in Syria in accordance with the following timetable:

- on the date of entry into force of this Regulation, each charge shall be reduced to 90 % of the basic rate,
- on 1 January 1982, each charge shall be reduced to 80 % of the basic rate.,
- the four other reductions of 20 % each shall be made on:
 - 1 January 1983,
 - 1 January 1984,
 - 1 January 1985,
 - 1 January 1986.

2. The basic rate to which the successive reductions provided for in paragraph 1 are to be applied shall, for each product, be the rate applied by the Hellenic Republic on 31 December 1980 in respect of the Community of Nine.

3. Any charge having equivalent effect to a customs duty on imports, introduced as from 1 January 1979 in trade between Greece and Syria shall be abolished.

Article 4

If the Hellenic Republic suspends or reduces duties or charges having equivalent effect on products imported from the Community of Nine more quickly than under the established timetable, the Hellenic Republic shall also suspend or reduce, by the same percentage, those duties or charges having equivalent effect on products originating in Syria.

Article 5

1. The variable component which the Hellenic Republic may apply to products covered by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3033/80 of 11 November 1980 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products ⁽¹⁾, originating in Syria, shall be adjusted by the compensatory amount applied in trade between the Community of Nine and Greece.

2. For the products covered by Regulation (EEC) No 3033/80 and also listed in Annex 1, the Hellenic Republic shall abolish, in accordance with the timetable laid down in Article 3, the difference between:

- the fixed component of the duty to be applied by the Hellenic Republic upon accession, and
- the duty (other than the variable component) resulting from the provisions of the Agreement.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 323, 29. 11. 1980, p. 1.

Article 6

For the products listed in Annex II to the EEC Treaty, the preferential rates laid down or calculated shall be applied to the duties actually levied by the Hellenic Republic in respect of third countries in accordance with Article 64 of the 1979 Act of Accession.

Under no circumstances shall Greek imports from Syria benefit from rates of duty more favourable than those applied to products from the Community of Nine.

Article 7

1. The Hellenic Republic may retain quantitative restrictions until 31 December 1985 on products listed in Annex I and originating in Syria.

2. The restrictions referred to in paragraph 1 shall take the form of global quotas.

The global quotas for 1981 are listed in Annex 2.

3. The minimum rate of progressive increase for the quotas referred to in paragraph 2 shall be 25 % at the beginning of each year for quotas expressed in European units of account (EUA), and 20 % at the beginning of each year for quotas expressed in terms of volume. Such increases shall be added to each quota and the next increase calculated on the basis of the total thus obtained.

However, with regard to motor coaches and buses and other vehicles falling within subheading ex 87.02 A I of the Common Customs Tariff, the quota shall be raised by 20 % a year.

4. Where it is found that imports into Greece of a product listed in Annex 2 have, for two consecutive years, been less than 90 % of the quota, the Hellenic Republic shall liberalize imports of that product originating in Syria, if the product in question is at that time liberalized towards the Community of Nine.

5. If the Hellenic Republic liberalizes imports of a product listed in Annex 2 and coming from the Community of Nine or increases a quota applicable to the Community of Nine beyond the minimum rate, the Hellenic Republic shall also liberalize imports of that product originating in or increase the global quota proportionally.

6. Regarding licences for imports of products listed in Annex 2 and originating in Syria, the Hellenic Republic shall apply the same administrative rules and practices as applied to such imports originating in the Community of Nine, with the exception of the quota for fertilizers falling within heading Nos 31.02 and 31.03 and subheadings 31.05 A I, II and IV of the Common Customs Tariff, where the Hellenic Republic may apply the rules and practices relevant to exclusive marketing rights.

Article 8

1. Import deposits and cash payments in force in Greece on 31 December 1980 with regard to imports of products originating in Syria shall be progressively eliminated in accordance with the following timetable:

- on the date of entry into force of this Regulation: 25 %,
- 1 January 1982: 25 %,
- 1 January 1983: 25 %,
- 1 January 1984: 25 %.

2. For the products listed in Annex II to the EEC Treaty, charges having equivalent effect to customs duties and measures having equivalent effect to quantitative restrictions (import deposits, cash payments, validation of invoices, etc.) shall be abolished by the Hellenic Republic in respect of products originating in Syria in accordance with Article 65 of the 1979 Act of Accession.

3. If, in respect of the Community of Nine, the Hellenic Republic reduces the rate of import deposits or cash payments more quickly than under the timetable set out in paragraph 1, the Hellenic Republic shall make the same reduction with regard to imports of products originating in Syria.