

English edition

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C/DEC. 8/11/79 DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE TRADE LIBERALIZATION OF UNPROCESSED PRODUCTS.

The Council endorsed the proposal that the English and French texts of Article V (f) of the Protocol on the definition of the concept of goods originating from Member States should be realigned and the French text be improved upon. The Council endorsed the following recommendations of the Commission:

- i. total exoneration of duties and taxes
- ii. free movement of these products without any quantitative restriction to be supervised by Economic Operators at the point of entry.
- iii. absence of compensation for loss of income resulting from the importation of these products.

LIST OF UNPROCESSED PRODUCTS THAT SHOULD BE TOTALLY EXONERATED FROM IMPORT DUTIES AND TAXES ²

No of Tariff Nomenclature and Statistics	Description of Materials
CHAPTER ONE (All items)	Live animals
CHAPTER II (All items)	Meat and edible meat offers
CHAPTER III (All items)	
04-01	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs, fish-egg
ex- 04-05	Fresh milk (complete or skimmed)
04-06	Birds' egg in shell Natural honey
CHAPTER IV (All items)	Other products of animal original n.e.s. raw or simply prepared
CHAPTER VI (All items)	Live plants, root and food tubers
CHAPTER VII (All items)	Vegetables, plants, root and food tuber
CHAPTER VIII (All items)	Edible fruits, peel of melons and citrus other spices
CHAPTER IX ex-09-01	Coffee (not roasted or grinded)
09-04	Green tea Ungrinded pepper and pimento
CHAPTER X (All items)	Cereals
CHAPTER XI ex-11-06	Cassava flour (gari)
CHAPTER XII	
12-01	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits
12-03-00	Seeds, spores and fruits for sowing
12-04	Sugar canes.
12-07	Plants and parts (including seeds and fruits) of trees, bushes, shrubs of other plant, being good of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in phar- macy, or for insecticidal, fungicidal, or similar purpose, fresh or dried, whole, cut, crushed, ground or pow- dered
ex-12-08	Néré seeds

No of Tariff Nomenclature and Statistics	Description of Materials
CHAPTER XIII	Raw materials of plant origin for dyeing, tanning, gum, resin as well as other plant juices and extracts (raw or simply cleaned or dried)
CHAPTER XVIII ex-18-01	Cocoa beans, broken or raw
CHAPTER XXII ex-22-01	Tobacco and raw tobacco manufactures
CHAPTER XXV ex-25-01	Rock salt, white salt and sea salt
ex-25-03	Natural alumino calcium phosphates raw natural marble
ex- 25-16	Raw natural granite
25-20	Raw gypsum
ex- 25-32	Sand roses
CHAPTER XXVI	Unprepared natural metallurgical mineral
CHAPTER XXVII ex-27-09	Crude oil
ex-27-15	Crude bitumen and asphalts (unproces- sed)
CHAPTER XXXI ex-31-01	Natural crude fertilizer Guano and other natural fertilizers (of plant or animal origin) which are not chemically processed
CHAPTER XL	Raw natural rubber and gum
CHAPTER XLI 41-01	Raw skins (fresh, salted, dried, limed or pickled)
CHAPTER XLIV 44-03	Rough wood
44-04	Simple squared wood
44-05	Sawn wood
CHAPTER XLVI	Natural weaving materials (plants barks and unspinned natural textile fibres)
CHAPTER LV 56-01	Cotton (unpicked cotton fibres or simply picked ones)
CHAPTER LVII	Other raw plant textile fibres

Footnote

1. Was published in the Official Journal, Volume 2, 1980, Pg 11
2. All Member States were informed by circular letters dated 26th June, 1981 for the English edition and 17th June, 1981 for the French edition.

