

**COUNCIL DECISION**

of 20 July 1970

**on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Economic Community and  
Pakistan on trade in jute products****(70/374/EEC)****THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,****HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 113, 114 and 228 thereof;

Having regard to the report from the Commission;

Whereas during the 1964/67 multilateral trade negotiations the Community undertook to enter into negotiations with Pakistan with a view to reaching a satisfactory arrangement on trade in jute products;

Whereas during the negotiations between Pakistan and the Community a draft agreement was drawn up and whereas that draft is acceptable to the Community,

*Article 1*

An Agreement with Pakistan in the form of an Exchange of Letters on trade in jute products is concluded on behalf of the European Economic Community.

The text of that Agreement is annexed to this Decision.

*Article 2*

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreement and to confer on him the powers required in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1970.

*For the Council**The President***W. SCHEEL**

## ANNEX

Your Excellency,

During the GATT trade negotiations the Community amplified its tariff proposals for jute products in the following Declaration of Intent:

'The EEC is prepared to enter into negotiations with India and Pakistan as soon as possible on the various problems arising in the trade in jute products, with the following objectives:

- to offer to these two countries better access to the Community market within the framework of mutually satisfactory arrangements;
- to arrange for periodic reviews of the situation for the purpose of resolving any questions which may arise in the application of such arrangements.'

In accordance with that declaration, negotiations between the Community and representatives of your Government were entered into in July 1968.

During those negotiations the two Parties agreed, as you know, to seek mutually acceptable solutions while observing the following principles:

- progressive enlargement of access to the Community market for Pakistan;
- maintenance of the overall activity of the European jute industry at its present level.

In consequence, I have the honour to confirm that the two Parties have agreed as follows:

*A. The Community*

1. agrees, from the entry into force of the Agreement, to apply the tariff concessions agreed in the Kennedy Round for products in categories 1 to 6 (see the definition of those categories and the agreed duties annexed) <sup>(1)</sup>;
2. agrees to suspend customs duties on all imports of packing material, in accordance with the provisions of the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Packing Material.

*B. In return, Pakistan agrees:*

1. to restrict its total deliveries to the Community of products in categories 4 and 5 to 760 metric tons for the calendar year 1970, with an increase of 115 metric tons per year for each of the following years.
  2. to restrict its total deliveries of jute yarn to the Community to 2 000 metric tons for the calendar year 1970, with an increase of 200 metric tons per year for each of the following years.
- it being understood that:
- the quantitative restrictions in force in certain Member States in respect of the two categories of products mentioned under item (1) will be suspended during the period of validity of the Agreement;
  - the Community will not object to the ceiling mentioned under items (1) and (2) being exceeded if there should be additional requirements on the Community market;
  - these Community ceilings will be administered by dual supervision.

<sup>(1)</sup> The tariff concessions apply to the Common Customs Tariff headings and subheadings indicated below:

57.06 Yarn of jute .....	8%
57.10 Woven fabrics of jute:	
A. Of a width of not more than 150 cm and weighing per m <sup>2</sup>	
I. Less than 310 g .....	20%
II. Not less than 310 g but not more than 500 g .....	19%
III. More than 500 g .....	15%
B. Of a width of more than 150 cm .....	22%
62.03 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods:	
A. Of jute fabrics:	
II. Other:	
(a) Of woven fabrics weighing less than 310 g/m <sup>2</sup> .....	20%
(b) Of woven fabrics weighing not less than 310 but not more than 500 g/m <sup>2</sup> .....	19%
(c) Of woven fabrics weighing more than 500 g/m <sup>2</sup> .....	15%

- C. A Joint Cooperation Committee shall be established. It shall consist of representatives of Pakistan and representatives of the European Economic Community. The Committee shall meet, at the request of one of the Parties, at least once a year;
- to review all important aspects of the jute economy as a whole, including competition on third-country markets for manufactured jute products;
  - to seek mutually acceptable solutions;
  - to submit proposals to the respective competent authorities.
- D. The first annual review provided for under item C above shall be a general review of all the jute products listed in the Annex.
- E. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of its signature. It is concluded for the period 1 January 1970 to 31 December 1972 <sup>(1)</sup>.

I shall be grateful if you will confirm the agreement of your Government with the contents of this letter.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*For the Council of  
the European Communities*

#### Definition of the categories of jute products and duties agreed in the Kennedy Round

Category 1:	Woven fabrics of jute of a width of not more than 150 cm and weighing more than 500 g/m <sup>2</sup> and sacks of woven jute fabrics weighing more than 500 g/m <sup>2</sup> .....	15 %
Category 2:	Woven fabrics of jute a width of not more than 150 cm and weighing not less than 310 g/m <sup>2</sup> but not more than 500 g/m <sup>2</sup> and sacks of woven jute fabrics weighing not less than 310 g/m <sup>2</sup> but not more than 500 g/m <sup>2</sup> .....	19 %
Category 3:	Woven fabrics of jute of a width of not more than 150 cm and weighing less than 310 g/m <sup>2</sup> and sacks of woven jute fabrics weighing less than 310 g/m <sup>2</sup> .....	20 %
Category 4:	Woven fabrics of jute of a width of more than 150 cm but not more than 230 cm, of whatever weight per sq m.....	22 %
Category 5:	Woven fabrics of jute of a width of more than 230 cm, of whatever weight per m <sup>2</sup> ..	22 %
Category 6:	Jute yarn.....	8 %

Sir,

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I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Pakistan is in agreement with the contents of your letter.

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*For the Government of Pakistan*

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