

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN

At the meeting of the Council 19 September 1972, the contracting parties were informed that the negotiation of the agreements establishing six free-trade areas between the European Communities and European countries had been concluded on 22 July 1972 (C/M/80).

In accordance with the intention, stated on that occasion, to communicate the texts of the agreements in question as soon as they were ready for publication, the Council of the European Communities, on behalf of the European Communities, their member States and the acceding States on the one hand, and the Swiss Government on the other hand, have transmitted to the secretariat the following legal instruments establishing a free-trade area between Switzerland and the Communities:

- the text of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation, together with the annexes and protocols forming an integral part thereof and the additional Agreement extending the validity of this Agreement to the Principality of Liechtenstein;
- the text of the Agreement between the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Swiss Confederation, together with the annex forming an integral part thereof and the additional Agreement extending the validity of this Agreement to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

The Council of the European Communities and the Swiss Government have stated in their respective communications that the two Agreements establish the necessary arrangements for the two parties to eliminate progressively the obstacles to substantially all their trade, in accordance with the provisions of the General Agreement concerning the establishment of free-trade areas.

The English and French texts of these Agreements and the annexes thereto will be circulated shortly as an addendum to this document.

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