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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 January 1994

concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and Australia on trade in wine

(94/184/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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

Article 1

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

The Agreement between the European Community and Australia on trade in wine and the Protocol and exchanges of letters annexed thereto are hereby approved on behalf of the European Community.

Whereas the conclusion of the Agreement negotiated between the European Community and Australia on trade in wine will facilitate and promote trade in wine between the Contracting Parties; whereas it is therefore desirable to approve the said Agreement;

The text of the acts referred to in the first paragraph is attached to this Decision.

Whereas, in order to facilitate the implementation of certain provisions of the Agreement, the Commission should be authorized to make the necessary technical adjustments in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 83 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾;

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 and to deposit the instrument of approval by the Community.

Whereas, since the provisions of this Agreement are directly linked to measures covered by the common agricultural policy, and specifically by the Community rules on wine and winegrowing, this Agreement must be established at Community level,

The President of the Council shall make the notification provided for in Article 28 (1) of the Agreement.

Article 3

For the purposes of Article 17 (2) of the Agreement, the Commission is hereby authorized to conclude the necessary acts amending the Agreement, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 83 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1566/93 (OJ No L 154, 25. 6. 1993, p. 39).

Article 4

The Commission, assisted by the representatives of the Member States, shall represent the Community in the Joint Committee set up by Article 18 of the Agreement.

Article 5

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 24 January 1994.

For the Council

The President

G. MORAITIS
