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## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 December 1986

**on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland concerning trade in certain wines and spirituous beverages**

(86/661/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, under the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland <sup>(1)</sup> signed on 5 October 1973, the two Contracting Parties undertake to promote the expansion of reciprocal trade;

Whereas it is in the interests of the Community on the one hand, and of the Republic of Finland, on the other, to encourage, through reciprocal tariff concessions, trade in certain spirituous beverages;

Whereas the Commission has held negotiations on this subject with the Government of the Republic of Finland and whereas those negotiations have given rise to an Agreement,

*Article 1*

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland concerning trade in certain wines and spirituous beverages is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

*Article 2*

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1986.

*For the Council*

*The President*

G. SHAW

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 328, 28. 11. 1973, p. 1.