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## AGREEMENT

in the form of an exchange of letters amending Annex A to Protocol 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation

Brussels, ...

Your Excellency,

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Switzerland has requested that those quotas be replaced by a single quota.

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The rule concerning the permitted annual increase of 5 % remains applicable to the single quota.

The Community therefore considers that, pursuant to Article 1 (4) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation, the nine initial zero-duty quotas which the United Kingdom was entitled to open in respect of Switzerland in 1974 for certain products falling within Chapter 48 listed in the United Kingdom column of Annex A to the said Protocol 1 should be replaced by a single quota. Consequently, in accordance with the provisions of Article 1 (4) of Protocol 1, the quota which the United Kingdom is entitled to open for 1978 is one of 2 834 tonnes.

I should be grateful if you would 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*

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Sir,

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*On behalf of the Government of the Swiss Confederation*

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