

Interim Agreement between the EEC and the Portuguese Republic (Brussels, 20 September 1976)

Caption: On 20 September 1976, the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic conclude an Interim Agreement designed to bring into force some of the provisions of the Additional Protocol, which they sign the same day, pending its entry into force.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

of the one part, and

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,

of the other part,

WHEREAS an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic was signed this day;

WHEREAS, pending the entry into force of that Protocol, certain provisions thereof relating to trade in goods should be implemented as speedily as possible by means of an Interim Agreement,

HAVE DECIDED to conclude this Agreement, and to this end have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES:

Max van der STOEL,
President of the Council,
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands;

François-Xavier ORTOLI,
President of the Commission of the European Communities;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC:
José Medeiros FERREIRA,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Title I

Trade measures

Article 1

The provisions of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic signed on 22 July 1972, hereinafter called ‘the Agreement’, shall be supplemented as follows.

A. Industrial products

Article 2

By way of derogation from Article 3 of the Agreement, products falling within Chapters 25 to 99 of the Brussels Nomenclature — excluding the products covered by Annex I, by Section A of Protocol 1 and by Table I of Protocol 2 to the Agreement — and originating in Portugal, shall be imported into the Community free of customs duties.

Article 3

The volumes for 1976 of the ceilings to which imports into the Community of the products listed below, originating in Portugal, are subject pursuant to Article 2 of Protocol 1 to the Agreement, shall be as follows:

[...]

Article 4

1. For the following products, originating in Portugal, the Community, as originally constituted, and Ireland shall open, for the period 1 January 1976 to 31 December 1983, annual Community tariff quotas free of customs duties for the volumes indicated:

[...]

2. If the Protocol does not enter into force at the beginning of the calendar year, the quotas referred to in paragraph 1 shall be opened *pro rata*.

3. Article 1 (4) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following text:

‘4. For the products listed below, originating in Portugal, Denmark and the United Kingdom may open, for the period 1 January 1976 to 31 December 1983, annual zero-duty tariff quotas up to the volumes indicated:

[...]

4. Annex A to Protocol 1 to the Agreement shall be deleted.

5. From 1 January 1977 the volumes indicated in the tables in paragraphs 1 and 3 shall be increased annually by 5%.

Article 5

By way of derogation from Article 3 of the Agreement, Article 4 of Protocol 1 thereto and Article 2 (5) of Protocol 2 thereto, the customs duties on imports into Portugal of the products listed in Annex I, originating in the Community, shall be progressively abolished in accordance with the following rates and timetable:

Timetable	Rate of reduction (%)
1 July 1977	70
1 January 1980	70
1 January 1983	80
1 January 1985	100

Article 6

By way of derogation from Articles 3 and 5 of the Agreement and Article 4 of Protocol 1 thereto, Portugal may, for the products listed in Annex II, originating in the Community, apply a customs duty not exceeding 20% ad valorem; the customs duties thus introduced on imports from the Community shall be progressively

abolished in accordance with the following rates and timetable:

Timetable	Rate of reduction (%)
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1 July 1977	10
1 January 1980	30
1 January 1983	60
1 January 1985	100

Article 7

By way of derogation from Article 6 (1) of Protocol 1 to the Agreement and on the basis of a reasoned request from Portugal, the Joint Committee may authorize Portugal to take the measures specified in the said Article beyond the limit of 10% of the total value of Portuguese imports in 1970 from the Community as originally constituted and from Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

B. Agricultural products

Article 8

Duties on imports into the Community of the products listed below and originating in Portugal shall be reduced in the proportions indicated for each of them, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 6 of Protocol 8 to the Agreement:

[...]

Article 9

1. From 1 January 1977, Article 4 of Protocol 8 to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following text:

‘Article 4

Duties on imports into the Community of the products listed below and originating in Portugal shall be reduced in the proportions and within the limits of the annual Community tariff quota indicated for each of them, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 6.

[...]

2. The following provisions shall apply in respect of 1976 from the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

Duties on imports into the Community of the products listed below and originating in Portugal shall be reduced in the proportions and within the limits of the annual Community tariff quota indicated for each of them, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 6 of Protocol 8 to the Agreement.

[...]

The increase in the volumes of the tariff quotas compared with those fixed in Article 4 of Protocol 8 to the Agreement shall be applied *pro rata temporis*.

Title II

General and final provisions

Article 10

Annexes I and II shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall form an integral part of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic, signed on 22 July 1972.

Article 11

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian and Portuguese languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

Article 12

1. This Agreement shall be subject to approval in accordance with the Contracting Parties' own procedures; the Contracting Parties shall notify each other that the procedures necessary to this end have been completed.

2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the notifications provided for in paragraph 1 have been given.

It shall be applicable until the entry into force of the Additional Protocol signed this day and until 31 December 1977 at the latest.

Til bekræftelse heraf har undertegnede befuldmægtigede underskrevet denne interimsaftale.

Zu Urkund dessen haben die unterzeichneten Bevollmächtigten ihre Unterschriften unter dieses Interimsabkommen gesetzt.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have affixed their signatures below this Interim Agreement.

En foi de quoi, les plénipotentiaires soussignés ont apposé leurs signatures au bas du présent accord intérimaire.

In fede di che, i plenipotenziari sottoscritti hanno apposto le loro firme in calce al presente accordo interinale.

Ten blijke waarvan de ondergetekende gevolmachtigden hun handtekening onder deze Interimovereenkomst hebben gesteld.

Em fé do que os plenipotenciários assinaram o presente Acordo Intercalar.

Udfærdiget i Bruxelles, den tyvende september nitten hundrede og seksoghalvfjerds.

Geschehen zu Brüssel am zwanzigsten September neunzehnhundertsechundsiebzig.

Done at Brussels on the twentieth day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

Fait à Bruxelles, le vingt septembre mil neuf cent soixante-seize.

Fatto a Bruxelles, addi venti settembre millenovecentosettantasei.

Gedaan te Brussel, de twintigste september negentienhonderd zesenzeventig.
Feito em Bruxelas, aos vinte de Setembro de mil novecentos e setenta e seis.

For Rådet for de europæiske Fællesskaber
Für den Rat der Europäischen Gemeinschaften
For the Council of the European Communities
Pour le Conseil des Communautés européennes
Per il Consiglio delle Comunità europee
Voor de Raad van de Europese Gemeenschappen
Pelo Conselho das Comunidades Europeias

[signatures]

For præsidenten for Den portugisiske Republik
Für den Präsidenten der Portugiesischen Republik
For the President of the Portuguese Republic
Pour le président de la République portugaise
Per il presidente della Repubblica portoghese
Voor de President van de Republiek Portugal
Pelo Presidente da República Portuguesa

[signature]

Annex I

Products referred to in Article 5

[...]

Annex II

Products referred to in Article 6

[...]