C/DEC.1/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE REVISED ECOWAS STAFF REGULATIONS

THE COUNCIL

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions:

RECALLING various decisions taken since the adoption of the ECOWAS Staff Regulations (ECW/CM/5A(REV.1) which affect some provisions of the said Staff Regulations;

DESIROUS of having only one set of written rules governing the treatment of officials of the Community irrespective of the Community Institution in which such officials might be serving;

HAVING examined the Report of the Second Meeting of the Staff Establishment Committee:

DECIDES:

ARTICLE 1

The ECOWAS Staff Regulations of ECW/CM/5A(REV.1) are hereby amended and replaced by the new document ECW/CM.1/5AREV.2

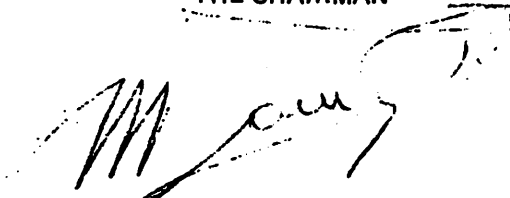
ARTICLE 2

The new ECOWAS Staff Regulations shall become applicable as from the 1st of January, 1984 and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT CONAKRY THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN



DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

C/DEC.2/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF THE ECOWAS FORUM ON INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE PROMOTION

THE COUNCIL

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty concerning the creation of the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the importance of the ECOWAS Intra-Community Trade Liberalisation Programme;

CONSIDERING the role that the economic operators should play in the promotion of trade within the Community and also in the integration of the economies of Member States;

DECIDES:

ARTICLE 1

The holding of an ECOWAS Forum on Trade Promotion on a regular basis is hereby instituted.

ARTICLE 2

The modalities concerning the frequency, organisation and the holding of the sessions of the Forum are left to the initiative of the Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat.

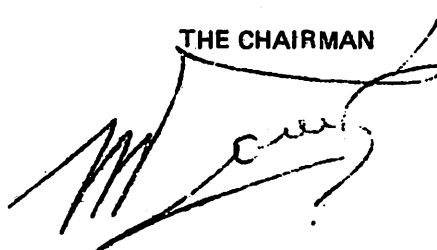
ARTICLE 3

This Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT CONAKRY THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN



DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

C/DEC.3/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE LIST OF PRIORITY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.

THE COUNCIL

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty concerning the creation of the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision C/DEC. 3/5/82 dated 26 May, 1982 relating to the list of priority industrial products for the application of the Trade Liberalisation programme, especially its Article 2.2;

UPON recommendation of the Trade, Customs, Immigration, Money & Payments Commission;

DECIDES;

ARTICLE 1

The products enumerated hereunder are accepted forthwith as priority industrial products and added to those similarly designated in Decision C/DEC.3/5/82 of 26 May, 1982;

- ex 25.01 — edible salt, table salt
- ex 68.12 — asbestos-cement products, cellulose-cement and related products for construction
- ex 68.13 — asbestos, asbestos products for construction
- ex 94.04 — foam mattress.


ARTICLE 2

This Decision comes into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT CONAKRY THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN



DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

C/DEC. 4/11/83 DECISION ON BREEDING CENTRE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED CATTLE SPECIES

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Article No. 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty constituting the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING Decisions No. A/DEC. 4/5/82 and A/DEC. 6/5/82 relating to Regional Agricultural Development Strategy and to Breeding Centres for the Production of Selected Cattle Species respectively;

CONSIDERING the importance of animal protein in the ECOWAS nutritional programme;

HAVING STUDIED the report of the Commission on Agriculture, Industry and Natural Resources (Sub-Commission on Agriculture);

DECIDES :

ARTICLE 1

The eight Centres chosen are to be divided into two groups:

(i) Operational Centres

- Upper Ogun Ranch (Nigeria)
- Marahoue Ranch (Ivory Coast)
- Yanfolilla Ranch (Mali)
- Livestock Development Projects (The Gambia)
- Famoila State Farm (Guinea)
- Potta Cattle Ranch (Nigeria)

(ii) Non-Operational Centres

- Kedougou Breeding Centre (Senegal)
- Kaedi Breeding Centre for the Moor Zebu (Mauritania)

ARTICLE 2

The Executive Secretariat is authorised to carry out feasibility studies on each of the centres chosen.

