

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

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| 1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITY</u>  |
| 2. Agency responsible: Commission of the European Community   |
| 3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:   |
| 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):<br>Road trains (ex. Chapter 87)   |
| 5. Title: Proposal for a Council Directive Amending, with a View to Fixing Certain Maximum Authorized Dimensions for Road Trains, Directive 85/3/EEC on the Weights, Dimensions and Certain Other Technical Characteristics of Certain Road Vehicles.<br><br>Number of pages in the notified document: 2  |
| 6. Description of content: More specifically, the proposal concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- lengthening the total length of road trains from 18 m. to 18.35 m;</li><li>- fixing the total length of the combined loading area of the truck and trailer together (sum total of the loading areas of the truck and trailer) at 15.30 m;</li><li>- fixing the sum of the total length of the combined loading area of the truck and the trailer plus the space between the truck and the trailer at 16 m.</li></ul> |
| 7. Objective and rationale: To fix the total length of the truck and trailer loading area in such a way as to provide enough room to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- cabin comfort (removal of incentives for the use of short cabins);</li><li>- reliability of coupling devices (ensuring that the loading area is not increased by the use of extendable coupling devices).</li></ul>  |
| 8. Relevant documents: Official Journal No. C 316 of 16 December 1989, pages 5 and 6  |

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9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:

Adoption: March 1990

Entry into force: 1 January 1991

10. Final date for comments: As soon as possible

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point  or address of other body:

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