COUNCIL DECISION

of 13 March 1989

on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia on the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Tunisia

(89/195/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia (¹) was signed on 25 April 1976 and entered into force on 1 November 1978;

Whereas the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia on the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Tunisia should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia on the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Tunisia 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 for the purpose of binding the Community.

Article 3

This Regulation shall take effect on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Done at Brussels, 13 March 1989.

For the Council The President C. SOLCHAGA CATALAN

(¹) OJ No L 265, 27. 9. 1978, p. 2.

AGREEMENT

in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia on the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Tunisia

Letter No 1

Sir,

With a view to implementing the 55 % reduction in the applicable customs duties provided for in Article 19 of the Cooperation Agreement concluded between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia, and following the clarifications exchanged concerning the conditions governing imports into the Community of preserved fruit salads falling within CN codes ex 2008 92 50, ex 2008 92 71 and ex 2008 92 79 and originating in Tunisia, I have the honour to inform you that the Tunisian Government undertakes to take all necessary measures to ensure that the quantities supplied to the Community from 1 January to 31 December of each year do not exceed 100 tonnes.

To this end the Tunisian Government declares that all exports to the Community of the said products will be effected exclusively by exporters whose operations are controlled by the 'Office de Commerce de Tunisie' (Tunisian Board of Trade).

The guarantees relating to quantities will be met in accordance with the procedures agreed between the Tunisian Board of Trade and the Directorate-General for Agriculture of the Commission of the European Communities.

By way of derogation from Article 19 of the Cooperation Agreement, this Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters shall remain in force until denounced by one of the parties, which denunciation must be made before 30 September of each year.

I should be grateful if you would confirm the agreement of the Community with the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Government of the Republic of Tunisia

Letter No 2

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today worded as follows:

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I should be grateful if you would confirm the agreement of the Community with the foregoing.'

I am able to confirm the agreement of the Community with the foregoing and consequently to state that the 55 % reduction in the applicable customs duties will apply from 1 January to 31 December of each year to the quantities of preserved fruit salads originating in Tunisia referred to in your letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council of the European Communities