ARTICLE 3

The Executive Secretariat is requested to divide its aid to the centres into two phases:

- during the first phase the aid is to be given to centres belonging to the first group,
- the other centres are to receive aid during the second phase.

ARTICLE 4

The Executive Secretariat is to undertake studies aimed at developing the breeding of animal species with a short reproductive cycle, of the AZAOUAK ZEBU species, and of BORGU bulls.

ARTICLE 5

The Executive Secretariat is to make the necessary arrangements for the creation of a data bank on agriculture and livestock production.

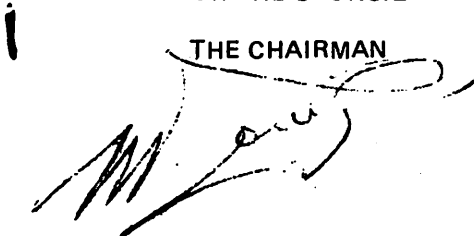
ARTICLE 6

This Decision shall come into force upon signature, and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT CONAKRY THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN



DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

C/DEC. 5/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE FOR PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT ON MAIL ROUTING STUDIES

THE COUNCIL

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the problems encountered by postal authorities as regards infrastructure and mail routing services;

CONVINCED of the worthiness of the objective assigned to the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS by the Authority of Heads of State and Government;

CONVINCED that the formulation of a coherent and realistic programme is the only means of transforming the global strategy adopted by the Authority of Heads of State and Government into concrete action capable of achieving development objectives in the field of postal services;

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of November 1983 session of the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Commission;

DECIDES :

ARTICLE 1

The Executive Secretariat shall do its utmost to assist Member States raise the funds necessary for financing the projects identified in the report on mail routing studies.

ARTICLE 2

The Executive Secretariat shall intensify its effort to collect information which will facilitate the physical and financial assessment of priority projects and shall improve the coordination and scheduling of Sub-Regional Projects.

ARTICLE 3

Member States are hereby invited to provide the Executive Secretariat with all information necessary for the periodic assessment of the progress made in the implementation of the established programme.

ARTICLE 4

Donor countries and financing institutions are hereby being appealed to participate wholeheartedly and constructively in the development of postal services in the West African Sub-Region.

ARTICLE 5

This Decision shall come into effect upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT CONAKRY THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN



DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

C/DEC. 6/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF PREFERENTIAL RATES FOR AIR-MAIL SERVICES

THE COUNCIL,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and determining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING the need to ensure rapid, safe and regular delivery of mail;

AWARE of the arrangements made by some postal authorities with airlines for the transportation of mail at reduced rates;

DECIDES :

ARTICLE 1

The Executive Secretariat shall make all the necessary arrangements with airlines in the sub-region with a view to:

- (a) obtaining preferential rates for airmail services;
- (b) ensuring better airmail services between Member States.

ARTICLE 2

Member States which have experience in this field are hereby invited to forward to the ECOWAS Secretariat all relevant information that would ensure the extension of this service to all ECOWAS Member States.

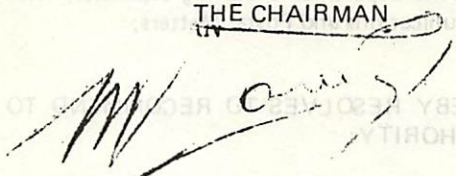
ARTICLE 3

This Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT CONAKRY THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN


DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

C/DEC. 7/11/83 DECISION RELATING TO THE 1984 BUDGET OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

THE COUNCIL,

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty creating the Council of Ministers and fixing its composition and functions;

HAVING EXAMINED the report of the Committee of Financial Experts responsible for examining the budget of the Executive Secretariat for 1984;

DECIDES :

ARTICLE 1

The Budget of the Executive Secretariat for 1984 stands at six million, five hundred and thirty-six, one hundred and twenty-nine Units of Account (U.A. 6,536,129).

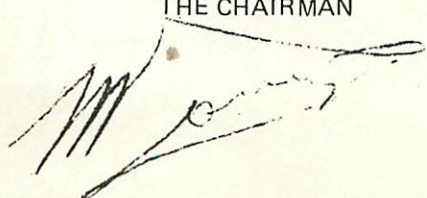
ARTICLE 2

This Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and in the National Gazette of each Member State.

DONE AT CONAKRY THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN


DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

C/DEC. 8/11/83 DECISION ON SELECTED SEED MULTIPLICATION CENTRES

THE COUNCIL

MINDFUL of Article 6 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

CONSIDERING Decisions No. A/DEC. 4/5/82 and No. A/DEC. 5/5/82 on the Regional Agricultural Development Strategy and the Production of Selected Seed and the choice of centres respectively;

CONSIDERING the serious shortage of selected seeds from improved varieties in the sub-region;

MINDFUL of the need to upgrade the Centres chosen by the Community with a view to producing a sufficient quantity of good quality selected seed;

AFTER HAVING EXAMINED the report of the Executive Secretariat on the pre-feasibility studies on the seven (7) centres chosen;

DECIDES :

ARTICLE 1

The Centres are designed to produce Selected R1 seeds from improved varieties.

ARTICLE 2

The RICHARD TOLL Centre shall be replaced by the FANAYE Centre (Senegal).

The BABOUGOU Centre shall be replaced by the MOLODO Centre (Mali) and the TARNA Centre shall be replaced by the LOSSA Centre (Niger).

ARTICLE 3

Further studies must be carried out on the ZARIA (NIGERIA) and ROKUPR (SIERRA LEONE) Centres as in the case of the other centres, paying particular attention to their equipment, personnel and financial requirements.

ARTICLE 4

The Executive Secretariat shall undertake feasibility studies on each of the Centres.

(i) The feasibility studies will make proposals on the legal status of the Centres and take a proposal on which of 2 or 3 crops they should specialise in producing in order to make the Centres more efficient and profitable.

(ii) Where possible, conclusions of previous studies (soil and climate) should be added to the feasibility studies in order to give precise indications as to the types of seed suitable for the different centres. Where such preliminary studies are not available, they should be carried out to enable final assessment to be made as to the viability of the centres.

ARTICLE 5

The Executive Secretariat is requested :-

- to assess, within the shortest possible time the production potential of and the demand for selected seeds of cereals and other planting materials in Member States;
- to establish a sub-regional Seed Multiplication Committee responsible for the implementation and coordination of a Community Seed Development programme.

ARTICLE 6

Member States are called upon to formulate short-term legislation on seed trade at national level leading eventually to legislation on seeds at the sub-regional level.

ARTICLE 7

The present Decision shall come into force upon signature and shall be published in the Official Journal of the Community and the National Gazette of all Member States.

DONE AT CONAKRY THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN



DR. MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

C/RES. 1/11/83 RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 9(1) (c) OF THE ECOWAS TREATY

THE COUNCIL,

MINDFUL of Article 9(1)(c) of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Commission;

CONSIDERING that several Member States have different departments dealing separately with Telecommunications and Postal Matters;

HEREBY RESOLVES TO RECOMMEND TO THE AUTHORITY:

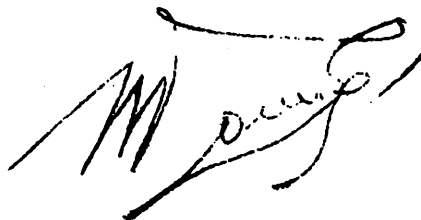
To amend Article 9(1)(c) of the ECOWAS Treaty to read as follows:

"The Transport, Communications and Energy Commission".

DONE AT CONAKRY, THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1983

FOR THE COUNCIL

THE CHAIRMAN



DR MAMOUNA MALICK TOURE

